



JAIME MUNGUIA AND ALBERTO 'EXPLOSIVO' MACHADO LOS ANGELES MEDIA WORKOUT QUOTES, PHOTOS AND VIDEO

SATURDAY, JULY 21 AT HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO, LAS VEGAS
TELEVISED LIVE ON HBO BOXING AFTER DARK®



(ABOVE: Jaime Munguia and Alberto Machado hosted a media workout today in Los Angeles ahead of their respective world championship bouts on July 21 at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.)

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LOS ANGELES (July 11, 2018): **Jaime Munguia** (29-0, 25 KOs), the newly-crowned WBO Junior Middleweight World Champion of Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico, hosted a media workout today at the **Westside Boxing Club** ahead of the first defense of his title against former world champion **Liam "Beefy" Smith** (26-1-1, 14 KOs) in a 12-round main event Saturday, July 21 at The Joint at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas. The fight will be televised live on HBO Boxing After Dark beginning at 10:00 p.m. ET/PT.

Alberto "Explosivo" Machado (19-0, 16 KOs), who will put his WBA Super Featherweight World Title on the line as he faces undefeated No. 1 Contender **Rafael "Sweet Pea" Mensah** (31-0, 23 KOs) in the 12-round co-main event, also participated in the workout.

Here's what Munguia and Machado had to say during today's media workout:

JAIME MUNGUIA, WBO Junior Middleweight World Champion:

"We had a sensational training camp. We have a great team, so I feel very good. The potential fight against Gennady Golovkin really got my name out there. It allowed me to get the opportunity to fight for a world title. I'm grateful for that. I'm also grateful that the NSAC didn't allow me to fight against Golovkin because it led to this world title.

I'm always 100% ready. I got the call to fight Sadam Ali with only two weeks notice. The only struggle was to lose the weight, but other than that I was ready. I knew my advantage was my reach and my power. I knew that he was a smaller fighter. Those were the keys to my victory.

I feel very motivated now that I am a world champion. Everyone is going to talk about me after this fight. This will open up more opportunities, and people will mention my name with the likes of Canelo Alvarez and Gennady Golovkin.

I think that the only advantage that Liam Smith has is that he's fought in big events before. But I have many fights under my belt. I have a lot of experience. I had over 100 fights as an amateur. All this experience gives me a lot of confidence when I step into the ring. Also, Smith might say that he's a natural 154-pounder, but I want to tell him that I'm a natural 160-pounder who drops down. I'm very happy with the training camp we had and very confident about this fight."

ALBERTO "EXPLOSIVO" MACHADO, WBA Super Featherweight World Champion:

"It's been about 10 months since my last fight. But it served me well. It allowed me to get some rest and to work on some technical details I needed to work on. I had been boxing for 15 years straight, so it was a necessary rest.

Fighting on HBO for the first time was a dream come true. I used to gather with my friends to watch Miguel Cotto, Ivan Calderon and Felix Trinidad on HBO, so this was definitely a dream come true. The fight against Jezreel Corrales was very tough. At first, he didn't even make weight. I knew he had a lot more experience than I did too. But I brought out the spirit that characterizes us as boxers to walk away with the victory.

For this camp, I worked on strategy and technique. I had more time to travel to Los Angeles and work with Freddie Roach. During this camp, I really got to see why he is a Hall of Fame trainer. I got to see why he's had so many world champions. On July 21, you will definitely see a new and improved Alberto Machado."

Munguia vs. Smith is a 12-round fight for the WBO Junior Middleweight World Championship presented by Golden Boy Promotions in association with Zanfer Promotions and Frank Warren. **Machado vs. Mensah** is a 12-round fight for the WBA Super Featherweight World Title presented by Golden Boy Promotions and Miguel Cotto Promotions in association with Don King Productions. The event is sponsored by Tecate, *"THE OFFICIAL BEER OF BOXING"* and Casa Mexico Tequila. The event takes place Saturday, July 21, 2018 at The Joint at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas. The fight will be televised live on HBO Boxing After Dark beginning at 10:00 p.m. ET/PT.

Tickets for **Munguia vs. Smith** are priced at \$20, \$50, \$75, \$100 and \$125, not including applicable service charges and taxes. To charge by phone with a major credit card, call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000 or The Joint Box Office at (702) 693-5000. Tickets will also be available for purchase at www.goldenboytickets.com and www.ticketmaster.com.

July 21 Boxing After Dark:

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