



## SEBASTIAN FUNDORA VS. KEITH THURMAN FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES & PHOTOS

**WBC Super Welterweight World Champion Fundora  
Takes on Former Unified World Champion Thurman  
Headlining PBC Pay-Per-View Event Available on Prime Video  
this Saturday, March 28 from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas**

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**LAS VEGAS – March 26, 2026** – WBC Super Welterweight World Champion **Sebastian “The Towering Inferno” Fundora** and former unified champion **Keith “One Time” Thurman** squared off at the final press conference Thursday before they meet in the main event of a PBC Pay-Per-View event available on Prime Video this Saturday, March 28 from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

The press conference also included top super welterweight contender **Yoenis Tellez** and **Brian Mendoza**, who meet in the 12-round co-main event, top-rated middleweight **Yoenli Hernandez** and U.S. Olympian **Terrell Gausha**, who meet in a 10-round matchup and heavyweight sluggers **Gurgen Hovhannisyanyan** and **Cesar Navarro**, who meet in the 10-round pay-per-view opener at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT.

Also in attendance Thursday was super middleweight contender **Kevin Newman**, who headlines *FIRST ON PRIME* action against exciting young star **Elijah Garcia** streaming live and for free on Prime Video preceding the pay-per-view. Also featured in Prime Video action is rising prospect **Kaipo Gallegos**, who takes on once-beaten **Julian Gonzalez** in a 10-round bout opening the card at 5:30 p.m. ET/2:30 p.m. PT and undefeated prospect **Brayan Gonzalez** and Mexico’s **Brandon Medina**, who square off in a six-round showdown.

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

In addition to being available for purchase on Prime Video, regardless of Prime membership, fans will also be able to continue to access the telecast through traditional cable and satellite outlets as well as PPV.com.

The event is promoted by TGB Promotions and Sampson Boxing.

Here is what the fighters had to say Thursday:

### **SEBASTIAN FUNDORA**

“We’re gonna have a great night on Saturday. Expect ‘The Towering Inferno’ to burn Las Vegas down once again.

“I definitely don’t see this going 12 rounds, but no matter how long it goes, it ends with me having my hand raised.

“Thurman is a good talker. He likes to talk. That’s how he is. He’s a great champion as well, but Saturday night I’m planning to crash his party.

“I think I’ve just been growing up and becoming more mature with every fight. I’m getting a harder task every fight, so I’ve been learning on the job.

“Thurman is one of my best opponents for sure. But I have to look at it like just another fight. I have to look at it as my job. This is work for me, and I just have to clock in on Saturday.

“Look where I’m at and what I’m doing. I’m very blessed. I’m not trying to look ahead too much, because it’s disrespectful to myself.”

### **KEITH THURMAN**

“It’s been a beautiful build up to this fight. It’s been a long time coming. I’m facing a great champion and we’re gonna make it happen.

“I’m here to hurt this boy. I’m trying to send him home beltless. Fundora gets hit. He’s used to trading and going at it. But I’m here to put that fire out.

“I’ve been doing this for a long time. Come March 28 you’re gonna see why I’ve been able to do this as long as I have.

“Fundora has evolved to become a greater champion than he was before. And that’s what boxing’s all about. There’s always someone who’s got your number and I know that I have what it takes.

“I’ve been favorited in the majority of all of my fights, but at the end of the day, being the hunter is a lot of fun. I’m on the prowl. There’s nothing like becoming world champion by taking it from the previous world champion, especially a highly-qualified world champion like Fundora.

“You’re gonna see 30 years of greatness on Saturday. Blood, sweat, tears, sacrifice. It’s gonna be poetry in motion.

“I’m here to make history. This is history in the making come March 28.”

### **YOENIS TELLEZ**

“This is a great opportunity. Cuba is going through very hard times and I’m dedicating this fight to my country. I’m ready to show what I’m made of.

“I’ve proven that I’ll always face top opponents who are worthy of the level that I’m at. I’ve heard Mendoza say that I’m not on his level, but I’m here to prove that I am.”

## **BRIAN MENDOZA**

"I'm a short-notice king at this point. I've been training with Richard Barrientes for over a year fine-tuning and improving everything in my game.

"This fight feels like when I fought Jeison Rosario on short notice. I have my back against the wall again and you see how I fight when that happens.

"I know that I belong at the top of this division. This is a definite must-win and I will win. We've been grinding nonstop and improving my game.

"I'm the one with the experience and I've shown that I can get victories at this level. I believe that experience will be the difference in this fight."

## **YOENLI HERNANDEZ**

"I'm here for another victory. I'm excited to be back in Las Vegas. I don't need to say much, but I promise that I'm ready.

"There is no difficult opponent for me. I'm only focused on what I have to do. We're ready to show everyone what I can do."

## **TERRELL GAUSHA**

"I've fought everybody. You can check my resume. I handle my business in the ring. I've trained hard to give you all a good fight. You have to fight the best to be the best, that's what it's all about.

"We're gonna stop this narrative about me being a tough opponent for the champions. We're gonna switch that narrative up. I'm a competitor and a fighter.

"I don't look at Yoenli like everyone else does. He's tough, but I fight the best. I'm coming to win. I'm not here for anything else."

## **GURGEN HOVHANNISYAN**

"I don't like to talk a lot, but I'm ready to show everyone a great fight on Saturday night. You don't wanna miss it.

"I'm very ready. I always respect my opponent and go in there to do my job. That's what it's all about."

## **CESAR NAVARRO**

"Opportunities like this don't come around often. On March 28 I'm stepping in against a tough opponent. We know this won't be easy, and that's what I love, because I'm here for a challenge.

"On March 28 I'm here to represent my city, my culture, and everyone who believes in me. Phoenix and Mexico, this one's for you.

"I'm Mexican, so I fight and do this for a living. We're gonna go in there and do whatever we have to do to get this victory."

## **KEVIN NEWMAN**

"You guys aren't gonna want to miss this one. Saturday night I'm facing a strong young fighter and I'm gonna put on a spectacular performance. You're gonna leave talking about this one.

“I’m very confident in my abilities. It’s not about him being strong, it’s about skills and self-belief. I believe that I’m gonna go out there Saturday night and dominate.

“Roy Jones Jr. has helped give me the dominating mindset. You need to have that in this game. He’s pushed me past my limits to pull that out. We’re going to display it all on Saturday night.”

### **KAIPO GALLEGOS**

“Tune in on March 28, I’m gonna put on a good show and make sure I get that victory. Look out for me, I’m on the come up. Come Saturday night, we’re gonna get that victory.

“It feels great to be in this position. It’s a dream come true to fight here at MGM Grand. Now it’s time and I’m ready. I’ve put in the hard work and I can’t wait to put on a good show.”

### **BRAYAN GONZALEZ**

“It’s such a blessing to be here. I dreamed of doing this as a kid and now I get to live it. So I won’t take it for granted.

“I know my opponent has faced good fighters, but I’m here to make a statement and show why I’m different on Saturday night.

“Early on in my career I’ve just been getting used to the pros. It’s a big difference, but honestly I feel like my skill and my talent has translated.”

### **BRANDON MEDINA**

“This is a dream come true. I worked very hard to get to this point and I’m here to put my city on the map.

“I’m used to facing good opponents. This is nothing new to me. I’m here to show the best of me. I’m gonna prove that I’m able to fight anyone at this level.”

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### **ABOUT FUNDORA VS. THURMAN**

Fundora vs. Thurman will see WBC Super Welterweight World Champion **Sebastian “The Towering Inferno” Fundora** battle former unified champion **Keith “One Time” Thurman** in the main event of a PBC Pay-Per-View event available on Prime Video on Saturday, March 28 from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

The action begins at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT and will feature exciting super welterweights going toe-to-toe in the 12-round co-main event as rising young star **Yoenis Tellez** duels top contender **Brian Mendoza**.

The lineup will also feature undefeated top-rated middleweight **Yoenli Hernandez** stepping in against battle-tested U.S. Olympian **Terrell Gausha** in a 10-round bout, plus undefeated heavyweight slugger **Gurgen Hovhannisyan** steps in to face **Cesar Navarro** in a 10-round showdown opening the pay-per-view at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT.

Exciting young star **Elijah Garcia** and super middleweight contender **Kevin Newman II** will meet in the main event of *FIRST ON PRIME* action streaming live and for free on Prime Video prior to the pay-per-view beginning at 5:30 p.m. ET/2:30 p.m. PT.

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