

# PBC ON PRIME VIDEO ACTION SET TO FEATURE THREE INTRIGUING SHOWDOWNS SATURDAY, JUNE 15 FROM THE MGM GRAND GARDEN ARENA IN LAS VEGAS

Rising Middleweight Star Elijah García Takes on Contender Kyrone Davis

Former World Champion Mark Magsayo Battles Veteran Super Featherweight Eduardo Ramirez & Nelterweight Slugger Beiman Villa Eaces Mexico'

Welterweight Slugger Roiman Villa Faces Mexico's Ricardo Salas Kicking Off Action Beginning at 5:30 p.m. ET/2:30 p.m. PT

# PBC on Prime Video Prelims Stream Live & for Free Leading Up to PBC Pay-Per-View Event Topped by Gervonta Davis vs. Frank Martin & David Benavidez vs. Oleksandr Gvozdyk Title Showdowns

LAS VEGAS – June 7, 2024 – Three exciting showdowns featuring top contenders, former champions and more will highlight PBC on Prime Video action Saturday, June 15 leading up to the Davis vs. Martin and Benavídez vs. Gvozdyk PBC Pay-Per-View Event on Prime Video marking the 100<sup>th</sup> championship fight night to take place at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. These three preliminary matchups will be available via free access to all fans, regardless of Prime membership or purchase of the PPV card.

The live streaming presentation will be topped by rising middleweight **Elijah García** taking on contender **Kyrone "Shut It Down" Davis** in a 10-round attraction and also features former world champion **Mark "Magnifico" Magsayo** facing Mexican contender **Eduardo Ramirez** in a 10-round super featherweight clash. Opening up the stream at 5:30 p.m. ET/2:30 p.m. PT is hard-hitting welterweight **Roiman Villa** battling Mexico's **Ricardo Salas** in a 10-round fight.

These bouts will lead into a stacked pay-per-view lineup topped by undefeated three-division champion **Gervonta "Tank" Davis** defending his WBA Lightweight World Championship against unbeaten top contender **Frank "The Ghost" Martin**, plus **David "El Monstro" Benavídez** makes his 175-pound debut against former light heavyweight world champion Oleksandr "The Nail" Gvozdyk in a matchup for the Interim WBC Light Heavyweight Title.

The pay-per-view will also see undefeated rising star **Gary Antuanne Russell** take on unbeaten former world champion **Alberto Puello** for the vacant Interim WBC Super Lightweight Title, while WBC Middleweight World Champion **Carlos Adames** battles veteran contender and U.S. Olympian **Terrell Gausha** in the pay-per-view opener at 8:00 p.m. ET/5:00 p.m. PT.

Tickets for the live event are on sale now and are available through <u>www.axs.com</u>.

The event is promoted by GTD Promotions, Sampson Boxing, TGB Promotions and Man Down Promotions.

In addition to the PPV being available for purchase on Prime Video, regardless of Prime membership, fans will also be able to continue to access the telecast through traditional cable and satellite outlets as well as PPV.com.

"Once again fans tuning into Prime Video will be treated to a jam-packed lineup of action fights leading into the Saturday, June 15 PBC Pay-Per-View event on Prime Video," said Tom Brown, President of TGB Promotions. "Topping the show is the sensational and fast-rising middleweight Elijah Garcia, who can test his championship mettle against the always tough Kyrone Davis. Adding in the Magsayo vs. Ramirez and Villa vs. Salas bouts promises power-punching and drama throughout these prelims."

#### \*\*ELIJAH GARCIA VS. KYRONE DAVIS\*\*

Looking to stamp his 160-pound contender status after a huge 2023 campaign, the 21-year-old **Elijah García** will return for a 10-round showdown against tough middleweight contender **Kyrone "Shut It Down" Davis**, who can make his own name at middleweight with a signature victory on June 15. Garcia and Davis were originally set to clash in March before Garcia was forced to withdraw on the morning of the weigh-in due to illness.

Fighting out of Phoenix, Arizona, García (16-0, 13 KOs) earned three impressive victories in 2023, kicking off his year last March with a knockout of the previously unbeaten Amilcar Vidal. He followed that up with a pair of performances on the undercards of two of the biggest events of the year, first defeating Kevin Salgado on the Gervonta Davis vs. Ryan García pay-per-view in April before knocking out Armando Resendiz on the Canelo Alvarez vs. Jermell Charlo pay-per-view in September. The precocious García has moved fast since turning pro in 2020 and has knocked out seven of his last nine opponents.

"I'm excited to be back in the ring for another big event," said García. "Fighting on these major events is an incredible blessing and I plan on delivering another great performance. Kyrone Davis has been in the ring with some very good fighters, and it will be a challenging fight, but my plan is to get the win by any means necessary. I'm really happy we were able to reschedule the fight, because fans are going to see an incredible night of boxing on June 15 and everyone should be tuning in." The 29-year-old Davis (18-3-1, 6 KOs) picked up two victories in 2023, dominating Cristian Fabian Rios in January before scoring a unanimous decision over Cruse Stewart in December. Those victories came after a run that saw Davis battle two-time champion Anthony Dirrell to a draw in February 2021, before stepping in as a late replacement two fights later to drop a hard-fought contest against super middleweight superstar David Benavidez. An amateur standout representing Wilmington, Delaware, Davis trains in Philadelphia under the tutelage of top trainer Stephen "Breadman" Edwards.

"Training has been going exactly how we need it to," said Davis. "I expect an entertaining and high action fight once we actually get in the ring. Winning is the only result I'm settling for. I'm preparing to leave it all in the ring."

### \*\*MARK MAGSAYO VS. EDUARDO RAMIREZ\*\*

In a 10-round super featherweight set to yield a top contender in the 130-pound division, the Filipino power-puncher **Mark "Magnifico" Magsayo** will take on the longtime contender and Mexican brawler **Eduardo Ramirez** in a toe-to-toe clash.

A former featherweight world champion, Magsayo (25-2, 17 KOs) captured the WBC 126-pound world title in 2022 by defeating former longtime reigning champion Gary Russell Jr. via decision. Originally from Tagbilaran City, Bohol, Philippines and now fighting out of Southern California, Magsayo would go on to drop the title to Rey Vargas via a narrow split-decision, in a July 2022 contest that saw Magsayo send Vargas to the canvas in round nine. Magsayo would go on to engage in a memorable toe-to-toe battle with former champion Brandon Figueroa in March 2023, losing the decision after 12 rounds. Most recently, the 28-year-old debuted at 130 pounds with a third-round knockout of Isaac Avelar last December.

"I want to show everybody that I feel strong at 130 pounds and that I'm ready to become a twodivision world champion," said Magsayo. "Eduardo Ramirez is a tough fighter and we're going to give the fans an action packed fight, just like always. Make sure you come out or tune-in to this fight, because I'm ready to show everybody what I can do and give everyone a great show."

Fighting out of Los Mochis, Sinaloa, Mexico, Ramirez (28-3-3, 13 KOs) is an established super featherweight and featherweight contender through a career that's seen him take down contenders including Luis Melendez, Miguel Marriaga, Miguel Flores, Leduan Barthelemy and Brayan De Gracia. The 31-year-old moved up to lightweight in 2022, dropping a showdown with now 140-pound world champion Isaac Cruz. In his last outing, Ramirez returned to stop Sebastian Diaz Maldonado in the sixth round of their August 2023 duel.

"My opponent and I are both very hungry to get this win and show that we're still some of the best fighters in the division," said Ramirez. "Each of us knows how important this fight is, and that will make it an exciting fight for the fans. I'm going to use this victory to springboard into a world title fight."

## \*\*ROIMAN VILLA VS. RICARDO SALAS\*\*

One of the hardest punchers in the welterweight division, **Roiman Villa** will step back into action after going toe-to-toe with welterweight champion Jaron Ennis in his last bout, as he competes in a 10-round welterweight attraction against the young and hungry **Ricardo Salas**, who's trained by Isaac Cruz Sr., the father and trainer of WBA 140-Pound World Champion Isaac "Pitbull" Cruz.

A native of Rosario, Venezuela, Villa (26-2, 24 KOs) gave Ennis perhaps the toughest fight of the unbeaten fighter's career last July before losing the bout in round 10. Previously, Villa had delivered one of 2023's biggest upsets in January by earning a majority decision victory over the then-undefeated top contender Rashidi Ellis. In an exciting action bout, Villa broke through in the 12<sup>th</sup> and final round as he dropped Ellis twice to clinch the career-changing win. The 31-year-old made a memorable U.S. debut in September 2022 as he dropped the previously unbeaten Janelson Bocachica on his way to a unanimous decision. The only other blemish on his resume came via a 2019 split-decision in Mexico against Marcos Vilasana.

"I'm very happy to be returning to the ring and I'm ready to chase my dream of becoming world champion," said Villa. "This is a great opportunity and I want to thank my team for putting me in this position. I learned a lot in my last fight and I'm looking forward to showing off my new skills on June 15."

The 25-year-old Salas (19-2-2, 14 KOs) is unbeaten in his last five outings, with three KO victories and two draws. A native of Mexico City who trains alongside Mexican star Isaac Cruz, he'll be making his U.S. debut on June 15 looking to make a big splash to open up the live streaming lineup. Salas however has experience fighting outside of his home country, having won fights in Canada and Jamaica. A pro since 2016, both of Salas' defeats came via split decision.

"Ever since I started boxing, my goal was to fight in the U.S. and in Las Vegas like my idol Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. did," said Salas. "Now both of those goals are being achieved in the same night, and I can't wait. I'm going to make sure that everyone knows my name after this fight. I'm thankful to my whole team and I'm extremely motivated and excited to step into the ring."

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#### ABOUT DAVIS VS. MARTIN & BENAVIDEZ VS. GVOZDYK

Davis vs. Martin and Benavidez vs. Gvozdyk will see popular superstars **Gervonta "Tank" Davis** and **David "El Monstro" Benavídez** co-headline a PBC Pay-Per-View event on Prime Video on Saturday, June 15 at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

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The MGM Grand Garden Arena hosted its premiere boxing event in January 1994 and, over its 30-year history, the venue has become synonymous with the sport's biggest fight nights. Fight fans have watched champions ranging from George Foreman and Julio Cesar Chavez to Roy Jones and Shane Mosley step in the ring and put on a championship display of skill. Epic battles including Mayweather vs. Pacquiao, De La Hoya vs. Mayweather, Holyfield vs. Tyson II, Pacquiao vs. Marquez IV, multiple Barrera vs. Morales title fights, and Mayweather vs. Canelo,

among others, led all boxers to want to fight at the legendary Grand Garden Arena. The June 15 event will mark a celebration of the venue's storied history as boxing's next chapter unfolds with these two high-stakes showdowns.

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