



**PREMIER BOXING CHAMPIONS DEBUTS ON SPIKE TV ON  
FRIDAY, MARCH 13 AT CITIZENS BUSINESS BANK ARENA  
IN ONTARIO, CALIF.**

**TWO ACTION-PACKED WELTERWEIGHT MAIN EVENTS TO FEATURE:**

**ANDRE BERTO VS. JOSESITO LOPEZ  
SHAWN PORTER VS. ROBERTO GARCIA**

ONTARIO, CALIF. (Feb. 4, 2015) – Premier Boxing Champions (PBC) is set to make its debut on Spike TV with a can't-miss double main event on Friday, March 13 from Citizens Business Bank Arena in Ontario, Calif. culminating with a welterweight showdown between hard-hitting Andre "The Beast" Berto (29-3, 22 KOs) and the always exciting Josesito "Riverside Rocky" Lopez (33-6, 19 KOs).

The first main event of the evening will see the return of former welterweight champion Shawn "Showtime" Porter (24-1, 15 KOs) facing off against the dangerous Roberto "La Amenaza" Garcia (36-3, 23 KOs).

Tickets for the live event priced at \$150, \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$25, not including applicable service charges and taxes are on sale now and are available for purchase at [www.axs.com](http://www.axs.com).

The televised action on Spike TV begins at 9:00 p.m. ET/PT (delayed on the West Coast) and 6:00 p.m. PT in the arena!

"Fighting on the Premier Boxing Champions series on Spike TV is huge for all of us and for the sport of boxing. This is going to take all of us to a whole different level and give us the chance to become household names," said Berto. "Fighting on free television is what made guys like Sugar Ray Leonard, Roberto Duran and Marvin Hagler huge stars and I'm ready for my chance to do the same. I can't wait to start this next chapter of my career and you're going to see a new and rejuvenated Andre Berto on March 13th on Spike TV so make sure to tune in."

"This is definitely going to be the fight of my life and I'm excited," said Lopez. "I'm looking forward to all of my local fans being there to witness a great victory. I'm fighting a really good fighter in Berto, but every fighter is dangerous. I know I have to prepare even better than ever. On March 13, I expect a big crowd because I'm fighting so close to home and my fans have been so supportive wherever I fight. I'm confident that I'm going to give the fans in attendance and on television a great performance."

"The opportunity to fight on Spike TV and show my skills in front of millions of people is very exciting. Being a part of the first PBC event on Spike TV is an honor," said Porter. "My opponent has a great record and he's a veteran. He's strong and durable and he's going to be a ready when he gets into that ring. I expect it to be a very tough fight, but a great fight. Of course, I expect to win and I expect to look very good doing it."

"I'm grateful that I'm going to be part of something that is going to be great for this sport and that is being on the first PBC event on Spike TV," said Garcia. "Shawn Porter is a great world class fighter. He is the kind of fighters that you need to beat to be seen at the 'A-level' in boxing. This is the fight that can change my career and my life. I'm already training as hard as I can. I'm giving it everything I have in the gym so I can give everything I have on March 13."

"We're thrilled to be a part of this extraordinary event on Spike TV," said promoter Tom Brown. "These two fights will undoubtedly provide non-stop action for the fans in the arena and those watching at home."

A former two-time welterweight world champion and 2004 Haitian Olympian, Andre Berto is consistently one of boxing's most exciting fighters, which will be on display in a big way when he appears on Spike TV March 13. Fully healed from a shoulder injury suffered during his thrilling 2013 bout with Jesus Soto Karass, the Winter Haven, FL native most recently wiped out Steve Upsher in September 2014, one day before his 31st birthday. Now he looks to continue his ascent back to the top of the division when he takes on Lopez.

A noted fan favorite for his exciting style and ability to triumph against the odds, the 30-year-old Josesito Lopez has won three straight fights since his exciting and courageous efforts against Canelo Alvarez and Marcos Maidana in 2012 and 2013. The Riverside, Calif.-native made a major name for himself with an upset victory over Victor Ortiz in 2012, which truly reinforced his "Riverside Rocky" nickname. Lopez looks to pull off another upset when he takes on Berto on Spike TV.

An athletic marvel, Shawn Porter is eager to return to the ring after dropping a majority decision to Kell Brook in August 2014. Porter came into that fight undefeated, after having taken down two of the best fighters in the division. Porter dominated Devon Alexander in December 2013 on his way to a unanimous decision victory. He followed that up by overpowering former two-division champion Paulie Malignaggi with a fourth round stoppage in April 2014. The Akron, Ohio native looks to get back in the win column when he takes on Garcia on March 13.

A veteran of the sport for nearly 15 years, Roberto Garcia is looking forward to appearing on Spike TV to re-introduce himself as a contender at 147-pounds. Born in Mexico, but having moved to Weslaco, Texas at a young age, Garcia was able to pile up enough wins to eventually earn himself a shot at former world champion Antonio Margarito. While he lost that decision, Garcia has won eight-straight including his two most recent wins over Breidis Prescott and Victor Manuel Cayo. Garcia gets another chance on March 13 when he takes on a tough and ready Porter.

A full night of exciting undercard bouts will be announced shortly.

PBC on Spike TV will take place Friday, March 13 at Citizens Business Bank Arena in Ontario, Calif. The event will air live on Spike TV at 9:00 p.m. ET/PT (delayed on the West Coast) and 6:00 p.m. PT in the arena.

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