

**JAVIER FORTUNA VS. BRYAN VASQUEZ NOW TELEVISED OPENER
FOR MAY 29 PREMIER BOXING CHAMPIONS ON SPIKE TV CARD
LIVE FROM BARCLAYS CENTER**

**PAULIE MALIGNAGGI FORCED TO WITHDRAW
DUE TO INJURY**

BROOKLYN (May 15, 2015) - An exciting junior lightweight battle between **Javier Fortuna** and **Bryan Vasquez** will now open the **Premier Boxing Champions (PBC) on Spike** telecast on Friday, May 29 live from Barclays Center in Brooklyn beginning at 9:00 p.m. ET/6:00 p.m. PT.

Fortuna vs. Vasquez, which was originally scheduled to take place May 23, replaces the bout between Paulie Malignaggi and Danny O'Connor as Malignaggi suffered a severe cut above his eye in training camp. The 12-round brawl will lead into the highly anticipated contest between former world champions **Amir Khan** and **Chris Algieri**.

An amateur standout who participated in the first Pan American Junior Championships in 2003, the 25-year-old **Fortuna** (27-0-1, 20 KOs) owns victories over Abner Cotto, Miguel Zamudio and Patrick Hyland. The undefeated rising star out of La Romana, Dominican Republic holds four knockouts over his last six fights as he looks to put on another great show on May 29.

The 27-year-old **Vasquez** (35-1, 18 KOs) is quickly becoming known as the preeminent pugilist from the island of Costa Rica. The San Juan-native is the winner of his last five fights, including a stoppage of Sergio Thompson in Dec. 2014. Vasquez does not shy from any competition and will not back down when he faces his toughest test to date in Javier Fortuna on Spike TV.

O'Connor will now fight in his hometown of Boston on Saturday, May 23 on the undercard of the **PBC on NBC** event from Boston University's Agganis Arena.

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Tickets for the live event on May 29 at Barclays Center, promoted by DiBella Entertainment and Star Boxing, are priced at \$250, \$150, \$75 and \$45, not including applicable service charges and taxes, and are on sale now. Tickets are available at www.barclayscenter.com, www.ticketmaster.com and at the American Express Box Office at Barclays Center. To charge by phone, call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000. For group tickets, please call 800-GROUP-BK.

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