



**Undefeated Heavyweight World Champion Deontay Wilder Defends His Title Against Two-Time World Title Challenger Chris Arreola in Premier Boxing Champions on FOX & FOX Deportes Primetime Main Event Saturday, July 16 From Legacy Arena in Birmingham, Alabama (8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT)**

**Undefeated Rising Star Sammy Vasquez Jr. Takes On On Olympic Gold Medalist Felix Diaz Collazo in Co-Main Event**

**Tickets On Sale Now!**

**BIRMINGHAM, AL** (June 21, 2016) – Undefeated heavyweight world champion **Deontay “The Bronze Bomber” Wilder** (36-0, 35 KOs) will defend his title in his home state when he battles two-time world title challenger **Chris “The Nightmare” Arreola** (36-4-1, 31 KOs) in the main event of **Premier Boxing Champions** (PBC) on **FOX and FOX Deportes** Saturday, July 16 from Legacy Arena in Birmingham, Alabama with televised coverage beginning at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT.

Undefeated welterweight contender **Sammy “The Sergeant” Vasquez Jr.** (21-0, 15 KOs) is set to battle former Olympic Gold medalist **Felix Diaz** (17-1, 8 KOs) in the 10-round co-main event

Tickets for the event, which is promoted by DiBella Entertainment and TGB Promotions in association with Bruno Event Team, start at only \$20 and are on sale now. For tickets please visit [www.alabamatitlefight.com](http://www.alabamatitlefight.com) and [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

Wilder returns to the ring after he was set to travel to Russia and defend his title against Alexander Povetkin on May 21 before the challenger failed a drug test that cause a cancellation of the fight. Now, Wilder will showcase his exceptional skills in primetime on network television as he takes on the Arreola. It will be Wilder’s fourth defense and third in his home state of Alabama.

“I’m always excited about coming home and being in front of my people where I’m the most comfortable,” said Wilder. “I’ve been traveling a lot, going over to Sheffield, England to train before I was supposed to fight Alexander Povetkin in Moscow. But because of his decision to use a banned substance the fight didn’t happen. I’m disappointed about that, but it’s not going to stop me from being an active heavyweight world champion. It has also given me the opportunity to again defend my title before my hometown fans. It’s always good to come home.

"This is the longest stretch that I've been out of the ring and I'm anxious to get back in and continue my quest to become the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world," continued Wilder. "This is another fight in that process. I respect Chris Arreola for getting into the ring with me, but we all know who the real champion is and I'm going to prove it against Arreola. I've been training long and hard for a fight and now I'm going to take it out on Arreola on July 16."

"I'm thankful to Deontay for this opportunity, he has proven a great deal by winning the heavyweight title and by defending it three times," said Arreola. "I'm very excited to step into the ring with him, put on a great show, be victorious and make history by becoming the first Mexican heavyweight world champion."

"This is a great opportunity for me and I'm looking forward to showcasing my talent and skills," said Vasquez Jr. "Luis Collazo is one of the toughest guys I've fought so far and he's definitely going to test me. My job is to go in there, handle my business and beat him worse than anyone else has. I think our styles will combine for a great battle and I'm excited to give the people another great fight."

"We are thrilled that Deontay will be back in the ring quickly, in prime time on FOX, and at home in Alabama. Chris Arreola knows that this is his last opportunity for heavyweight glory and will likely come out throwing bombs from the opening bell. I expect an explosive, fan friendly fight for as long as it lasts," said Lou DiBella, President of DiBella Entertainment. "In the wake of Povetkin's positive PED test and the cancellation of that fight, we are happy that Deontay's next heavyweight title defense will be contested on July 16th and on such a great platform."

"Chris knows what this fight means, and having been in the position to be the first Mexican heavyweight world champion before, he's not going to let that chance slip by him again," said Tom Brown of TGB Promotions.

"We are excited to work with DiBella Entertainment and TGB Promotions to bring the third heavyweight boxing championship in a little over a year to the State of Alabama," said Gene Hallman, president and CEO of Bruno Event Team. "We expect tickets for this fight to sell quickly and we encourage Alabama boxing fans to show their support for Deontay."

"FOX and FOX Deportes are thrilled to be broadcasting the much anticipated heavyweight championship of the world between Deontay Wilder vs. Chris Arreola as part of our partnership with Premier Boxing Champions," said David Nathanson, FOX Sports Head of Business Operations. "It's been just over 20 years since FOX presented its last heavyweight headliner, Mike Tyson vs. Buster Mathis. We're sure this title fight will deliver another amazing PBC show on our networks."

The heavyweight champion from Tuscaloosa is itching to get back in the ring after defending his title with stoppages of Eric Molina, Johann Duhaupas and most recently a one-punch knockout of Artur Szpilka in January. Before turning pro in November 2008, Wilder won the bronze medal at heavyweight for the U.S. at the 2008 Olympic Games. He is the last American male boxer to medal in The Olympics. The 30-year-old won the belt with a dominant decision over Bermane Stiverne in January 2015. The six-month layoff will be the longest of Wilder's career as he fought four times inside of a year. This fight will mark the eighth time Wilder fights in his home state of Alabama as a pro.

Always in exciting fights, the Los Angeles-born Arreola will look to entertain the primetime audience as he takes his third crack at a heavyweight world championship. With victories over Eric Molina, Seth Mitchell, Joey Abell and Jameel McCline plus championship losses to Vitali Klitschko and Bernane Stiverne, he will be one of the most battle-tested opponents of Wilder's career.

Vasquez has fought professionally since 2012, after serving two tours of duty in Iraq as a member of the National Guard. He made it to the semifinals of the 2012 U.S. Olympic trials and won gold at the 2010 and 2011 Armed Forces Boxing Championships. The fighter out of Monessen, Penn., notched big victories in 2015 over Wale Omotoso in June and Jose Lopez in September. In PBC on FOX action in January, Vasquez stopped veteran contender Aron Martinez in the sixth-round in Los Angeles.

A two-time Olympian representing the Dominican Republic, Diaz Jr. won a gold medal at his second Olympic games in 2008 in Beijing. Now fighting out of the Bronx, the 32-year-old increased the level of his competition with victories over Emmanuel Lartey, Adrian Granados and Gabriel Bracero before giving former champion Lamont Peterson all he could handle in losing a majority decision last October.

There will be two more hours of boxing telecast on FS1 and FOX Deportes at 10 p.m. ET, immediately following the Wilder vs. Arreola fight on FOX. Further details will be announced shortly.

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**Undefeated Rising Star Erickson Lubin Takes On Mexico's Ivan Montero in Televised Bout on Premier Boxing Champions on FOX & FOX Deportes Saturday, July 16 from Legacy Arena in Birmingham, Alabama**

**PBC on FOX & FOX Deportes Begins at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT and Moves to FS1 & FOX Deportes at 10 p.m. ET/7 p.m. PT**

***FS1 Bouts to Feature Unbeaten Jamal James Against Welterweight Contender Wale Omotoso Plus Exciting Former Champion Vic Darchinyan Taking On Mexico's Enrique Quevedo & Undefeated Heavyweight Gerald Washington in Action***

**BIRMINGHAM, AL** (July 11, 2016) – Unbeaten rising star **Erickson “Hammer” Lubin** (15-0, 11 KOs) returns to the ring to battle once-beaten brawler **Ivan Montero** (20-1, 8 KOs) in a super welterweight bout featured on the **Premier Boxing Champions** (PBC) on **FOX and FOX Deportes** telecast on Saturday, July 16 from Legacy Arena at the BJCC in Birmingham, Alabama.

FOX televised coverage begins at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT and is headlined by heavyweight world champion **Deontay “The Bronze Bomber” Wilder** defending his belt against two-time title challenger **Chris “The Nightmare” Arreola** plus undefeated welterweight contender **Sammy “The Sergeant” Vasquez Jr.** battles Olympic gold medalist **Felix Diaz**. The televised action will switch over to FS1 and FOX Deportes immediately following the conclusion of the FOX telecast.

Bouts to be featured on FS1 & FOX Deportes include a 10-round matchup between unbeaten welterweight **Jamal James** (19-0, 9 KOs) and exciting contender **Wale Omotoso** (26-2, 21 KOs), former world champion **Vic Darchinyan** (42-8-1, 31 KOs) in a 10-round super bantamweight bout against Mexico's **Enrique Quevedo** (16-7-1, 10 KOs) and undefeated heavyweight **Gerald “El Gallo Negro” Washington** (17-0-1, 11 KOs) in a 10-round affair.

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A highly regarded prospect with an exciting style, the 20-year-old **Lubin** burst onto the scene looking to finish opponents early as he cements his status as an elite contender. Fighting out of

Orlando, he has already taken down experienced veterans including Orlando Lora, Ayi Bruce, Michael Finney and Norberto Gonzalez. He was sensational in November 2015 when he knocked out Alexis Camacho and in January he headlined his first card and dominated Jose De Jesus Macias in his first 10-round bout. He kept the hot streak going in June when stopped veteran Daniel Sandoval in the third round.

A professional since 2011, **Montero** was unbeaten in his first 19 pro fights including victories in 2015 over Michel Rosales and Julio Cesar Avalos. Fighting out of Yucatan, Mexico, he began his 2016 campaign by defeating Roberto Valdez in April. Now he looks to make a mark in his U.S. debut on July 16.

A tall welterweight at 6-foot-2, **James** is undefeated as a pro and beat tough contender Javier Molina in an FS1 and FOX Deportes main event in January. The 27-year-old out of Minneapolis had a big 2015 that began with victories over Michael Balasi and Daniel Sostre and culminated with a hard fought decision over once-beaten Juan Carlos Abreu in September. He will look to keep that momentum going when he faces his most dangerous opponent to date on July 16.

Born in Nigeria, but fighting out of Oxnard, **Omotoso** earned a unanimous decision over Gilberto Sanchez Leon in his last bout. He was unbeaten in his first 18 pro bouts while fighting out of Australia. The 31-year-old won his first five bouts stateside and will look for back-to-back victories when he battles James in Birmingham.

The fighter from Armenia who now fights out of Glendale, California, **Darchinyan** is coming off of stoppage victories over Cris Paulino and Prayoot Yaijam. Having fought against top contenders and former champions such as Abner Mares, Jesus Cuellar, Nonito Donaire and Nicholas Walters, Darchinyan looks to work his way back into world title contention after picking up titles in multiple weight classes. He takes on **Quevedo** out of Los Algodones, Mexico who most recently stopped previously unbeaten Yoandris Salinas in the fifth-round of their 2014 bout.

A two-way player (tight end and defensive end) at the University of Southern California, **Washington** spent time with the Seattle Seahawks and Buffalo Bills practice squads on his unconventional path that led him to boxing. The 34-year-old also worked in the Navy as a helicopter mechanic before going to USC and did not get his start in professional boxing until 2012. Fighting out of Vallejo, California, he is yet to lose in his latest endeavor and most recently he defeated former title challenger Eddie Chambers in April.

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# DEONTAY WILDER

## QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Deontay Wilder
- **Nickname** – The Bronze Bomber
- **Height** – 6-7
- **Weight** – Heavyweight
- **Date of Birth** – October 22, 1985
- **Hometown** – Tuscaloosa, Alabama
- **Record** – 36-0 (35 KOs)

## BACKGROUND

- Picked up boxing at a late age so that he could support his daughter who was born with spina bifida
- Played basketball and football at a community college before picking up boxing

## PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in November 2008 with second round stoppage of Ethan Cox
- Has knocked out 97% of his opponents
- In 2012 he defeated previously unbeaten fighters Damon McCreary and Kelvin Price
- In 2013 defeated experienced contenders Audley Harrison and Siarhei Liakhovich
- 2014 saw him stop experienced heavyweights Malik Scott and Jason Gavern
- Won heavyweight world title with decision over Bermane Stiverne
- Defended his title for the first time with a stoppage of Eric Molina and followed it up with knockouts of John Duhaupaus and Artur Szpilka

## AMATEUR CAREER

- 2008 Olympic Bronze medalist for the U.S. (he is the last U.S. male boxer to medal)
- 2007 National Golden Gloves heavyweight champion
- Represented U.S. at 2007 World Amateur Championships

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter** - @BronzeBomber
- **Instagram** – BronzeBomber
- **Facebook** – facebook.com/DeontayBronzeBomberWilder

## **CHRIS ARREOLA**

### **QUICK FACTS**

- **Full Name** – Cristobal Arreola
- **Nickname** – Nightmare
- **Height** – 6’3”
- **Weight** – 239 (Heavyweight)
- **Date of Birth** – March 5, 1981
- **Hometown** – Escondido, CA
- **Record** – 36-4-1 (31 KOs)

### **BACKGROUND**

- Parents were son of Mexican immigrants who crossed on foot into the U.S.
- He was the third of six children

### **PRO CAREER**

- Turned pro in Sept. 2003 with a second-round TKO vs. Roosevelt Parker
- Won the Continental Americas Heavyweight title in 2007 by knocking out Thomas Hayes in the third round
- Won the North American Heavyweight title by TKO over Travis Walker in 2008
- Lost heavyweight world title fights to Vitali Klitschko and Tomas Adamek
- Won six straight fights from 2010 to 2013
- Lost a competitive fight to Bermane Stiverne in 2013 and earned a rematch for the vacant Heavyweight World title in which he was stopped in round six
- Defeated Chris Harper by unanimous decision on PBC on Spike in March and fought to a draw against Fred Kassi in July

### **AMATEUR CAREER**

- Fought in approximately 130 amateur bouts
- 2001 National Golden Gloves Light Heavyweight Champion

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

- **Twitter** - @NightmareBoxing
- **Instagram** - ChrisArreola

## **SAMMY VASQUEZ**

## QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Sammy Vasquez
- **Nickname** – The Who Can Mexican
- **Height** – 5-10
- **Weight** – 147 (Welterweight)
- **Date of Birth** – April 15, 1986
- **Hometown** – Monessen, Pennsylvania
- **Record** – 21-0, 15 KOs

## BACKGROUND

- Encouraged to begin boxing at age nine by his father as a tension reliever
- Served two tours of duty in Iraq
- Was promoted by his father in Pittsburgh early in his career
- Won a spot on the Army World Class Athlete Team

## PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in April 2010 with a second round TKO over Clifford Gregory
- Won eight fights in a row by knockout in 2013 and 2014
- Defeated previously unbeaten fighters Berlin Abreu and Juan Rodriguez Jr. by TKO in 2014
- Won by ninth round TKO over previously unbeaten James Stevenson in Aug. 2014
- Won a dominant unanimous decision over Emmanuel Lartey in Feb. 2015
- Defeated once-beaten Wale Omotoso on June 20 PBC on CBS card and followed it up by stopping Jose Lopez in September
- Most recently stopped Aron Martinez in their January PBC on FOX fight

## AMATEUR CAREER

- 2011 & 2010 U.S. Armed Forces Boxing Championships Gold medalist
- 2010 World Military Boxing Championships Bronze medalist
- 2010 U.S. All Army Boxing Champion
- 2008 National Golden Gloves runner up
- Fought in over 200 amateur bouts

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter** - @SammyV2112
- **Instagram** – SammyV2112



## FELIX DIAZ

### QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Felix Manuel Diaz Guzman
- **Height** – 5-5
- **Weight** – 140 (Super Lightweight)
- **Date of Birth** – December 10, 1983
- **Hometown** – Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- **Record** – 17-1 (8 KOs)

### PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in 2009 with a first round TKO victory over Hugo Pacheco in his hometown of Santo Domingo
- Made his U.S. debut in his second bout, a first round TKO victory over Omar Brown in Miami
- Went to Russia and defeated previously unbeaten Andrey Berdyshev on his home turf in 2011 by third round TKO
- Defeated Emmanuel Lartey by split decision in 2014 in Pennsylvania
- Defeated Gabriel Bracero by unanimous decision in April 2015 and then lost majority decision to Lamont Peterson in October

### AMATUER EXPERIENCE

- 2003 Pan American Games Bronze Medalist at lightweight
- Competed in Pan American Games and World Amateur Championships in 2007
- Competed in summer Olympics in 2004 in Athens and 2008 in Beijing
- 2008 Olympic Gold medalist at super lightweight for the Dominican Republic

### SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter** - @felixmldiaz
- **Instagram** - felixmldiaz

## ERICKSON LUBIN

### QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Erickson Lubin
- **Nickname** - Hammer
- **Height** – 5-11
- **Weight** – 154 (Super Welterweight)
- **Date of Birth** – October 1, 1995
- **Hometown** – Orlando, Florida
- **Record** – 15-0 (11 KOs)

### BACKGROUND

- Introduced to boxing as a toddler by his older brother Louis, who had a brief pro career

### PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in November 2013 and stopped previously unbeaten Eric De Jesus and Luis Santiago in the first round of his first two fights
- In July 2014 he defeated experienced Noe Bolanos in his first eight-round fight
- Opened 2015 with a decision over once-beaten Michael Finney
- Defeated previously unbeaten Kenneth Council via first round TKO and knocked out Ayi Bruce in the first round in 2015
- Closed 2015 with victories over veterans Orlando Lora and Alexis Camacho and began 2016 with victories over Jose De Jesus Macias and Daniel Sandoval

### AMATEUR CAREER

- Two-time Junior Olympic Champion
- 2013 National Golden Gloves Champion
- 2013 PAL Champion
- 2013 Independence Cup Winner

### SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter** – @EricksonHammerL