

# MOST VALUABLE PROMOTIONS AND NETFLIX'S JAKE PAUL VS. ANTHONY JOSHUA FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES, PHOTOS & VIDEO

# THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED GLOBAL LIVE SPORTS EVENT WILL STREAM EXCLUSIVELY ON NETFLIX ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

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MIAMI, FL – December 17, 2025 – Today at The Fillmore Miami Beach, international superstar and WBA #14-ranked cruiserweight Jake "El Gallo de Dorado" Paul (12-1, 7 KOs) and two-time unified WBO, WBA, and IBF heavyweight world champion, Olympic gold medalist and knockout machine Anthony "AJ" Joshua (28-4, 25 KOs) came face to face at the final press conference before their highly anticipated bout streaming live exclusively on Netflix on Friday, December 19.

Fighters across the main and preliminary cards participated in the press conference, including MVP's undisputed super featherweight world champion Alycia "The Bomb" Baumgardner (16-1, 7 KOs) who will make a unified WBA, WBO, and IBF world title defense at 130lbs against Canada's #2 IBF, #3 WBO and WBA contender Leila Beaudoin (13-1, 2 KOs) in the co-main event. Additional fighters in attendance included Anderson "The Spider" Silva (3-2, 2 KOs), Tyron Woodley (0-2), Jahmal Harvey (1-0, 1 KO), Kevin Cervantes (5-0, 5 KOs), Cherneka "Sugar Neekz" Johnson (18-2, 8 KOs), Amanda "Bambola" Galle (12-0-1,1 KO), "Sweet" Caroline Dubois (11-0-1, 5 KOs), Camilla Panetta (8-2-1,1 KO), Yokasta Valle (33-3, 10 KOs), Yadira "La Reina" Bustillos (11-, 2 KOs), Avious "Tha Underdog" Griffin (17-1, 16 KOs), Justin Cardona (10-1, 5 KOs), Keno Marley, and Diarra "Gift Davis" Davis Jr (2-1, 1 KO).

The event was punctuated by a fiery exchange between co-main event star Alycia Baumgardner and rising contender Caroline Dubois, with both women trading verbal jabs about the true face of women's boxing and teasing a potential showdown in the future.

Hosted by renowned combat sports journalist Ariel Helwani, the fighters had plenty to say at the press conference about their upcoming matchups. See quotes below and view the full press conference on Netflix Sport's YouTube and MVP's YouTube.

#### **JAKE PAUL QUOTES**

On if he thinks Joshua is taking him seriously: Yeah, absolutely. And rightfully so. It's smart on his part, but I believe he's locked in and knows that this could potentially be the biggest loss and will be the biggest loss of his career. He has so much to lose in this fight. That's what I plan on bringing to the table is the strategy behind this. I've got him in the corner and I know that those nerves are going to kick in once he sees what I can do to him.

On Joshua's "licensed to kill" mentality: Let's fucking go, bro. Let's put on a show for the fans. Let's go to war. Men have done crazier things throughout human history. This is the modern day gladiator sport. This is what we're here to do is fuck each other up and I'm ready. I want his hardest punches. I want there to be no excuses when it's all said and done, and let's fucking kill each other.

On if he sees the fight as "old guard vs. new guard": Not really. No... I think no one's done more for the sport of boxing in the past decade than myself. So I think if people really cared about boxing, they'd want me to win. But I see where the angle that they're coming from is that he's the traditional boxer, has been doing it his whole life, etc. But I think that I'm more important for the sport of boxing. So if they actually cared about the sport, they would want me to win.

On critics and fighters who claim his fights are not "real": I give them a cease and desist letter in their email for lying on my name. Then the lawsuit's coming right after because these people won't stop lying. I honestly take it as a compliment, but people need to shut the fuck up. Deontay Wilder, he's been hit a lot by Tyson Fury, so he's clearly not the smartest guy, but there's nothing in the contract. AJ can attest to it. We're going to war and that's the end of the day that all my fights have been like.

On whether he believes this would be the biggest upset in sports history: Yeah, 100%. This is the Giants vs the Patriots 2007. I mean, the list goes on, but the odds are stacked against me. There's no sporting teams in history that have gone together where it's this big of a difference in terms of skill, experience, resume, height, weight, etc. So this is going to be the biggest upset in the history of sports and you guys get to witness it

### **ANTHONY JOSHUA QUOTES**

On criticism from Tyson Fury over his "kill" comments: It's my job. We fight. We're licensed to kill. I'm sure many people don't understand it, but this is what my job is. When you're in that ring, it's

a dangerous place to be and anything can happen. You hope your opponent leaves the ring safely, but if they don't, you still have to go to bed knowing that you just done your job. It wasn't personal.

On whether he feels pressure to represent "real" boxing against Jake Paul: People don't like the fact that I'm fighting Jake. Whether that concerns me or not is another question. But if we look at the people that don't want me to be here, but they want me to put an end to Jake Paul's show, I understand it and that's why I have to carry boxing on my back with this fight.

On what fans can expect who've never seen him fight before: A good ring entrance. A guy that's very well-conditioned, understands the squared circle very well, understands himself very well, and is in a good place mentally and a good place physically. And just ready to go to, I want to say go to a war, but ready to showcase my skills, my punch selection, and my punch power. Basics. I'm looking forward to it.

On what a loss to Jake Paul would mean for his legacy: Come back again. You shake it off. And I'll be headlining again in a year or two. It's what it is. I'm a player in the game. You take some L's, but without the L's, you wouldn't be here, ain't it? You take some Ws, you dust it off. And then when I'm ready to hang up my gloves, I hang up my gloves and everyone would say, 'Yeah, you done well. He was a tough competitor. But it is what it is. I've taken L's and I'm standing strong now.

On whether Jake's fearlessness creates a challenge for him: Jake Paul creates a great challenge for me, and he's got a great mindset for sure. Great family, great brother, great person. So yeah, he definitely creates a good challenge for me. But as I said earlier, competition is really good.

### **ALYCIA BAUMGARDNER QUOTES**

On why she wanted to fight under the same rules as men: MVP stands for equality and they gave me the option and I took the challenge. As always, I am a competitor. I never back down. I always say yes. And again, you will see just an awesome athlete, a woman athlete, Friday night doing what she does best.

Responding to Dubois' remarks about a future matchup and the debate over the face of women's boxing: I mean, baby, I'm the co-main event for a reason. So listen, one thing about a puppy, you got to train them and you got to take your time with them puppies. So take your time. Be patient. Let the big dog do what the big dog do. Eat. All right. I'm here. This ain't the UK, this is the USA - we going to welcome you real good here in Miami. So yeah, let's have a good time Friday night. Welcome to the team. We're both on the same card and you guys can make up your mind.

# **LEILA BEAUDOIN QUOTES**

On Baumgardner's confident trash talk and her own approach: I really don't mind what she says. I believe in myself. I know my worth.

#### **ANDERSON SILVA QUOTES**

On motivation at age 50: The motivation is passion and love. And I have my biggest idol [Roy Jones] here in front of me. I remember when I was watching Mr. Roy Jones fighting in the Olympic Games, I just looked and said, 'Whoa, one day I will become a champion the same as this man.' And I'm here today to show him my respect for the boxing community.

#### **TYRON WOODLEY QUOTES**

On fighting Anderson Silva: I feel like for me, it's my chance to go forward to increase my legacy. And for once, it's an opportunity for me to fight somebody that brings my value up. Anderson, that's the type of excitement that I got when the fight was requested. And it didn't take me long. I really said yes almost before we even talked about it, so it's time to get it on. Can't wait.

#### **JAHMAL HARVEY QUOTES**

On fighting on the main card: It's an honor. A dream come true. I'm sitting up here with all these champions sitting around all this great talent, just my second pro fight and being able to showcase my talent on Netflix to the world. Like you said, second pro fight, not a lot of people get this opportunity. And I'm not going to take this opportunity for granted. I've been training. I've been ready since back in November and I just got more time to prepare. So now y'all just going to see an extra ferocious beast in the ring.

### **KEVIN CERVANTES QUOTES**

On what he has to do to beat Jahmal Harvey: Well, thank you for the opportunity. Thank God. Thank you, MVP. I think that what I have to do is stand there and show what I can do.

#### **CHERNEKA JOHNSON QUOTES**

**On Amanda Galle as an opponent:** Amanda had a great last fight. I'm expecting her to come with all that she has. I've got something that she wants and when you want something, you fight for it, but she's never fought anyone like me before.

### **AMANDA GALLE QUOTES**

On fighting for the undisputed title: I've been in the game for 20 years. Everything I've been through to this moment has prepared me to execute. Friday night, a whole bunch of skills that Neekz hasn't seen. 20 years experience. I'm ready to execute it all and come Friday night we are going to be the fight of the night.

### **CAROLINE DUBOIS QUOTES**

On her US debut and MVP signing: It's a blessing, a privilege, and I'm soaking it all in. I think every kid's dream is to fight in America. I remember growing up watching Mike Tyson, Floyd Mayweather, Roy Jones and all these guys, these are American superstars. And when you make it in America, you make it. Having the opportunity to cross the pond so early in my career is a blessing, a privilege. Honestly, I just can't wait to go out there, perform, and have everybody knowing my name because I know that's exactly what's going to happen.

On a potential fight with Alycia Baumgardner: I feel like for women's boxing, me vs Alycia Baumgardner is one of the best fights for women's boxing.....I'm hearing a lot of talk about Alycia being the face of women's boxing and the best woman boxer. And I disagree with that 100%. I think it's awesome that we're both on the same card and you will be able to make up your own mind about who is the best.

#### **CAMILLA PANATTA QUOTES**

On fighting Dubois, the hype of her debut, and the idea of spoiling it: I'm here for this. I'm not here just to show up. I know the level of this fight because I know Caroline. And first of all, I want to say thank you to MVP for this great opportunity in my career. And I know her level, but I also know what I've done my whole career. And I think I deserve to be here and show that I deserve this fight

#### YOKASTA VALLE QUOTES

On sparring with her opponent and defending her title: I know that I did some sparring with her and I know she wants to fight me. She is a warrior. She is strong, and she wants to be world champion, but I'm here to defend myself.

### YADIRA BUSTILLOS QUOTES

On her second title shot and what fans can expect: I'm coming to get my belt that I've been waiting for for a long time. I want to thank MVP and Jake Paul for giving me this opportunity. I'm truly excited to be here, and I can't wait to show you guys my skills. And the sparring session was just a sparring session, and I'm prepared to show you guys what my skills are.

### **AVIOUS GRIFFIN QUOTES**

On coming back after losing: Yeah, well we went back to the lab and we started from the ground up and just been working on the base. That was just the first loss that y'all seen, but I've had plenty of losses that I bounced back from and Friday y'all will see me bounce back from another.

# **JUSTIN CARDONA QUOTES**

On preparing for Griffin: I stay ready all year round and there's plenty of things I seen that I could just give you, but I'm just going to keep that to myself and you guys will see coming fight night. I'll be walking out of there victorious.

#### **KENO MARLEY QUOTES**

On fighting on the card and sharing it with Anderson Silva: I'm very happy to be here participating in this great card in this biggest event together with Anderson Silva, Jake, and Joshua. This is a dream come true for me, and I'm going to continue to grow in this community.

# **DIARRA DAVIS JR QUOTES**

On the meaning of his nickname "The Gift": That's the meaning of my name. My name is Dier, like the air we breathe. So that's why he calls me 'Gift.'

Jake vs. Joshua will be available to stream live globally on all Netflix plans, at no additional cost to subscribers on Friday, December 19. The broadcast will feature live commentary in English, Spanish, Brazilian Portuguese, French, and German.

#### **About MVP**

MVP was founded by Jake Paul and Nakisa Bidarian in 2021. With the mission to provide more creative control to fighters, MVP works to identify, grow, and maximize return for its own events and talent partners. One year into its inception, MVP was nominated as one of the prestigious Sports Breakthroughs of the Year in 2022 by Sports Business Journal. MVP have produced Jake Paul's last seven global pay-per-view events, including the recent Paul vs. Chavez Jr. match. The promotion company also signed one of the most decorated Hispanic athletes of all time, Amanda Serrano in its first year. Serrano and MVP made history in April of 2022 when Serrano went head to head with Katie Taylor, marking the first female fight to headline at Madison Square Garden, earning a nomination for Event of The Year by Sports Business Journal. MVP made history again in November 2024 with Jake Paul vs. Mike Tyson and Katie Taylor vs. Amanda Serrano 2, the first-ever live professional sports event on Netflix. MVP's Paul vs. Tyson streamed live globally on Netflix and shattered records, becoming the most-streamed sporting event ever with 108 million live viewers globally. Co-founder Nakisa Bidarian was an executive producer of Paul vs. Tyson and the historic Triller Presents Mike Tyson v. Roy Jones Jr., which was the 8th most bought pay-per-view event in history.

#### **About Netflix**

Netflix is one of the world's leading entertainment services, with over 300 million paid memberships in over 190 countries enjoying TV series, films, and games across a wide variety of genres and languages. Members can play, pause, and resume watching as much as they want, anytime,

anywhere, and can change their plans at any time. Jake vs. Joshua will be the latest large scale live event to air on Netflix, following the super middleweight championship fight between Canelo Álvarez and Terence Crawford and the Six Kings Slam tennis tournament. WWE Raw continues to air every week globally. After the Jake vs. Joshua fight, NFL Christmas Gameday returns to Netflix with two matchups on Christmas Day: the Dallas Cowboys vs. Washington Commanders and Detroit Lions vs. Minnesota Vikings.

## **About Kaseya Center**

Located in the center of booming downtown Miami and the Entertainment District, Kaseya Center home of the NBA Champion Miami HEAT—hosts 80+ non-basketball events each year including Alist concerts, family shows, sporting events, national conferences and more. Built with state-of-theart sound and lighting and HD and electronic media signage inside and out, the impressive 19,600seat Kaseya Center is currently ranked the #1 arena in Florida for the 10th consecutive year—and the 13th time during the past 14 years—according to Billboard's 2024 year-end rankings. Kaseya Center is also among the leading facilities in the country for hosting Latin entertainment. The Center has led the renaissance of downtown Miami over the past two decades, helping to transform the area into a thriving arts and entertainment district. The facility has hosted more than 1,200 events including diverse musical superstars such as Marc Anthony, Celine Dion, Ed Sheeran, Lady Gaga, Bruno Mars, The Killers, Bad Bunny, Carrie Underwood, Dua Lipa, Tool, Imagine Dragons, Kane Brown, Karol G, Drake, Andrea Bocelli and Paul McCartney, just to name a few. In 2009, Kaseya Center became among the first existing buildings in the country to have achieved LEED certification by the United States Green Building Council for its commitment to sustainability practices. More recently, in 2021, the Arena achieved its second LEED gold recertification. For more information about Kaseya Center, visit kaseyacenter.com.

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