

MEXICAN STAR ISAAC CRUZ TO FACE ALL-ACTION CONTENDER OMAR SALCIDO IN PBC PAY-PER-VIEW ON PRIME VIDEO ACTION TOMORROW NIGHT FROM THE MGM GRAND GARDEN ARENA IN LAS VEGAS

Angel Fierro Forced To Withdraw From Scheduled Rematch Against Cruz

Star-Studded Night Headlined by Hall of Famer Manny Pacquiao Challenging WBC Welterweight World Champion Mario Barrios

LAS VEGAS – July 18, 2025 – Mexican star Isaac "Pitbull" Cruz will now face all-action contender Omar Salcido in a 10-round super lightweight showdown featured on tomorrow night's PBC Pay-Per-View on Prime Video from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. Cruz was originally scheduled to face Angel Fierro, who was forced to withdraw due to a medical emergency, while Salcido had previously been set to compete on the non-televised undercard.

The four-fight pay-per-view is headlined by the return of Hall of Famer **Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao** continuing his legendary career by challenging WBC Welterweight World Champion **Mario "El Azteca" Barrios**.

In the co-main event, WBC Super Welterweight World Champion **Sebastian "The Towering Inferno" Fundora** and Australia superstar **Tim Tszyu** will square off in a rematch of 2024's bloodiest fight. Kicking off the pay-per-view is former two-division champion **Brandon "The Heartbreaker" Figueroa** and featherweight contender **Joet Gonzalez** in a 12-round WBA Featherweight Title Eliminator at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT. Cruz vs. Salcido will follow 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.

Tickets for the live event are on sale now through <u>AXS.com</u>.

Buoyed on by his passionate fan base, Cruz (27-3-1, 18 KOs) became a world champion in March 2024 as he hurt Rolly Romero badly in round one before eventually ending the fight in round eight via TKO to claim the WBA title. Most recently, Cruz bounced back from a loss to Jose Valenzuela by out-slugging countryman Fierro in that decision triumph in February. A native of Mexico City, Cruz shot up the rankings in 2020, announcing his presence with an electrifying first-round knockout over veteran Diego Magdaleno in October before adding dominant decisions over Francisco Vargas and Jose Matias Romero. Trained by his father Isaac Cruz Sr., the 26-year-old challenged undefeated superstar Gervonta Davis in December 2021, a fight that saw Cruz lose by decision to become just the second fighter at the time to see the final bell against Davis.

Originally from Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico and now fighting out of California, Salcido (20-2, 14 KOs) will return to action after going the distance with undefeated lightweight contender Andy Cruz in January. The 25-year-old had previously earned a career-best victory when he knocked out former interim champion Chris Colbert in the ninth-round of their October 2024 showdown.

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