

# JARRETT HURD VS. JULIAN WILLIAMS PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES & PHOTOS



Unified Super Welterweight Champion Jarrett Hurd Defends His Titles
Against Top Contender Julian Williams in Premier Boxing Champions
on FOX and FOX Deportes Main Event Saturday,
May 11 at EagleBank Arena in Fairfax, Virginia

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NATIONAL HARBOR (March 24, 2019) - - Unified and undefeated IBF and WBA 154-pound "Swift" Jarrett Hurd and top contender Julian "J-Rock" Williams previewed their recently announced showdown at a press conference Sunday before they meet in primetime in Premier Boxing Champions on FOX and FOX Deportes action on Saturday, May 11 at EagleBank Arena in Fairfax, Virginia.

Tickets for the event go on sale Thursday, March 28 at 12 p.m. ET and can be purchased through Ticketmaster (ticketmaster.com).

Here is what the fighters had to say Sunday from MGM National Harbor in Maryland:

#### **JARRETT HURD**

"It was very important to fight at home because that's what everyone has been asking for. I'm excited to have the opportunity and I can't wait to step in the ring.

"All of my fights are classics. I know that 'J-Rock' has been watching me and that makes him dangerous. He's coming in with a good game plan and we'll see what it is on fight night.

"Jermall Charlo is a big puncher and he landed some shots that got Julian out of there, but Julian was right in that fight. It was kind of back and forth action until Charlo landed those shots, but Charlo was hurt in that fight too.

"The fighter that I am, I wanted to go out there and close the show against Erislandy Lara. I thought I was up, but it's not in me to just go out and survive. I'm glad I did because it got me the win.

"I'm going to be victorious on May 11. I'm looking for a decisive win. I'm not saying I'm going to to get the stoppage, but it will be convincing that it went my way.

"Tony Harrison beating Jermell Charlo definitely threw a monkey wrench into the plan coming off of surgery. I'm going to go after the WBC belt regardless of who has it, but first I have to take care of Julian."

### JULIAN WILLIAMS

"I'm not Erislandy Lara, I'm going to fight a completely different fight than he did. I'm going to do whatever I have to do to win. That's the kind of fighter Hurd is, so that's the kind of fighter I have to be.

"I think I'm going to win in a classic. We're probably going to have to do it a second time it'll be so good.

"My motivation are those two belts on the line. Any kind of fight with Harrison or Charlo and Hurd has nothing to do with me. I'm focused on what I have to do.

"I had to get over the loss quick. You can't dwell on that. Am I going to mope? No, it's who's up next? I can't even put it into words how hungry I am.

"Hurd is definitely a really exciting fighter. He gives that extra each fight, but I've seen some things. I have a way of wearing guys down myself. I wore Nathaniel Gallimore down fighting off my front foot and I think I'll do the same to Hurd.

"I don't know if there will be extra pressure on him fighting at home. You have to ask him. I know when I fight at home I don't feel any extra pressure. When the bell rings, a fight is a fight."

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### ABOUT HURD VS. WILLIAMS

Hurd vs. Williams pits IBF and WBA 154-pound world champion Jarrett Hurd against top contender Julian Williams in the main event of Premier Boxing Champions on FOX and FOX Deportes Saturday, May 11 from EagleBank Arena in Fairfax, Virginia.

Unbeaten super lightweight contender Mario "El Azteca" Barrios battles Argentina's Juan "The Pitbull" Jose Velasco in a 10-round fight and middleweight contender Matt Korobov clashes with Immanuwel Aleem in a 10-round bout as part of televised action beginning at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT.

Fans can live stream the fights on the FOX Sports app, available in English or Spanish through the FOX, FS1 or FOX Deportes feeds. The fights are available on desktop at FOXSports.com and through the app store, or connected devices including Apple TV, Android TV, Fire TV, Xbox One and Roku.

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