



ROMAN “CHOCOLATITO” GONZALEZ -- EDGAR SOSA LOS ANGELES PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES

Los Angeles, CA (April 2, 2015) A huge gathering of Southern California sports media welcomed World Boxing Council (“WBC”) Flyweight Champion **Roman “Chocolatito” Gonzalez**, 42-0-0 (6KO’s) of Managua, Nicaragua and #2 rated challenger **Edgar Sosa**, 51-8-0 (30KO’s) of Mexico City, Mexico for the Press Conference to discuss their upcoming clash at **“Pound For Pound”** on **Saturday, May 16** at the **Forum** and televised **Live on HBO World Championship Boxing®** beginning at 10:00 p.m. ET/PT.

“Pound For Pound” is headlined by *Boxing Superstar* **GENNADY “GGG” GOLOVKIN’s** World Middleweight Championship clash with #2 rated and undefeated challenger **WILLIE MONROE JR.**

The fighters and their camps were joined by special guest, Boxing Legend **Erik Morales**.

Below are quotes from the Press Conference held at The Palm Restaurant in Downtown Los Angeles.

Roman “Chocolatito” Gonzalez

“Thanks to God, a great champion like Sosa and Teiken Promotions along with HBO and K2 Promotions for making this happen. I’m honored to fight at the Forum where my idol, Alexis Arguello fought four times.”

“I believe this fight will steal the night.”

“I dedicate this fight to all of Nicaragua.”

Edgar Sosa

“The Forum is a great arena and I’m honored to fight there.”

“Many of my heroes have fought at the Forum.”

“I feel great and will be ready for victory on May 16th.”

"I'm honored to have this opportunity against Roman and will make the most of it.

I'm thankful to everyone involved, HBO, K2, Teiken and Zanfer Promotions."

Tom Loeffler/K2 Promotions

"This is a rare opportunity for boxing fans to see two of the top "Pound For Pound" fighters in their prime on the same show."

"This card is reminiscent of many of the legendary cards from the past at the Forum."

"In just two weeks we've already sold over 5,000 tickets, that's a faster pace than GGG's last fight in October that completely sold out StubHub."

"This outstanding double header shows boxing fans will respond to a quality product."

"We'd like to acknowledge the great work of Mauricio Sulaiman and the World Boxing Council on behalf of fighters who have fallen on hard times."

"Thanks very much to HBO, our strategic TV partner in the US for making this event possible. With their support we're able to put together this excellent double header featuring two of the best fighters in the world."

"For Roman this is very similar to the opportunity Gennady had against Proksa, the first time on HBO to impress the fans. The fight against Proksa being on HBO changed everything for Gennady."

We would like to thank Mr. Honda and Teiken Promotions and Fernando Beltran and Zanfer Promotions for agreeing to make this fight, both fighters agreed very quickly to fight each other and this championship fight is a great addition to our show and a treat for the fans.

Peter Nelson/HBO

"This event was the media creating the demand for Gennady and Chocolatito to appear on the same card."

"I'm thrilled that Roman Gonzalez vs. Edgar Sosa is happening on HBO, it's been 20 years since the last flyweight fight on HBO."

"These two fighters fight at an elite level and they merit the opportunity to fight on HBO."

"Looking forward to seeing all of you on May 16th."

Carlos Blandon, Manager of Gonzalez

“Thanks to the media for the terrific turnout and to HBO, Tom Loeffler, Teiken Promotions and Zanfer Promotions for all working together.”

“This fight is very meaningful to us, fighting at the Forum where Alexis Arguello fought.”

“We hope that Roman will keep fighting in the United States and on HBO.”

Jose Camarillo/Manager of Sosa

“This fight is possible with the support of the fans and media.”

“We’re very appreciative of ‘Choco’ for this opportunity.”

“We’re honored to share this card with Gennady Golovkin and very grateful to Tom Loeffler for putting us on this show.”

Artie Pellulo/Banner Promotions (Promoter of Willie Monroe)

“Thanks to everyone, especially Tom Loeffler for making the Golovkin/Monroe fight.”

“Golovkin is the best middleweight in the world.”

“I called Willie and I said do you want the fight and he said 100%, I’m going to win.”

“By winning the 2014 Boxcino Tournament and defeating Bryan Vera, Willie Monroe has earned the opportunity to fight for the world title against Golovkin.”

“Thanks very much to HBO and to ESPN for helping to build Willie Monroe into an attraction and a top contender.”

Golovkin and Gonzalez are both consensus pound-for-pound entrants in the international boxing media. “GGG” is currently ranked #5 **“Pound For Pound”** by ESPN.com and #9 by Ring Magazine while “Chocoladito” is ranked #4 by Ring Magazine and #7 by ESPN.com.

Tickets for **“Pound For Pound”**, priced at \$300, \$200, \$100, \$60 and \$30, are now on-sale through Ticketmaster (Ticketmaster.com, 1-800-745-3000) and the Forum Box Office.

“Pound For Pound” is presented by K2 Promotions and GGG Promotions in association with Banner Promotions and the Forum.

The Gonzalez-Sosa bout is presented by K2 Promotions and Teiken Promotions in association with Zanfer Promotions.

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