



SEBASTIAN FUNDORA VS. ERMAL HADRIBEAJ MEDIA WORKOUT QUOTES & PHOTOS

*Also Featuring Brandon Figueroa, Tomoki Kameda,
Armando Reséndiz, Koen Mazoudier & Marco Romero*

**WBC Super Welterweight World Champion Sebastian Fundora Defends
Title Against Unbeaten Mandatory Challenger Ermal Hadribeaj
This Saturday, October 17 Headlining “The Fight” Live on TNT & DAZN
from The Chelsea at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas
In a Premier Boxing Champions Event**

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LAS VEGAS – October 14, 2026 – WBC Super Welterweight World Champion **Sebastian “The Towering Inferno” Fundora** and unbeaten mandatory challenger **Ermal Hadribeaj** kicked off fight week events Wednesday with a media workout before they headline “The Fight” live on TNT and DAZN this Saturday, October 17 from The Chelsea at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas and presented by Premier Boxing Champions.

The workout also featured WBA Featherweight World Champion **Brandon “The Heartbreaker” Figueroa** and former world champion **Tomoki Kameda**, who duel in the co-main event, all-action former world champion **Armando “Toro” Reséndiz** and Australia’s **Koen Mazoudier**, who battle in a 10-round super middleweight showdown and rising star **Marco Romero**, who faces Uruguay’s **Braulio Ferreira** in the eight-round super middleweight opening attraction at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT.

The fourth installment of the acclaimed live monthly boxing series “The Fight”, this event will be broadcast co-exclusively in the U.S. on TNT, truTV and DAZN.

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

The event is promoted by TGB Promotions and Sampson Boxing.

Here is what the fighters had to say Wednesday from Radiant Brand Complex in Las Vegas:

SEBASTIAN FUNDORA

“I don’t take anybody lightly. We’re in nothing but championship fights now, so I have to prepare for everyone like they’re coming to rip my head off. That’s what they’re all trying to do.

“I’m gonna go do what I do best. I’m planning on doing what I do and get this guy out of here. Every time I step into the ring that’s what I plan on doing.

“He had to work hard to get into this position to become world champion. It’s unfortunate that we have to break that dream, but it’s a beautiful dream to have.

“We all deal with injuries. We had it last fight and we still kicked butt. I showed off my jab and a lot of people didn’t think I had that.

“I just want to show everyone that I’m better. When I get hit, it just gives me some extra motivation to show that I’m stronger.

“Me against Jaron ‘Boots’ Ennis is the best fight at 154. That’s the fight everyone wants. But we both have fights we have to get through.”

ERMAL HADRIBEAJ

“I don’t think he’s underestimating me, but I don’t think they know me well. They’re about to see on Saturday night.

“I can fight outside, inside, use angles. I can deal with a lot of that. So he has to be ready for me too. It’s not just him fighting inside. It’s me as well. I can fight inside, outside, all angles.

“Becoming Albania’s first world champion is going to be big. That’s what I’m looking forward to. Securing the belt and making history. It’s big. It’s a dream that everybody has.

“I’m an athletic guy, so I like to take a look at a lot of different styles. There was a moment with me where I was fighting like ‘Albanian Lomachenko.’ He was the one they were saying I looked like. It depends. Every fighter has a different style, so I can be one style with one fighter, another style with another. I don’t know what I’m going to be with Fundora on Saturday night.

“They call me the ‘Albanian Sniper’ because I’m very precise and very calculated. I don’t waste my punches. One thing for sure that I know: win or no win, I know for sure that I’m going to land. When I land, it hurts.

BRANDON FIGUEROA

“Kameda is a come-forward, action fighter like me. They call him ‘El Mexicanito’ for a reason. He fights like he has that Mexican blood in him and he’s going to come fight.

“Manny Robles and I have been working really well together. I’ve been with him for a few months now, and you guys are going to see on October 17. We’ve been working on great things. I just want to keep getting better and better every fight.

“Nick Ball was a great performance on my part, but I’m still not satisfied. I still want the bigger, better fights, and I still want to keep proving myself and elevating my game.

“I come to fight. I’m a very hardcore fighter, a traditional, old-school fighter. I’m here to fight all 12 rounds. I’m here to throw a thousand punches. I’m here for whatever it takes. I train really hard for a reason. The way you train is the way you fight, and the way you guys see me fight is the way I train.

“Inoue is the big fight that everyone wants. Everyone is looking for that fight. Like I said, if he’s moving up to featherweight and wants to challenge me, I welcome him to featherweight. I’m out here for the big fights.

“I’m a big 122-pounder and I’m a big 126-pounder. Eventually, I’ll move up to 130 and 135, but right now I want to stay at 126. I feel great and I want to keep defending my belt.”

TOMOKI KAMEDA

“We’re both fighters that come forward. The fans are going to like this fight, and I do believe that they’re going to enjoy great action on Saturday night.

“We’re confident in our strategy. We have a game plan that we can’t wait to show everyone on Saturday night.

“You never know when it might be your last chance, but I do know that you have to take advantage of the opportunities you’re given because they don’t come along that often. I’m going to be a world champion this Saturday night, take full advantage of it and be my best self.

“I thought I did enough to win the fight against Angelo Leo, but I’m mindful of the fact that I failed in a lot of things. I made some mistakes. I took it as a learning experience, and now I’m a better fighter and I’m prepared for Saturday night.

“I feel even better than ever. At 126, I feel right at home compared to when I was at 118 and 122. And on Saturday night, you’re going to see just how well I feel.

“I moved to Mexico when I was 15 and I full embraced the Mexican style of fighting.”

ARMANDO RESENDIZ

“I took from my last fight that I need to keep learning. I got right back into the gym and now I have an opportunity that I’m ready to take advantage of to the fullest. I’m going to show everything that I’ve learned.

“I’m always ready for any opponent. I’m in great shape and I feel prepared. I’m excited about taking on this challenge.

“I’m very excited for this matchup. This is my opportunity to show that I will become a world champion once again.

“Jaime Munguia came in very well prepared and had a great strategy. I think his experience ended up beating us. But I have nothing to hang my head about. It was an experience that I value and now I’m moving forward.

“Caleb Plant gave me an opportunity, so giving him the rematch would be a great chance to pay it forward.

“I want to be world champion again. I don’t care who I have to fight, I’ll be ready.”

KOEN MAZOUДИER

“Reséndiz is a strong, tough, all-around fighter from what I’ve watched. And being a former world champion, you can never take that away from him. This is a massive step up and a door-opener for me.

“We didn’t have much time to change except for the game plan. The talking in the gym and the game plan of what we’re going to do changed a little bit. But the way that we box is the way we box. We make them change around us. We know what we want to do, and that’s what we focus on.

“We expect him to come forward a little bit more. We expect him to engage a little bit more. And that’s what I’m here for. Anyone who’s watched me knows I come to fight. I’m a fighter’s fighter.

“I bring a firefight every fight. Every fight I’m in is an entertaining fight. I’ve been voted Australia’s Most Entertaining Fight and most of my fights have been in Fight of the Year contention.

“I’m a big fan of this sport as much as I’m a competitor. So fighting a Mexican former world champion in Las Vegas is a bucket-list item.”

MARCO ROMERO

“I don’t think I’m too far. I just came back from a camp sparring with Christian Mbilli and Osleys Iglesias. I held my own in there. I definitely held my own in there, and they showed me just a couple things that I need to work on. But it just shows me I’m not too far from that level.

“I’m ready to go all eight rounds if I need to, and I’m ready for that KO. If I see a kill-shot opening, I’m going for it.

“You’re going to see a dominating performance. I’m a calm guy outside the ring, but once I step in there, El Tiburón comes out. The shark comes out. So yeah, expect that on Saturday night

“I think being on this platform is going to give back to Kansas and be able to put Kansas on the map. So that’s what I’m working toward.”

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ABOUT FUNDORA VS. HADRIBEAJ

Fundora vs. Hadribeaj will see WBC Super Welterweight World Champion **Sebastian “The Towering Inferno” Fundora** bring his can’t-miss, all-action style to the ring against unbeaten mandatory challenger **Ermal Hadribeaj** headlining the latest installment of “The Fight” live on TNT and DAZN on Saturday, October 17 from The Chelsea at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas and presented by Premier Boxing Champions.

The stacked lineup begins at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT and also features two-division champion and reigning WBA Featherweight World Champion **Brandon “The Heartbreaker” Figueroa** making the first defense of his title against Japanese star and former world champion **Tomoki Kameda** in the co-main event.

Plus all-action former world champion **Armando “Toro” Reséndiz** steps in to face Australia’s **Koen Mazoudier** in a 10-round super middleweight showdown while rising star **Marco Romero** duels Uruguay’s **Braulio Ferreira** in the eight-round super middleweight opening attraction.

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