



**ROMAN GONZALEZ VS. BRIAN VILORIA
ADDED TO GOLOVKIN VS. LEMIEUX
MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE UNIFICATION CARD
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN
PRESENTED LIVE BY HBO PAY-PER-VIEW**

**TICKETS ON-SALE THIS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12
AT 12:00 P.M ET**

NEW YORK CITY (August 11, 2015) Undeclared World Boxing Council Flyweight World Champion **ROMAN “Chocolatito” GONZALEZ** (43-0, 37 KO’s) will defend his title against former two-division world champion **BRIAN “The Hawaiian Punch” VILORIA** (36-4, 22KO’s) as the co-feature to the World Middleweight Title Unification battle between **GENNADY “GGG” GOLOVKIN** and **DAVID LEMIEUX** set for **Saturday, October 17** at the *Mecca of Boxing*, **Madison Square Garden**. The championship event will be produced and distributed live by HBO Pay-Per-View beginning at 9:00 p.m. ET/6:00 p.m. PT.

Advance tickets priced at \$500, \$300, \$200, \$100 and \$50 will go on sale this Wednesday, August 12 at 12:00 p.m. ET through the Madison Square Garden Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster charge by phone ([866-858-0008](tel:866-858-0008)) and online at www.ticketmaster.com or www.thegarden.com.

GONZALEZ vs. VILORIA is presented by **K2 Promotions** in association with **Teiken Promotions**.

"I want to thank God, my Teiken family, especially Mr. Honda and my team for helping me fight again in the United States and now on the HBO Pay-Per-View platform," said Gonzalez. "I know Brian Viloría is a great champion and it will be a hard fight, but I am ready for the challenge. I have faith that God will give me the strength to keep training and be able to give all my fans my best fight ever."

Stated Viloría, "I've fought and won on the world's biggest stages against the best of the best. I've prepared my whole life to win at every level of competition from World Amateur titles to the Olympic Games to professional world titles. And this fight, against Roman Gonzalez, is likely to be my biggest challenge yet. But, it's Roman's biggest challenge too. This is the realization of my dreams and I will make the most of it on fight night."

“I applaud Roman for accepting this fight, together, we will give boxing fans something special, something they can talk about for a very long time.”

“We’re thrilled to welcome back Roman Gonzalez as the co-feature once again to one of Gennady’s fight, his performance at the Forum in May was extraordinary and made for a terrific pairing,” said **Tom Loeffler** of K2 Promotions.

“With Roman defending his title against former world champion Brian Vitoria, one of the best flyweights in the world, fans in the arena and those watching on HBO Pay-Per-View will see an outstanding battle as the lead-in to Golovkin vs. Lemieux.”

“On Oct. 17th, fights fans are going to be treated to a tremendous night of action headlined by not only the spectacular Golovkin-Lemieux main event, but also a terrific co-feature starring ‘Chocolatito’ Gonzalez and Brian Vitoria,” said Mark Taffet, Senior Vice President, HBO Pay-Per-View. “‘Chocolatito’ was spectacular in his HBO debut last May and Brian is the essence of an intense competitor. The co-promoters of this event are determined to deliver tremendous value to boxing fans on Oct. 17 at Madison Square Garden, and we are delighted to be presenting the card on the HBO Pay-Per-View service.”

The 28-year-old Gonzalez, of Managua, Nicaragua had a sensational debut on HBO at the Forum in Los Angeles on May 16 stopping former world champion Edgar Sosa in the second round in front of a huge crowd of over 12,000 Southern California boxing fans. The fight was the HBO televised co-feature to Gennady Golovkin’s sixth round stoppage of Willie Monroe.

The knockout of Sosa, Gonzalez’s ninth straight stoppage, was lauded by the international boxing media who also praised K2 Promotions and HBO for providing Gonzalez the opportunity to showcase his skills on the sport’s biggest stage.

Gonzalez is currently ranked #2 in the ESPN and Ring Magazine’s Pound-For-Pound ratings.

A member of the 2000 U.S. Olympic Team, the 34-year-old heavy-handed Vitoria has thrilled boxing fans worldwide with his spectacular performances throughout his career.

Since parting with his WBA/WBO flyweight titles in a very close, split decision loss to Juan Estrada in April 2013, Vitoria has stormed back to the win column with four sensational victories including three by knockout.

Most recently Vitoria stopped former world title challenger Omar Soto in the first round on July 25 in Hollywood, California.

GOLOVKIN vs. LEMIEUX is presented by **K2 Promotions** and **Golden Boy Promotions** in association with **GGG Promotions** and **Eye of the Tiger Management**. Further details on a national press tour will be announced shortly.

For fight updates on **GOLOVKIN VS. LEMIEUX** and **GONZALEZ vs. VILORIA** via social media, follow on Twitter and Instagram at @GoldenBoyBoxing, @HBOBoxing, @GGGBoxing, @LemieuxBoxing, @ChocolatitoBox, @BrianVilora, @TomLoeffler1, and become a fan on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GoldenBoyBoxing and www.facebook.com/HBOBoxing along with www.facebook.com/GGGBoxing Use the hashtag #GolovkinLemieux and #GonzalezViloria to join the conversation on Twitter.

Also visit the websites www.HBOBoxing.com, www.GGGBoxing.com, www.eottm.com, and www.GoldenBoyPromotions.com for additional information.

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