

ROLANDO "ROLLY" ROMERO VS. ISAAC "PITBULL" CRUZ VIRTUAL PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES

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WBA Super Lightweight World Champion Romero & All-Action Mexican Star Cruz To Preview Co-Main Event Showdown Taking Place Saturday, March 30 in a PBC Pay-Per-View Available on Prime Video from T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas

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LAS VEGAS – March 14, 2024 – WBA Super Lightweight World Champion Rolando "Rolly" Romero and all-action Mexican star Isaac "Pitbull" Cruz previewed their 12-round co-main event showdown and traded verbal jabs during a virtual press conference Thursday before they square off on a PBC Pay-Per-View available on Prime Video on Saturday, March 30 from T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas.

Toward the end of the virtual presser, Romero and Cruz went back and forth in Spanish and declared that their matchup would be "the most exciting fight of the year."

Training out of Las Vegas, Romero will make the first defense of his world title after capturing the belt last May with a ninth-round TKO of Ismael Barroso. He'll be opposed by the Mexico City-native Cruz, who rides a three-fight winning streak into his 140-pound debut.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by TGB Promotions, are available now through AXS.com. The main event is promoted in association with No Limit Boxing.

Here is what the fighters had to say Thursday:

ROLANDO ROMERO

"If you want to come right at me and get cracked, go for it. He can do all that stuff with the small guys he fights, but I'm a big fighter and I hit harder than anyone at the weight class.

"I'm always here to go for the knockout and to go for the kill. I'm not here to just touch you, I want to pop you.

"He's not that unique. I fight guys like him all the time. This has probably been the easiest time I've ever had finding sparring in my life. He can be replicated, I can't. My style goes hand in hand with my personality, it's unique.

"We'll see who the coward is on March 30. Once he gets cracked by me a few times, he's not gonna come forward like that anymore.

"I'm gonna knock him out. He's gonna come forward and I'm gonna stop him. He gets hit with everything, so it could be any kind of punch.

"I used to train with Ismael Salas before I turned pro, so it felt good to go back to basics for this training camp with him and get back to being me. Salas has had so many champions and I feel very comfortable being back with him.

"I know the Mexican fans are gonna be riding with him, but no matter what, it's gonna be a spectacular fight and fireworks for sure."

ISAAC CRUZ

"First thing's first, I want to shut Rolly's loud mouth up and take the belt away from him. Then I'm going after all the best fighters in the division.

"I'm very excited to have this great opportunity on March 30. Training camp has been very intense because we don't want anything to get in our way of becoming world champion.

"I'm not about to underestimate or overlook anybody. He's had his success for a reason. I'm just getting ready to shut his mouth punch by punch and make him talk a little less. I hope he fights the way he talks on March 30.

"I'm not worried about Rolly, I just worry about my game. He's never fought anyone as aggressive as me or who pressures like I do.

"We waited for the opportunity at 135 to fight for the world title again, but now we're glad to have it come at 140 pounds. We've had a great plan to add the extra weight and use it in our strategy to win on March 30. "This fight is everything for me. Winning this fight is the key to opening the door to all of the big fights in the sport.

"I haven't had any trouble finding people like him in sparring. I can find cowards who don't really like to fight anywhere."

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ABOUT THURMAN VS. TSZYU & ROLLY VS. PITBULL

The stacked inaugural four-fight PBC Pay-Per-View available on Prime Video is topped by two-time world champion **Keith "One Time" Thurman** dueling rising star and reigning world champion **Tim Tszyu** in the main event plus 140-pound world champion **Rolando "Rolly" Romero** and Mexican star **Isaac "Pitbull" Cruz** meeting in the co-main event on Saturday, March 30 from T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas.

The pay-per-view will also see Cuban star and reigning WBA Middleweight World Champion **Erislandy "The American Dream" Lara** defend his belt against No. 1 rated mandatory challenger **Michael Zerafa**, plus all-action super welterweight sensation **Sebastian "The Towering Inferno" Fundora** will meet fast-charging contender **Serhii Bohachuk** for the vacant WBC Super Welterweight World Championship in the pay-per-view opener.

The card marks the debut event for PBC Pay-Per-View available through Prime Video since the parties announced a landmark, multiyear rights agreement in December. In addition to the PPV being available for purchase on Prime Video, regardless of Prime membership, fans will also be able to continue to access the telecast through traditional cable and satellite outlets.

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