



RIISING STARS & TOP CONTENDERS ENTER THE RING FOR EXPLOSIVE ROLLY VS. TEOFIMO PPV UNDERCARD MATCHUPS SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

**Middleweight Star Yoenli Hernandez Duels Veteran Argentine
Contender Francisco Daniel Veron in Co-Main Event
of PBC Pay-Per-View Event Available on
DAZN and Prime Video from T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas**

**Plus! Interim WBA Super Bantamweight Champion
Victor Santillan Battles Top 122-Pound
Contender Antonio Russell**

&

**Sensational Prospect Carlos Utria Makes U.S. Debut Against
Super Lightweight Contender Israel Mercado in
Opening Attraction at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT**

***Four-Fight Lineup Topped by WBA Welterweight World Champion
Rolly Romero Taking on Two-Division Champion Teofimo Lopez***

LAS VEGAS – July 30, 2026 – Three exciting pay-per-view undercard bouts featuring rising stars and top contenders across the middleweight, super bantamweight and super lightweight divisions will lead up to the **Rolly Romero vs. Teofimo Lopez** main event on Saturday, August 22 in a PBC Pay-Per-View event available on DAZN and Prime Video from T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas.

In the co-main event, undefeated middleweight star **Yoenli Hernandez** will duel veteran Argentina contender **Francisco Daniel Veron** in a 10-round attraction, plus Interim WBA Super Bantamweight Champion **Victor Santillan** squares off against top contender **Antonio Russell** and sensational prospect **Carlos Utria** will make his U.S. debut in a 10-round battle against super lightweight contender **Israel Mercado** opening the pay-per-view at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT.

The four-fight pay-per-view card is topped by WBA Welterweight World Champion **Rolly Romero** making the first defense of his world title against two-division world champion **Teofimo Lopez** in a matchup of two of this generations' most compelling champions.

Tickets for the live event are on sale now through [AXS.com](https://www.axs.com).

The event is promoted by TGB Promotions, in association with Takeover Promotions.

****YOENLI HERNANDEZ VS. FRANCISCO DANIEL VERON****

The number one-ranked WBA and WBO, plus number two-ranked WBC contender, **Yoenli Hernandez** will look to continue to show his star ability in a 10-round showdown against the veteran slugger **Francisco Daniel Veron** that serves as the co-main event on August 22.

Hernandez (10-0, 9 KOs) is yet another in a long line of sensational amateur fighters to come from the Cuban program, with his long resume before turning pro featuring a 2021 gold medal at AIBA World Boxing Championships. Originally from Camaguey, Cuba and now fighting out of Providence, Rhode Island, Hernandez turned pro in May 2022 with a pair of stoppage victories and continued to dominate his competition as he rose up the rankings. The 29-year-old scored three victories in 2025, including a shutout unanimous decision over top contender Kyrone Davis in May of that year. Most recently, Hernandez turned away his most experienced opponent to date, earning a fourth-round TKO of U.S. Olympian and title challenger Terrell Gausha in March.

"I'm preparing very hard for this fight, because I know that I have an extremely tough opponent in front of me," said Hernandez. "I have to continue to train that hard fight after fight and prove to everyone what I'm capable of. You can expect to see more of the same from me on August 22 in Las Vegas."

The 27-year-old Veron (17-1-1, 10 KOs) enters this fight on an impressive three-fight winning streak, including most recently besting Raul Garcia via unanimous decision in April of this year. Prior to that Veron had turned away tough veteran contenders Roiman Villa and Vladimir Hernandez in 2025, beating both by unanimous decision. A native of Villa Libertador, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Veron also owns a draw against middleweight contender Jahi Tucker. He will be making his Las Vegas debut on August 22, with the only other blemish on his record coming via a close decision loss to longtime top contender Brandon Adams in 2024.

"This is one of the toughest fights of my career, but we're well prepared for anything he bring," said Veron. "I'm here to face the best and I'm not ducking anyone. We're going to give people a lot to talk about when this fight is over. I'm coming to represent my Argentine people on August 22."

****VICTOR SANTILLAN VS. ANTONIO RUSSELL****

In a matchup of two top contenders at 122 pounds, **Victor Santillan** and **Antonio Russell** will look to show their championship mettle in a 12-round matchup as Santillan defends his Interim WBA Super Bantamweight Title for the first time.

A native of La Romana, Dominican Republic, Santillan (16-2, 7 KOs) picked up his interim title in February by stopped Noel Reyes Cepeda in the third round. The triumph made it back-to-back wins for Santillan, who's only two defeats have come via decision on the road against top Japanese contenders. A pro since 2018, Santillan won the bronze medal at the 2015 Pan American Games, amongst his amateur accolades. The 30-year-old began his career with 13-straight wins and will return to fight stateside for the third time as a pro.

"It is an honor for me to be defending my title against Antonio Russell," said Santillan. "He is a good boxer who comes from a family of good fighters. I love this fight because the real winners are going to be the fans. We're gonna put on a show."

Part of one of the sport's most renowned fighting families, Russell (21-1, 13 KOs) will look to pick up his first belt at 122 pounds and join his brothers as champions alongside Gary Antuanne (WBA Super Lightweight World Champion) and his lead trainer Gary Jr. (former WBC Featherweight World Champion). The 33-year-old previously fought to the top of the 118-pound division, but came up short in his most notable fight, an October 2022 matchup against former champion Emmanuel Rodriguez. The

Capitol Heights, Maryland-native does own a technical decision victory over former world champion Juan Carlos Payano in December 2020 and has won back-to-back fights at 122-pounds, including most recently besting Dervin Rodriguez by unanimous decision last August.

"I'm excited to be back in the ring and grateful for the opportunity to showcase my talent," said Russell. "Me and my brothers have been putting in the work every day in the gym, staying focused. It's almost that time to compete. I'm ready to bring another title home."

****CARLOS UTRIA VS. ISRAEL MERCADO****

One of boxing's most acclaimed prospects the undefeated **Carlos Utria** will look to make his U.S. debut in style, as he takes on tough contender **Israel Mercado** in the 10-round super lightweight opening attraction.

The 22-year-old Utria (14-0, 11 KOs) most recently emerged victorious in the WBC Boxing Grand Prix and earning a top 10 ranking at 140-pounds, and more. The five-victory run culminated in a unanimous decision over Mujimillo Tursunov in December, with his championship-winning run leading to him being named Boxing Scene's 2025 Prospect of the Year. A native of Soplaviento, Colombia, Utria has fought professionally since 2023 and will look to continue his momentum stateside.

"I'm facing a strong opponent who's coming to win," said Utria. "That's the perfect opponent for my U.S. debut. We're prepared for whatever comes and ready to put on a dominating performance for everyone watching."

A native of Pomona, California, Mercado (13-1-2, 7 KOs) is unbeaten in last six outings, with four wins a two draws in that span. Mercado has faced four unbeaten fighters in his career, with two wins, a draw and a decision to defeat to Arthur Biyarslanov in 2024 amongst that run. Mercado was won each of his last two outings, with decision victories over Jonathan Jose Eniz in April 2025 and Branden Pizarro in June 2025.

"I've been patient, I've put in the work, and now I'm ready to show the fight fans what these hands can do," said Mercado. "I'm built for this stage. I can't wait to give everyone a great show and deliver a fight they won't forget."

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