



ISAAC “PITBULL” CRUZ VS. NESTOR BRAVO FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES & PHOTOS

Mexican Superstar Isaac “Pitbull” Cruz Defends Interim WBC Super Lightweight Title Against Puerto Rican Contender Nestor Bravo This Saturday, September 19 Streaming Live on DAZN from Pechanga Arena in San Diego & Presented by Premier Boxing Champions

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SAN DIEGO – September 17, 2026 – Mexican superstar **Isaac “Pitbull” Cruz** and once-beaten Puerto Rican contender **Nestor Bravo** went face to face at Thursday’s final press conference before they battle for Cruz’s Interim WBC Super Lightweight Title this Saturday, September 19 headlining live on DAZN from Pechanga Arena in San Diego and presented by Premier Boxing Champions.

An action fighter who’s delivered numerous memorable battles throughout his career, Cruz puts his title on the line against the highly-skilled 140-pound contender Bravo, with both reiterating at Thursday’s event that fans Saturday night will get the firefight they’re hoping for.

The press conference also featured fighters competing in undercard bouts on DAZN, including Interim WBC Middleweight Champion **Jesús “Mono” Ramos Jr.** and unbeaten mandatory challenger **Meiirim Nursultanov**, who meet in a high-stakes co-main event.

Plus, rising super middleweight **Daniel “Iceman” Blancas**, who faces once-beaten **Sergio Jimenez** in a 10-round bout, and Mexican Olympic Silver Medalist **Marco Verde** and unbeaten **Guillermo Hernandez**, who face off in the opening bout of action beginning at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT.

Tickets for the live event are available through [AXS.com](#). The event is promoted by TGB Promotions.

Here is what the press conference participants had to say Thursday in San Diego:

ISAAC “PITBULL” CRUZ

“This is another chapter in a great rivalry between two boxing rich nations. I guarantee we’re gonna put on a show and write another chapter in this rivalry.

"This is a new era for Pitbull Cruz. I can guarantee that the fans are going to get their money's worth on Saturday night.

"This fight means a lot to me. This fight can be something that pushed my career forward. I have to win to go on and face the big names.

"My mind is fully focused on Nestor Bravo. That's the only thing I'm thinking of. I want the fans to be the biggest winner of the night.

"I think I showed the division in my last fight that I'm not just a guy who comes forward. I proved them wrong against Lamont Roach. Now I'm here to prove even more.

"Bravo is a strong opponent, but I'm ready for anything. Whether it's the first second or the final bell. I'll be ready. We want to fight at the level that this Mexican Independence Month deserves."

NESTOR BRAVO

"Saturday night you're gonna see what Nestor Bravo is about. If you don't know me, then you're gonna know me for sure after Saturday night.

"I'm truly blessed to be honest. This is the type of fight that every boxer dreams of. I've been knocking on a lot of doors and I'm gonna take advantage of this moment.

"You saw what happened when the real Nestor Bravo was back in the ring in January. I'm healthy and at my best.

"Pitbull is a real world champion. I know what he brings to the table. But we've been preparing for everything. I'm going to be the best version of myself. I promise this fight is gonna be one of the best fights between Mexico and Puerto Rico."

JESUS RAMOS JR.

"I'm just happy and blessed to be here and back in the ring. Come Saturday night, I'm gonna put on a show.

"I feel way stronger at middleweight. I'm enjoying those few extra pounds. I feel strong and I can't wait until Saturday.

"Carlos Adames is in my way of those big fights and I have to get him out of the way. First I have to get Nursultanov out of the way.

"Nursultanov is brave for taking this fight off of a layoff. I'm not the same fighter I was three years ago. I'm gonna show him that it's not that easy on Saturday night."

MEIRIM NURSULTANOV

"I'm ready. I'm going to show everything in the ring on Saturday night. I'm going to make the most of this opportunity.

"I've been preparing and waiting for this opportunity for years. I don't care about the layoff. I'm ready and I'm hungry. I'm going to show what the Kazakh boxing school means.

"My team and I work great together and we have a plan that we're going to execute. Then we're gonna go right to Carlos Adames."

DANIEL BLANCAS

"More than anything I want to say that it's a big honor to be on this stage with these amazing fighters. I'm excited to show the team what I've been working on with Jose Benavidez Sr.

"Me and team Benavidez have worked together for years and grown together and I can't wait to show what we've done in camp. We've been working a lot on power punching and sitting down on our punches.

"I know I'm going up against a tough fighter. I never underestimate a fighter. I train for every fight like it's game seven."

MARCO VERDE

"I'm glad to have this opportunity and I'm going to show everyone that I'm extremely ready for this fight on Saturday night.

"I'm really thankful for the way that my career has developed so far. The transition to the pros was complicated, but that amateur experience helped me a lot. I've been able to mature and grow.

"We're both unbeaten and we're both well prepared. You don't want to miss this fight."

GUILLERMO HERNANDEZ

"I'm very thankful to Verde for taking this fight. This is just another fight for me. I'm ready to do what I do. I'm going to fight with my heart and may the best man win.

"Nobody has wanted to give me an opportunity to fight. But I always had faith that this day would come. Right now I feel like I'm living a dream, but this is my time to show everyone what I can do.

"Anybody can be beat. No disrespect to Verde, but it only takes one second to find my opening. I can stop him if my timing is right. "

TOM BROWN, President of TGB Promotions

"It's great to be back here in San Diego. This is an incredible fight town and we have a great card from top to bottom. Saturday is gonna be an unforgettable night of boxing.

"'Pitbull' is a fan-favorite and is always in exciting fights. He's a destructive fighter. But Nestor Bravo carries his pride of Puerto Rico every time he steps into the ring and also has a real fan-friendly style. National pride is on the line in this Mexico vs. Puerto Rico showdown.

"Mexican rising star Jesus Ramos Jr. will put his title on the line in the co-main event against the unbeaten Meirir Nursultanov. Ramos is stepping up and doing the job of a champion by taking on the number one ranked mandatory challenger. Also, the WBC just sent us a letter saying that world champion Carlos Adames has to face the winner of this fight next, so there is a lot on the line in this one.

"Daniel Blancas is also a top contender looking to make a big statement to head into 2027 and shoot for a world title led by Jose Benavidez Sr., who's one of his trainers.. And in our opening fight I'm really excited about 2024 Olympic Silver medalist Marco Verde, the first Mexican to win a silver in forty years. He's got a great team behind him as well with Eddy Reynoso. Both of these guys have really tough opposition that will look to give these two rising stars real tests on Saturday night."

ABOUT PITBULL VS. BRAVO

Pitbull vs. Bravo will see Mexican superstar and Interim WBC Super Lightweight Champion Isaac “Pitbull” Cruz return to the ring and defend his title against once-beaten Puerto Rican contender Nestor Bravo in the 12-round main event streaming live on DAZN and presented by Premier Boxing Champions on Saturday, September 19 from Pechanga Arena in San Diego, California.

Plus, rising Mexican star and Interim WBC Middleweight Champion Jesús “Mono” Ramos Jr. takes on unbeaten mandatory challenger Meirir Nursultanov in the high-stakes co-main event.

In addition, unbeaten super middleweight prospect Daniel “Iceman” Blancas will step in against once-beaten contender Sergio Jimenez for a 10-round showdown and 2024 Mexican Olympic Silver Medalist Marco Verde will battle fellow unbeaten Guillermo Hernandez in the eight-round middleweight opening bout at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT.

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