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## UNDEFEATED SUPERSTAR CARL FRAMPTON MAKES HIS U.S. DEBUT AGAINST ALEJANDRO GONZALEZ JR.

ON SATURDAY, JULY 18 PREMIER BOXING CHAMPIONS ON CBS EVENT LIVE FROM THE DON HASKINS CENTER IN EL PASO, TEXAS

PLUS, HEAVYWEIGHT KNOCKOUT ARTIST CHRIS ARREOLA IN ACTION!

Televised Coverage Begins At 4 P.M. ET/2 P.M. MT/1 P.M. PT

EL PASO, TEXAS (June 12, 2015) - Undefeated British superstar Carl Frampton (20-0, 14 KOs) makes his U.S. professional debut when he takes on quick-fisted Mexican Alejandro "Cobrita" Gonzalez Jr. (25-1-2, 15 KOs) on Premier Boxing Champions on CBS, Saturday afternoon, July 18 from the Don Haskins Center at UTEP in El Paso, Texas. Televised coverage on CBS starts at 4 p.m. ET/2 p.m. MT/1 p.m. PT.

Also featured in televised action is heavyweight star **Chris "The Nightmare" Arreola** (36-4, 31 KOs), who will be returning to the ring for the first time since March.

The event is the first of two at Don Haskins Center on Saturday, July 18 with Mexican superstar Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. battling Marcos Reyes and McJoe Arroyo taking on Arthur Villanueva for a vacant world title on SHOWTIME with coverage starting at 10 p.m. ET/8 p.m. MT/7 p.m. PT.

"It's an honor to be making my U.S. debut on CBS," said Frampton. "I've accomplished a lot in my career and I'm looking forward to even more success starting July 18. It's going to be a great afternoon for all of the fight fans watching."

"I'm thrilled to be fighting Carl Frampton in El Paso, Texas and I promise I will leave everything in the ring," said Gonzalez Jr. "I know there will be lots of Mexican fans there supporting me and my plan is to fight hard and take away Frampton's perfect record."

"I can't wait to get back in the ring and show my skills on CBS," said Arreola. "I'm about excitement and I know that everyone who comes out in El Paso and everyone watching on television will get an entertaining fight."

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by TGB Promotions in association with Warriors Boxing and Cyclone Promotions, are priced at \$50 or \$25 for general admission and are on sale now. To charge by phone with a major credit card, call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000 or the University Ticket Center at (915) 747-5234. Tickets are also available at <a href="https://www.ticketmaster.com">www.ticketmaster.com</a>.

An accomplished amateur who won Irish national championships in 2005 and 2009, plus a European Union Juniors silver medal in 2007, the 28-year-old Frampton has had major success leading to his U.S. debut on July 18. From Belfast, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom, Frampton won his world title in Sept. 2014 with a dominant unanimous decision over Kiko Martinez. His most recent fight was a title defense in February of this year in which he blasted Chris Avalos on the way to a fifth round stoppage.

The son of a former world champion, the 22-year-old Gonzalez Jr. is looking to make his mark in this nationally televised fight. The Tijuana, Mexico native was impressive in his previous bout on U.S. soil, knocking Leopoldo Gonzalez down three times on his way to a first round TKO in El Paso. He returns to El Paso looking to build on his three fight win streak which has seen him take down Javier Franco, Alem Robles and Gonzalo Garcia.

The 34-year-old Arreola defeated Curtis Harper in a thrilling heavyweight showdown on March 13 in Ontario, Calif. Born in Escondido, Calif. but fighting out of Los Angeles, Arreola has long been one of the most feared punchers in the heavyweight division. Having challenged the best in the division, Arreola knows what it takes to succeed at this level and looks to entertain the fans on July 18.

Don Haskins Center for the Frampton vs. Gonzalez Jr. card open at 12 p.m. MT.

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