



A FIGHT FROM GLORY: FLOYD “KID AUSTIN” SCHOFIELD III AND “PRINCE” LUCAS BAHDI TO BATTLE FOR THE WBA LIGHTWEIGHT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

**FIREWORKS EXPECTED IN MEXICO VS. PUERTO RICO CO-MAIN EVENT
AS OSCAR “EL PUPILO” COLLAZO CHALLENGES UNIFIED WBA AND WBC
CHAMPION RICARDO “EL NIÑO” SANDOVAL**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 – LIVE FROM WINTRUST ARENA
IN CHICAGO, IL AND BROADCAST WORLDWIDE ON DAZN**

***Fans can access the pre-sale beginning Thursday, August 27,
ahead of the general on-sale Friday, August 28, via Ticketmaster***

CHICAGO (August 27, 2026) – World championship glory is only one fight away for undefeated lightweight contenders **Floyd “Kid Austin” Schofield III** (19-0, 13 KOs) and **“Prince” Lucas Bahdi** (20-0, 15 KOs), who will put their perfect records on the line for the WBA Lightweight World Championship. In this dangerous, high-stakes matchup, only one fighter will leave the ring with the coveted championship belt; the other with the first loss of his professional career. The 12-round main event takes place Saturday, October 10, live worldwide on DAZN from Wintrust Arena in Chicago, Illinois. The event is presented by Golden Boy in co-promotion with Most Valuable Promotions (MVP).

The general on-sale for Schofield vs. Bahdi begins Friday, August 28 at 10:00 am CT and is priced at \$300, \$200, \$125, \$75 and \$30 not including applicable service charges. Tickets for purchase will be available at Ticketmaster.com or [GoldenBoy.com](https://www.GoldenBoy.com). Fans can access the special pre-sale Thursday, August 27 with code: GBPVIP

Floyd Schofield III: “There’s been enough talk outside the ring, and now I’m ready to let my fists do the talking. I’ve worked my whole life for an opportunity like this, and I’m just one fight away from accomplishing my dream of becoming a world champion. I know Lucas Bahdi is coming to fight and will bring his best, but I’m prepared for whatever he brings. On October 10, it’s time to settle everything inside the ring and show the world that I belong at the top of the lightweight division. I’m coming to put on a show and leave Chicago as a world champion.”

Lucas Bahdi said: “I’ve been waiting to fight for a world title since the first time I laced up a pair of gloves. I’m extremely appreciative of this opportunity and can’t wait for Saturday, October 10 in Chicago.”

Oscar De La Hoya, Chairman and CEO of Golden Boy Promotions, said: “Floyd Schofield III is just one fight away from becoming the WBA Lightweight World Champion, a feat every fighter dreams of accomplishing. He has a tough test in front of him in Lucas Bahdi, but we’re confident Kid Austin will rise to the occasion and pass with flying colors. The co-main event is going to be a barn burner, with Ricardo Sandoval defending his unified WBC and WBA flyweight world titles against one of Puerto Rico’s finest, former WBO, WBA and Ring Magazine minimumweight world champion Oscar Collazo who is going up two divisions to face Sandoval. Chicago will be on fire with this card because it’ll be Golden Boy vs. MVP, and everyone knows nobody builds and develops fighters like Golden Boy!”

Jake Paul and Nakisa Bidarian, co-founders of Most Valuable Promotions, said: “MVP’s Lucas Bahdi has earned this moment. He has proven himself as one of the most dangerous and talented contenders in the lightweight division, and now he has the opportunity to achieve his lifelong dream of becoming a world champion. On Saturday, October 10, two undefeated fighters with a combined 39-0 record will put everything on the line, and someone’s 0 has to go. We believe Lucas has everything it takes to bring the WBA lightweight world championship home to Canada and look forward to working alongside Golden Boy to deliver a tremendous night of boxing live worldwide on DAZN.”

In a spectacular Mexico vs. Puerto Rico co-main event, Villalba, Puerto Rico’s **Oscar “El Pupilo” Collazo** (15-0, 12 KOs) will seek to make history in a new weight class, jumping up two divisions to face current Unified WBA and WBC World Champion **Ricardo “El Niño” Sandoval** (27-2, 18 KOs) of Rialto, Calif. The 12-round co-feature is presented by Golden Boy in co-promotion with Miguel Cotto Promotions.

Oscar Collazo said: "I am grateful to Miguel Cotto Promotions and Golden Boy for giving me this massive opportunity to move up in weight for a great fight and make history for Puerto Rican boxing by facing another unified champion. Sandoval is a challenge that motivates me and my team. I'm also motivated to make all of this possible; I was looking to make history and prove that there are no limits when you know what you're capable of doing. This isn't just for me—this is for Puerto Rico and to raise the level of Puerto Rican boxing. I know how far I can go, and this fight is going to catapult my career to even bigger things. Believe me, he has what's mine; we want to do great things, and he's standing in the way. I know that with my ability, the support of my people, and the team I have, we are going to achieve it. This fight defines my career, and with this victory, I know even bigger opportunities will come."

Ricardo Sandoval said: “I’m really excited to step into the ring on October 10 and defend my titles against Oscar Collazo. Mexico vs. Puerto Rico always brings out the best in both fighters, and I know this is going to be a great fight for the fans. I’ve been putting in the work in the gym, and I’m feeling focused, strong and ready to defend what’s mine. Fans won’t want to miss this one!”

More information on the undercard will be announced in the coming weeks.

Undefeated lightweight contender **Floyd “Kid Austin” Schofield** is coming off the biggest win of his career, stopping Tevin Farmer in the opening round of their scheduled 10-round bout at Honda Center in Anaheim. The dominant performance marked a pivotal moment for Schofield, who is now setting his sights on a world title and establishing himself among the division’s elite. The victory was the latest in an impressive run for Schofield, who has quickly established himself as one of boxing’s top young talents. In November 2024, he captured the WBA International Lightweight title with a unanimous decision victory over Rene Giron in the main event at The Virgin Hotels in Las Vegas. Despite hitting the canvas in the 11th round, Schofield quickly regrouped and battled his way to the decision, showcasing his ability to overcome adversity and stay composed under pressure. Schofield made his professional debut in October 2020, announcing his arrival with a first-round knockout over Richard Esquibel. Since then, he's built an impressive resume, collecting wins while demonstrating his versatility, skill and determination inside the ring. Outside the ropes, Schofield’s journey has shaped the fighter and person he is today. Early in his life, he and his father experienced homelessness and spent months living in a shelter. That experience continues to fuel his passion for giving back to his community and inspiring others. With an undefeated record, unwavering determination and a growing list of statement victories, “Kid Austin” is ready for his next challenge as he continues his pursuit of a world title.

Most Valuable Promotions’ Canadian lightweight standout **“Prince” Lucas Bahdi** (20-0, 15 KOs), from Niagara Falls, Ontario, has gone undefeated since making his professional debut in mid-2019, winning his first 11 fights by knockout. The 32-year-old top contender had unanimous decision wins against Diego Fabian Eligio and Diego Andrade Chavez in 2022 before resuming his knockout streak. In May 2023, Bahdi defeated Jesus Amparan to claim the IBF North American Lightweight title. Bahdi—a top-ranked lightweight by all four of boxing’s major sanctioning bodies—proved himself among the best title contenders in the lightweight division when he scored a sensational knockout win over H2O Sylve on the main card of Jake Paul vs. Mike Perry in July 2024. The finish earned Bahdi 2024 Knockout of the Year recognitions from Boxing Scene, Talksport, Dan Rafael, Yahoo! Uncrowned, and NY Fights. He also earned a decision win over Armando Casamonica on the undercard of MVP’s Jake Paul vs. Mike Tyson in November 2024 before taking home a unanimous decision win over Ryan James Racaza while headlining MVP’s Most Valuable Prospects 11 in Toronto in March 2025. Most recently, Bahdi earned a 12-round unanimous decision victory over former world champion Roger Gutiérrez in a WBA lightweight title eliminator in August 2025, dropping Gutiérrez in the sixth round en route to the win and improving his undefeated record to 20-0. Bahdi became the mandatory challenger to then-WBA title holder Gervonta Davis with the win.

Ricardo Sandoval is no longer just a rising contender, he’s a unified world champion. The flyweight from Rialto, CA, shook up the boxing world when he traveled to Japan and dethroned two-division unified titlist Kenshiro Teraji in front of his home crowd on July 30, 2025. Teraji, widely regarded as a

pound-for-pound talent, pushed Sandoval into deep waters, dropping him with a heavy right hand in the fifth round, but 'El Niño' weathered the storm, stayed composed and fought back with the grit of a champion. After 12 brutal rounds, Sandoval walked away with a split decision victory and the WBC and WBA world titles. This was his first shot at world title glory, and a career-defining win.

Sandoval first made headlines in July 2024 when he captured the WBC Flyweight Silver Title with a tenth-round knockout over former WBO light flyweight world champion Ángel Acosta at Toyota Arena. That breakout performance launched him into the top of the division, earning him top-six rankings across all major sanctioning bodies and The Ring Magazine. In early 2024 he signed with Golden Boy Promotions, joining one of boxing's most elite stables, and has lived up to the hype ever since. He successfully defended his WBC Silver title on the undercard of Oscar Duarte vs. Miguel Madueño at the Honda Center on Feb. 15, 2025, proving once again that he's one of the most dangerous flyweights in the sport. Now a unified champion in one of boxing's deepest weight classes, Sandoval has kicked the door open and even bigger fights await. A Golden Boy world champion, 'El Niño' is no longer on the rise.

Oscar Collazo continues to cement his dominance among boxing's pound-for-pound elite. In his latest outing, "El Pupilo" moved up two weight classes to make his flyweight debut and delivered a dominant performance against late-replacement contender Neider Valdez of Mexico. From the opening bell, Collazo showcased his superior skill and sharpness, scoring three knockdowns in the second round before securing the knockout victory. With the win, Collazo added the WBO International Flyweight title to his collection of belts.

Prior to that, he successfully defended his WBA, WBO and Ring Magazine world titles at the Honda Center, forcing the corner of Jesus Haro to stop the fight before the start of the seventh round. The victory marked his seventh consecutive title defense, further solidifying his reign in the minimumweight division. He further elevated his status in November 2024 during Golden Boy Promotions and Riyadh Season's "Latino Night" in Riyadh, where he faced longtime WBA champion Thammanoon Niyomtrong in a historic unification bout. Collazo secured a seventh-round technical knockout, adding the WBA belt and the division's first-ever Ring Magazine championship to his collection. The Villalba native has steadily built momentum since becoming one of the sport's fastest-rising champions. In May 2023, Collazo captured the WBO minimumweight world title with a seventh-round knockout of Melvin Jerusalem at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, becoming the fastest Puerto Rican fighter to win a world title with just seven professional bouts. He now stands as one of the most dominant forces in the lower weight classes, continuing to build his legacy while setting his sights on becoming an undisputed champion.

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Schofield Jr. vs. Bahdi is a 12-round fight for the WBA Lightweight World Championship presented by Golden Boy Promotions in co-promotion with Most Valuable Promotions (MVP). **Sandoval vs. Collazo** is a 12-round fight for the WBA and WBC Flyweight World Championship and is presented by Golden Boy in co-promotion with Miguel Cotto Promotions. The event will be available worldwide to all subscribers on [DAZN](#), both live and on demand.

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Led by co-founders Jake Paul and Nakisa Bidarian and Chief Executive Officer John Martin and backed by founding investors 885 Capital & Knighthead, MVP promotes some of the world's biggest combat sports events and represents a roster of nearly 400 elite athletes, including world champions, titleholders, contenders, and emerging stars. MVP's portfolio includes MVP, MVPW, and MVP MMA, bringing together premier boxing and mixed martial arts properties under one global brand.

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