



Unbeaten Rising Prospect Chris Colbert Talks Upcoming Showdown, Championship Climb & More Ahead of Matchup Against Alberto Mercado Sunday, June 23 in FOX PBC Fight Night Prelims on FOX and FOX Deportes from Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas

FOX PBC Fight Night is Headlined by Former World Champion Jermell Charlo Taking on Mexico's Jorge Cota

LAS VEGAS (June 14, 2019) - Unbeaten rising prospect **Chris "Prime Time" Colbert** will step into the ring against Puerto Rico's **Alberto Mercado** as the headliner of FOX PBC Fight Night Prelims on FOX and FOX Deportes Sunday, June 23 from Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas.

The 22-year-old will be fighting in Las Vegas for the first time as a pro, but he's determined to not let Sin City's bright lights distract him June 23.

"Vegas is a great fight city and they say that you have to fight there to make it big, but I'm just focused on doing what I have to do to get the win by any means necessary," said Colbert. "I always look to dominate and show that I'm one of the best fighters in the world, but you never know how a fight will go. Sometimes you just have to do what you have to do to get the win."

Colbert has already faced three undefeated fighters in his 11-fight pro career, plus two other fighters who had only suffered one loss. His last fight saw him dominate veteran Mario Briones on FS1 in April.

"I've always wanted to stand out and do what others can't," said Colbert. "No other prospect or young champions are coming up like me. I don't want to pad my resume. From the beginning, I've told my advisors that I wanted to face the best to prove myself every time I step into the ring."

The Brooklyn-native has been hard at work with longtime coach Aureliano Sosa as they prepare for a durable opponent in the 31-year-old Mercado, who has never been stopped in his career.

"I like to keep training camp very consistent," said Colbert. "I'm just sparring more and more. I think I've put in well over 200 rounds of sparring ahead of this fight. I'm just practicing what I'm going to do on fight night. Every camp involves strength and conditioning, running, gym work and eating well. This is my lifestyle. It's not a seasonal thing for me. I don't take any breaks."

As he ascends toward the elite level of the professional ranks, Colbert will continue to flash his speed and skill, combined with his trademark confidence and work ethic.

"There's a lot of great fighters out there, but I believe I'm the best and I'm committed to fighting everyone to prove it," said Colbert. "We're not in a race to the title. This is a marathon, not a spring. When I get the title, I want to keep it for a long time. For now, I'm just enjoying the ride and continuing to do what I do best."

Tickets for the event, which is promoted by Lions Only Promotions, TGB Promotions and Mayweather Promotions, are on sale now and can be purchased at [AXS.com](https://www.axs.com).

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ABOUT CHARLO VS. COTA

Charlo vs. Cota pits former super welterweight world champion Jermell Charlo against Mexico's Jorge Cota in a super welterweight attraction that serves as the main event of FOX PBC Fight Night on FOX and FOX Deportes Sunday, June 23 from Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas.

FOX PBC Fight Night coverage begins at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT and features former world champions Guillermo Rigondeaux and Julio Ceja clashing in a 12-round WBC featherweight title eliminator in the co-feature, plus sensational unbeaten prospect Joey Spencer faces Akeem Black in a six-round super welterweight bout.

Preceding that show is FOX PBC Fight Night Prelims beginning at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT and will see exciting unbeaten prospect Chris Colbert taking on Puerto Rico's Alberto Mercado in an eight or 10-round lightweight bout and unbeaten welterweight prospect Jesús Ramos in a four-round attraction.

Viewers can live stream the PBC shows on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at FOXSports.com. In addition, all programs are available on FOX Sports on SiriusXM channel 83 on satellite radios and on the SiriusXM app.

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