

**Undefeated Rising Star & 2012 U.S. Olympian Errol Spence Jr. Battles  
Once-Beaten Contender Leonard Bundu in Main Event of  
Premier Boxing Champions on NBC Sunday, August 21 from  
Ford Amphitheater at Coney Island Boardwalk in Brooklyn  
Televised Fights Begin at 5 p.m. ET/2 p.m. PT on NBC**

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The action on NBC begins at 5 p.m. ET/2 p.m. PT following coverage of the Olympic Men’s Basketball Gold Medal Game. The 2012 U.S. Olympian Spence Jr. will look to move one step closer to becoming the second member of the 2012 U.S. Olympic boxing team to win a world title after Rau’shee Warren won a bantamweight championship in June.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by DiBella Entertainment and presented by **BROOKLYN BOXING™**, start at \$35. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) and [fordamphitheaterconeyisland.com](http://fordamphitheaterconeyisland.com).

“This is another great opportunity for me to gain exposure on NBC,” said Spence Jr. “A lot of people will be watching because of the Olympics that may not have known my name before. As an Olympian, headlining a major event four years after my Olympic run is exciting. Bundu is an older fighter, but he’s tough and has a lot of experience. He fought well against Keith Thurman. Thurman outboxed him but couldn’t knock him out. I think I can make a big statement in the division if I can stop him, as I did with Chris Algieri.”

“I am going to use my experience to my advantage on August 21,” said Bundu. “When I fought Thurman I ended up being overcautious, but that will not be the case this time. I know it’s now or never for me and I won’t let this chance slip away. Spence will come forward but that will work to my advantage because I love fighting on the inside. I’m going to show Spence a few things that he hasn’t seen before.”

The brand new Ford Amphitheater at Coney Island Boardwalk builds on the rich history of the sweet science in the Brooklyn neighborhood. Several heavyweight title fights took place on Coney Island at the turn of the 20th century, including James J. Jeffries' heavyweight world title knock out of Bob Fitzsimmons in the 11<sup>th</sup> round on June 9, 1899. Jeffries would then defend the title two more times on Coney Island with a points victory over Tom Sharkey and a knockout in the 23<sup>rd</sup> round against James J. Corbett. Lightweight great Joe Gans and former middleweight champion "Nonpareil" Jack Dempsey also boxed in Coney Island.

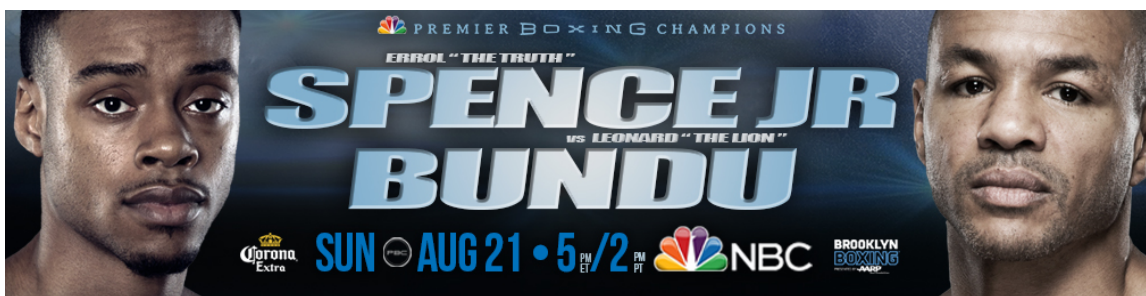
"It is exciting to have rising star Errol Spence headlining the inaugural boxing event held on August 21 at the new Ford Amphitheater at the historic Coney Island Boardwalk," said Lou DiBella, President of DiBella Entertainment. "Spence is one of the most gifted young fighters in all of boxing and is on track to be a world champion. He will face off against Leonard Bundu, in a final elimination bout, to become the mandatory for the IBF welterweight title, currently held by Kell Brook."

An Olympian who boasted a highly decorated amateur career, the 26-year-old Spence Jr. is coming off a dominating performance in which he stopped former world champion Chris Algieri in the fifth-round in a PBC on NBC main event. Spence Jr. is widely regarded as a future star in the sport and was dominant in his previous NBC appearances when he stopped Phil Lo Greco in the third round in June. His impressive 2015 also included TKO victories over Chris van Heerden, Samuel Vargas and Alejandro Barrera, culminating with him being named ESPN's Prospect of the Year. Now, he looks to secure himself a world title shot.

Originally from Sierra Leone but fighting out of Toscana, Italy, Bundu represented Italy at the 2000 Olympic games where he defeated eventual world champion Daniel Geale. A former European welterweight champion, he owns victories over Frankie Gavin, Lee Purdy and Ismael El Massoudi in addition to going the distance in defeat against Keith Thurman. Bundu comes into this bout with victories over Pablo Munguia and Jussi Koivula in his last two bouts.

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**Exciting Contender Claudio Marrero Takes On Featherweight Brawler Luis Hinojosa; Undefeated Rivals Heather Hardy & Shelly Vincent Battle In Premier Boxing Champions on NBCSN Sunday, August 21**

**From Ford Amphitheater at Coney Island Boardwalk in Brooklyn  
9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT**

**Plus! Undefeated Prospects Abraham Nova, Julian Sosa &  
Joseph Williams in Undercard Attractions**

**BROOKLYN** (August 21, 2016) – Exciting contender **Claudio “The Matrix” Marrero** (20-1, 14 KOs) takes on featherweight contender **Luis Hinojosa** (28-9, 17 KOs) while undefeated contenders **Heather “The Heat” Hardy** (17-0, 4 KOs) and **Shelly “Shelito’s Way” Vincent** (18-0, 1 KO) face off in a long awaited battle on a **Premier Boxing Champions** on **NBCSN** doubleheader, Sunday, August 21.

Tape delayed PBC on NBCSN coverage will begin at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT from Ford Amphitheater at Coney Island Boardwalk in Brooklyn. PBC on NBC coverage begins at 5 p.m. ET/2 p.m. PT and features undefeated rising star and 2012 U.S. Olympian **Errol “The Truth” Spence Jr.** in a welterweight title eliminator against once-beaten contender **Leonard “The Lion” Bundu**.

Marrero and Murray will meet in a super featherweight bout while Vincent and Hardy are set to compete in 10-rounds of featherweight action that sees the return of women’s boxing to a primetime national audience.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by DiBella Entertainment and presented by **BROOKLYN BOXING™**, start at \$35 and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) and [fordamphitheaterconeyisland.com](http://fordamphitheaterconeyisland.com).

A former title challenger who lost a narrow decision to Jesus Cuellar in 2013, Marrero has won six-straight bouts since then. Most recently, the 27-year-old dominated Jonathan Arrellano on

his way to a decision in February. A native of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Marrero was an accomplished amateur who will be fighting in New York for the second time in his pro career.

Hinojosa fights out of the Dominican Republic and has fought professionally since 2009. The 29-year-old actually lost seven of his first eight pro fights, but has only lost twice in the last six years including victories over previously unbeaten fighters Jose Reyes Perez and Angelo Munoz. He made his U.S. debut in June of this year, but was unable to make an impression as the fight was ruled a no contest due to an accidental head butt in the first round. Now, he looks to impress and take advantage of his opportunity.

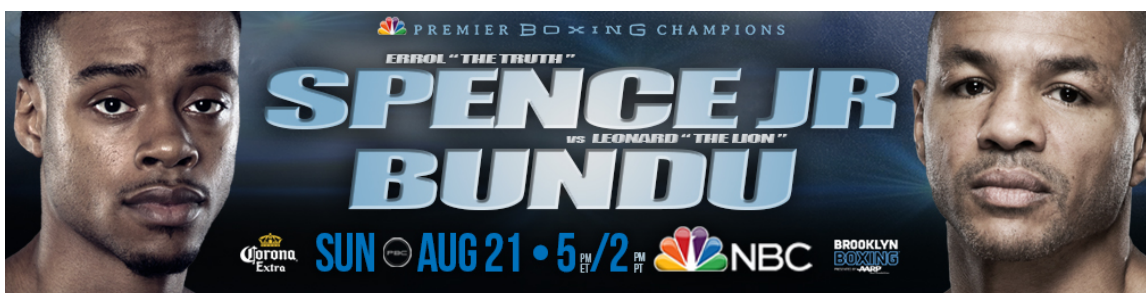
A popular Brooklyn fighter who competed in Barclays Center's first-ever professional female boxing match, Hardy has become a staple of the Brooklyn boxing scene. A little over two years after her pro debut, Hardy won an international title belt in the super bantamweight division in October 2014. In 2015, she defeated Noemi Bosques and Renata Domsodi twice. In 2016 she has stopped Anna Donatella Hultin in the fourth round and most recently defeated Kirstie Simmons in June.

Born in Connecticut but now fighting out of and representing Providence, Rhode Island, Vincent will look to earn the biggest win of her career August 21 when she fights in New York for the second time. Vincent has been busy in 2016, picking up victories over Renata Domsodi, Elizabeth Anderson and most recently Christina Ruiz in July. An all-action fighter, Vincent has fought 10 rounds twice in her pro career that dates back to 2011.

Additional undercard action will see unbeaten prospect and New England Golden Glove champion **Abraham Nova** (1-0, 1 KO) take on California's **Leonardo Chavez** (6-1, 5 KOs) in a six-round lightweight attraction, unbeaten Brooklyn-native **Julian Sosa** (5-0-1, 2 KOs) taking on **Rene Marquez** (5-2, 2 KOs) in a welterweight showdown and New York Golden Glove champion **Joseph Williams** (9-0, 7 KOs) in an eight-round cruiserweight fight.

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## Heather Hardy-Shelly Vincent Looking To Steal The Show in Coney Island

### Undefeated Female Foes Set To Go To War Sunday, August 21 at the Ford Amphitheater

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The action on NBC begins at 5 p.m. ET/2 p.m. PT following coverage of the Olympic Men’s Basketball Gold Medal Game. While much of focus and buildup to the event has been on the 2012 U.S. Olympian Spence Jr., there is another fight on the card that has the boxing world buzzing with anticipation and that is the WBC International Women’s featherweight championship between Brooklyn’s Heather “The Heat” Hardy and her longtime rival Shelly “Shelito’s Way” Vincent, of Providence, RI.

If you are a fan of women’s boxing, there is no bigger fight that can be made in the sport right now. Hardy (17-0) and Vincent (18-0), both world-rated and undefeated, have been baiting and verbally accosting each other for years. There is a legitimate hatred between the two that will surely not subside after they share the ring on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Vincent began appearing at Hardy’s fights at Roseland Ballroom, which has since closed down, calling out the former amateur national and New York Golden Gloves champion, dating back to 2012, and the two have been going at it ever since.

A longtime supporter of women's boxing, and promoter of Hardy since her pro debut, Lou DiBella knew how big this fight could be not just for women's boxing but for boxing in general. Hardy is one of the biggest draws in all of New York, while Vincent has an extensive fan base throughout the New England area. So when DiBella signed Vincent at the beginning of this year, potential for the bout to finally happen picked up major steam.

The two nearly came to blows at Vincent's DBE debut in January at BB King Blues Club in NYC, and would have agreed to fight anywhere, anytime, if it were up to them. DiBella, though, knew they deserved more. Their fight deserved the proper platform, and the proper stage to showcase this long talked about, and eagerly anticipated fight.

"This fight needed to be on TV, given everything these girls have been through, for how hard they have worked to get to this point, and for how long the buildup to this fight has been. My job as their promoter was to make sure that the fight was televised," said DiBella.

Enter PBC and NBCSN. Since its inception in March of last year, Premier Boxing Champions has brought boxing back to the forefront, accessible to mainstream sports fans, providing coverage of some of boxing's biggest fights, televised live, for free and in primetime on major cable networks CBS, NBC, and FOX. Now, on August 21<sup>st</sup>, the ladies will finally have their shot. The Hardy-Vincent bout, which will serve as the co-main event on the NBCSN telecast, will air in primetime starting at 9 p.m. ET.

"I was given the opportunity by PBC to put this bout on NBCSN and I think that's a big thing for women's boxing to get the opportunity to have a fight like this on television. Hopefully this is going to open the door for more females to have these types of opportunities, because they deserve it. They deserve to have the opportunity and the ability to continue to grow in a sport that for centuries has been dominated by males. This is a major step in that direction," continued DiBella.

DiBella held a media luncheon for Hardy and Vincent last week to officially announce the bout, and while the two women were respectful and civil for the most part, there was definitely a tension in the air. Now, with just a little over a week to go until fight night, both Hardy and Vincent are more than ready to put on a show.

"This fight is a long time coming," said Hardy. "Shelly has been very vocal about how I'm not good enough, I'm not strong enough, and I'm not smart enough. I stayed quiet though, minding my own business and going about my career, because my mother taught me never to wrestle with a pig. She said that if you wrestle with a pig, you'll both get dirty and that's what the pig wants. Come fight night, she will be forced to eat every word she has ever said about me. It'll just be me and her alone in that ring, and she has nowhere to run, no mask to hide behind and nothing more to say. We will see who the real champion is on August 21."



Hardy continued, "I am very thankful to the PBC and especially to Lou for everything that he's done to make this fight happen. I know it wasn't easy and he put up a hell of a fight to get this bout televised. In 2016, it's not acceptable for doors to still be closed to women. It's my responsibility, as the parent of a young girl, to fight for her and for every little girl banging away at a punching bag in the boxing gym with dreams of fighting on the biggest stages throughout the world. We deserve the chance to showcase ourselves, and on August 21, we finally have our moment."

"I have wanted this fight for so long, it's all I have thought about. I wanted this as bad as I have wanted to bring my mother back to life," said Vincent. The hype, the attitude, all the talk is almost over. This is going to be a great fight. Everyone says Lou signed me to use me as an opponent for her, but I know that's not the case. She wants to be called "The Heat" well I am telling you right now, she's about to walk through hell. I know how hard that is, because I have been there before in life. I have been fighting my entire life. When I get in the ring, that's fun for me. Heather has improved in the last couple of years, because she has been training for me. She knows that she has to be her absolute best to beat me, and I know that she will be, unfortunately for her, it still won't matter. I want to thank PBC and NBCSN and of course Lou, for giving us a chance, an opportunity that we have been fighting for, for years. This fight is huge for women's boxing as a whole. This is an opportunity of hope. Hope for all those young girls out there in the world training day in and day out, dreaming of making it big. This fight is history, and I am happy to be a part of it."

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## **ERROL SPENCE JR.**

### **QUICK FACTS**

- **Full Name** – Errol Spence Jr.
- **Height** – 5-9
- **Weight** – 147 (Welterweight)
- **Date of Birth** – January 13, 1990
- **Hometown** – Desoto, Texas
- **Record** – 20-0 (17 KOs)

### **BACKGROUND**

- Lived in Long Island for the first two years of his life
- Dreamed of playing college football before he began boxing at the age of 15
- His father took a graveyard shift at his job so that he could take Spence to the gym during the day

### **PRO CAREER**

- Turned pro in November 2012 with a third-round KO over Jonathan Garcia
- Defeated previously unbeaten Emmanuel Lartey by unanimous decision in 2013
- Won five fights in 2014 over Raymond Charles, Ronald Cruz, Noe Bolanos and Javier Castro
- Began 2015 with a fourth round TKO over Samuel Vargas and followed it up by stopping Phil Lo Greco, Chris van Heerden and Alejandro Barrera
- Most recently stopped former world champion Chris Algieri in April

### **AMATEUR EXPERIENCE**

- 2008 U.S. National Youth Champion
- 2009 U.S. National Golden Glove Champion at welterweight
- 2009 U.S. National Championships Gold medalist at welterweight
- 2010 U.S. National Golden Gloves Silver medalist at welterweight
- 2011 U.S. National Championships Gold medalist at welterweight
- 2011 U.S. Olympic Trials Gold medalist at welterweight
- 2012 U.S. Olympian

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

- **Twitter** - @ErrolSpenceJr
- **Instagram** - ErrolSpenceJr



## **LEONARD BUNDU**

### **QUICK FACTS**

- **Full Name** – Leonard Bundu
- **Height** – 5-6
- **Weight** – 147 (Welterweight)
- **Date of Birth** – November 21, 1974
- **Hometown** – Toscana, Italy
- **Record** – 33-1-2 (12 KOs)

### **BACKGROUND**

- Born in Sierra Leone, Bundu was noticed by Olympic Gold medalist Patrizio Oliva who brought him to Italy

### **PRO CAREER**

- Turned pro in April 2005 with a first round knockout of Peter Gaspar
- Unbeaten in his first 33 pro fights
- Defeated previously unbeaten Frank Shabani in June 2009 to win the European welterweight title
- Defeated Daniele Petrucci in 2012 to again with the European welterweight world title and defended it five times, including victories over Lee Purdy and Frankie Gavin
- Went the distance in a world title loss to Keith Thurman in 2014 and has since beat Pablo Munguia and Jussi Koivula

### **AMATEUR EXPERIENCE**

- 2000 Italian Olympian
- 2004 Italian National Silver Medalist
- 2002 Italian National Gold Medalist
- 1999 World Championship Bronze Medalist
- 1998 Italian National Gold Medalist
- 1996 Italian National Silver Medalist

## **HEATHER HARDY**

### **QUICK FACTS**

- **Full Name** – Heather Hardy
- **Nickname** – The Heat
- **Height** – 5-5
- **Weight** – 126 (Featherweight)
- **Date of Birth** – January 25, 1982
- **Hometown** – Brooklyn, New York
- **Record** – 17-0 (4 KOs)

### **BACKGROUND**

- Began boxing around 2005, first with kickboxing lessons
- Trains fighters at Gleason's Gym in Brooklyn

### **PRO CAREER**

- Turned pro in Aug. 2012 with unanimous decision victory over Mikayla Nebel
- Defeated Ana Laura Gomez in Nov. 2013 to win UBF international female super bantamweight title
- Became the first professional female boxer to compete at Barclays Center in June 2014 when she defeated Jackie Trivilino by split decision
- Defeated Crystal Hoy in Oct. 2014 to win the vacant international female super bantamweight title
- Twice defeated Noemi Bosques and Renata Domsodi, in addition to wins over Kirstie Simmons and Anna Hultin

### **AMATEUR EXPERIENCE**

- 2011 USA Boxing National Champion
- 2011 USA Boxing Regional Champion
- 2011 USA Boxing Metro Champion
- 2011 NY Golden Gloves Silver medalist
- 2012 NY Golden Gloves Gold medalist

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

- **Twitter** - @HeatherHardyBox
- **Facebook** – Facebook.com/theheatheatherhardy

## **SHELLY VINCENT**

### **QUICK FACTS**

- **Full Name** – Michelle Vincent
- **Nickname** – Shelito's Way
- **Height** – 5-0
- **Weight** – 126 (Featherweight)
- **Date of Birth** – April 11, 1979
- **Hometown** – Providence, Rhode Island
- **Record** – 18-0 (1 KOs)

### **BACKGROUND**

- Began boxing at 18-years-old after growing up in New London, Connecticut

### **PRO CAREER**

- Turned pro in October 2011 with a victory over Karen Dulin
- Picked up five victories in 2012 and four more in 2013
- Defeated previously unbeaten Alisah McPhee in November 2013
- Has picked up victories in 2016 over Christina Ruiz, Elizabeth Anderson and Renata Domsodi

### **AMATEUR EXPERIENCE**

- 11-4 record
- 2011 National Golden Gloves Champion

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

- **Twitter** - @ShelitosWay