



MANNY PACQUIAO & KEITH THURMAN MAKE GRAND ARRIVAL AT MGM GRAND IN LAS VEGAS FOR THIS SATURDAY'S WELTERWEIGHT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BATTLE

CALEB PLANT & MIKE LEE ARRIVE AHEAD OF SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE SHOWDOWN

Pacquiao vs. Thurman Headlines PBC on FOX Sports Pay-Per-View Event from the MGM Grand Garden Arena In Las Vegas 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT

Plant vs. Lee in FOX PBC Fight Night Main Event at 7 p.m./4 p.m. PT

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LAS VEGAS (July 16, 2019) - Two of boxing biggest stars kicked off fight week in style on Tuesday as eight-division world champion **Senator Manny "PacMan" Pacquiao** and unbeaten WBA Welterweight World Champion **Keith "One Time" Thurman** made their grand arrivals at MGM Grand before their highly-anticipated Premier Boxing Champions on FOX Sports Pay-Per-View showdown this Saturday night from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

Also making their grand arrivals Tuesday were undefeated IBF Super Middleweight World Champion **Caleb "Sweethands" Plant** and undefeated contender **Mike Lee**, who battle in the FOX PBC Fight Night main event Saturday night preceding the pay-per-view.

Tuesday's event also featured fighters competing on the PBC on FOX Sports Pay-Per-View undercard that begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT. Unbeaten former champion **Omar "El Panterita" Figueroa Jr** will face top contender **Yordenis Ugas** in WBC Welterweight Title Eliminator, hard-hitting former champion **Sergey Lipinets** clashes against **John "The Gladiator" Molina Jr.** in a welterweight duel and former bantamweight champion **Luis Nery**, who takes on former champion **Juan Carlos Payano**.

Plus, rising heavyweight sensation **Efe Ajagba** and unbeaten **Ali Eren Demirezen** made their arrivals ahead of their FOX PBC Fight Night co-main event that kicks off the broadcast on FOX and FOX Deportes at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT.

Here's what Thurman, Pacquiao, Plant and Lee had to say on Tuesday to the fans that greeted them at MGM Grand:

MANNY PACQUIAO

"I consider this fight one of the most important of my career because I am 40 I want to prove something. My opponent is very good at talking but we'll see what happens in the ring.

"Boxing is a science. You have to study. Not only when you have a scheduled fight, but you have to always be studying boxing. That's allowed me to have the career that I have.

"It would mean a lot to be 40-years-old and beat someone undefeated. It shows that I can still fight against the best."

KEITH THURMAN

"This does feel like making all my dreams come true. Whether it's an Olympian striving for that gold medal, or if it's a kid just trying to get an A on their report card, as human beings we challenge ourselves and we set goals. This goal has been in motion for 23 years.

"I've always wanted to be remembered in the sport of boxing. I want people to understand that when Keith Thurman is in the ring, he's bringing some of the most exciting fights that can be made in the welterweight division.

"When it's all over, I just want people to say, 'you know what, I really did enjoy watching Keith 'One Time' Thurman.'"

CALEB PLANT

"He can train as hard as he wants, he's going to need more than that. He can do all the talking he needs but chins don't have muscles. He's either going to wave the flag or I'm going to wave it for him".

MIKE LEE

"It feels amazing to be fighting on Pacquiao's card. I've fought on quite a few of his, and he came to wish me luck so it feels great to be here on this stage with these opportunities here in front of me. This is as big as it gets here at MGM Grand. I can't wait to show the world how hard I've trained for this fight."

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ABOUT PACQUIAO VS. THURMAN

[Order the PPV](#) and visit PremierBoxingChampions.com for [Fight Night Info](#) and more on [Manny Pacquiao](#) and [Keith Thurman](#).

Pacquiao vs. Thurman will pit boxing's only eight-division world champion and Philippine Senator Manny "Pac Man" Pacquiao against undefeated WBA Welterweight World Champion Keith "One Time" Thurman in the main event of a Premier Boxing Champions on FOX Sports Pay-Per-View event Saturday, July 20 from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

The pay-per-view begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT and will also feature undefeated former world champion Omar "El Panterita" Figueroa Jr. taking on Yordenis Ugás in a WBC welterweight title eliminator, plus hard-hitting former world champion Sergey Lipinets goes toe-to-toe against rugged veteran John "The Gladiator" Molina, Jr. and undefeated power-puncher Luis "Pantera" Nery faces slick-boxing Juan Carlos Payano in a bantamweight bout.

Tickets for the event are on sale now and can be purchased online through AXS.com, charge by phone at 866-740-7711 or in person at any MGM Resorts International box office.

ABOUT PLANT VS. LEE

FOX PBC Fight Night on FOX and FOX Deportes is headlined by undefeated IBF Super Middleweight World Champion Caleb "Sweethands" Plant making the first defense of his title against unbeaten contender and University of Notre Dame graduate Mike Lee Saturday, July 20 from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. Televised coverage begins at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT with rising unbeaten heavyweight sensation Efe Ajagba squaring off against undefeated 2016 Turkish Olympian Ali Eren Demirezen.

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