

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT CONTENDERS ELIJAH GARCIA & THOMAS O'TOOLE SQUARE OFF HEADLINING PBC PRELIMS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 STREAMED LIVE ON DAZN & PRIME VIDEO

Plus! Unbeaten Luis Nunez Duels Top Contender Toshiki Shimomachi in IBF Featherweight Title Eliminator Kicking off Live Streaming Presentation at 6:00 p.m. ET/3:00 p.m. PT

Prelims Precede PBC Pay-Per-View Event on DAZN Through Prime Video Headlined by David Benavidez vs. Michal Cieslak Cruiserweight Unification Clash from Desert Diamond Arena in Glendale, Arizona

LAS VEGAS – November 17, 2026 – Rising super middleweight contender **Elijah Garcia** and **Thomas O'Toole** will meet in a 10-round battle that headlines a PBC Prelims presentation streaming live on DAZN and Prime Video on Saturday, December 5 from Desert Diamond Arena in Glendale, Arizona.

The streaming presentation begins at 6:00 p.m. ET/3:00 p.m. PT and will also see undefeated contender **Luis "The Twist" Nunez** facing top contender **Toshiki Shimomachi** in a 12-round IBF Featherweight Title Eliminator, with the winner emerging as the number one contender for current champion Angelo Leo.

Prelims precede a stacked PBC Pay-Per-View event available on DAZN through Prime Video and are headlined by undefeated Mexican superstar and unified WBA and WBO Cruiserweight World Champion **David "El Monstro" Benavidez** making his Arizona homecoming in a high-stakes unification clash against WBC Cruiserweight World Champion **Michal Cieslak.**

The pay-per-view begins at 8:00 p.m. ET/5:00 p.m. PT and features a co-main event that will see all-action undefeated star **Vergil Ortiz Jr.** step into the ring against former unified world champion **Keith "One Time" Thurman** in a 12-round middleweight affair.

The pay-per-view will also see unbeaten phenom **Emiliano "El General" Vargas** compete in a 10-round super lightweight fight against contender **Omar Juarez,** plus unbeaten Australian star **Nikita Tszyu** makes his U.S. debut in an eight-round super welterweight bout facing **Roberto Valenzuela Jr.**, and rising middleweight star **Marco "El Tiburon" Romero** returns to action against **Cruse Stewart** in the eight-round opening bout.

Tickets for the live event are on sale now through **Ticketmaster.com**.

The event is promoted by Sampson Boxing and TGB Promotions. Ortiz vs. Thurman is co-promoted by Golden Boy Promotions. The Vargas vs. Juarez fight is co-promoted by Top Rank. The Tszyu vs. Valenzuela fight is co-promoted by No Limit Boxing and the Rose Brothers.

****ELIJAH GARCIA VS. THOMAS O'TOOLE****

Fighting out of Phoenix, Arizona, García (18-2, 14 KOs) most recently returned to the win column with a first-round stoppage of Ryan Adams in June. The 23-year-old has faced stiff competition throughout his young career, including a stoppage victory over former world champion Armando Resendiz and a decision win over longtime contender Terrell Gausha. Both of Garcia's defeats have come via close decisions against top contenders Kevin Newman and Kyrone Davis. Garcia first burst onto the scene as a teenage in 2023 with a stoppage of the previously unbeaten Amilcar Vidal, before capping the year with the win over Resendiz.

"Fighting back home in Phoenix on a massive card headlined by David Benavidez is an unbelievable opportunity," said Garcia. "Thomas O'Toole is a tough competitor, but I've been grinding in the gym and preparing to put on a spectacular show for my hometown fans on December 5. Don't blink, because I'm coming to make a statement."

Originally born in Chicago, O'Toole (16-0, 10 KOs) spent his formative years in Ireland and as a boxing pro has made his home base in Boston, where he's amassed a strong following as he rises up the 168-pound rankings. A three-time Irish national champion as an amateur, O'Toole has fought professionally since 2021 and has taken down a series of veteran competition heading into December 5. The 28-year-old's most recent outing saw him dominate Jeremy Cullors on his way to a unanimous decision in April.

"I'm looking forward to showcasing my skills on the world stage," said O'Toole. "This is a fight my team and I have been looking at for almost a year now, and we're excited to have been able to finally put pen to paper. I have nothing but respect for Garcia as a fighter, but I intend to return to Boston 17-0."

****LUIS NUNEZ VS. TOSHIKI SHIMOMACHI****

A rising contender at 126-pounds, Nunez (24-0, 16 KOs) can take another step closer to a world title with a victory on December 5. Originally from Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic and now being guided by top trainer Bob Santos in Las Vegas, Nunez will look to score his third win of the year, following stoppages of Jhan Estiven Camacho in March and Carlos Roberto Perez in May. The 27-year-old IBF number three-rated contender has previously shown his bona fides with an impressive run that saw him best four previously undefeated fighters in a stretch of five outings between September 2021 and April 2023.

"I'm very thankful to my team for this opportunity to move one step closer to becoming a world champion," said Nunez. "I am fully confident that I will be victorious on December 5 and I'm ready to do whatever it takes to achieve that goal. I'm prepared to be the new IBF champion and represent them with honor against the best fighters in the world."

The IBF's number four-rated contender at 126-pounds, Shimomachi (23-1-3, 12 KOs) continued his ascent up the rankings in May, as he won a decision over contender Reiya Abe. The 29-year-old is unbeaten since his third pro fight, including a six-fight winning streak that he'll take into his U.S. debut on December 5. A native of Neyagawa, Osaka, Japana, Shimomachi previously won the Japanese 122-pound world title with a decision over Ryuto Owan in June 2023, holding onto that title until 2025. Shimomachi has gone the ten-round distance six previous times, but will step in for his first 12-round fight against Nunez.

"I'm very excited to fight Luis Nunez in this IBF title eliminator for the number one position," said Shimomachi. "I have been undefeated for the last 10 years and beaten many world-rated contenders. I'm coming to show an impressive victory in Arizona and pave my way to the world championship."

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ABOUT BENAVIDEZ VS. CIESLAK

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