

GARY RUSSELL JR., DAVID PICASSO & MARK MAGSAYO VIRTUAL MEDIA AVAILABILITY QUOTES

Fighters Preview Respective PBC on Prime Video Showdowns Streaming Live Preceding Pacquiao vs. Barrios Pay-Per-View on Saturday, July 19 from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas

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LAS VEGAS – July 9, 2025 – Former world champion Gary Russell Jr., top super bantamweight contender David "Rey" Picasso and former world champion Mark "Magnifico" Magsayo held virtual media availability on Wednesday to preview their respective showdowns featured on a stacked *PBC on Prime Video* lineup Saturday, July 19 from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas and preceding a star-studded PBC Pay-Per-View event on Prime Video headlined by Hall of Fame boxing legend Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao challenging WBC Welterweight World Champion Mario "El Azteca" Barrios.

Topping the streaming presentation is the return of the former longtime featherweight world champion **Russell Jr.** as he steps back into the ring to face **Hugo Castañeda** in a 10-round lightweight showdown.

The undefeated super bantamweight **Picasso** will duel Japanese contender **Kyonosuke Kameda** in a 10-round affair, while the Filipino power-puncher **Magsayo** battles Mexico's **Jorge Mata Cuellar** in a 10-round super featherweight attraction opening the show at 5:30 p.m. ET/2:30 p.m. PT.

These fights lead into a stacked PBC Pay-Per-View event on Prime Video that features a loaded PPV undercard preceding the Pacquiao vs. Barrios main event. In the co-main event, WBC Super Welterweight World Champion **Sebastian "The Towering Inferno"**

Fundora and Australian superstar **Tim Tszyu** look to eclipse 2024's bloodiest fight in their championship rematch. Plus, Mexican star **Isaac "Pitbull" Cruz** meets his hard-hitting countryman **Angel Fierro** for a second time in a 12-round super lightweight duel, while former two-division world champion **Brandon "The Heartbreaker" Figueroa** and top contender **Joet Gonzalez** kick off the pay-per-view at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT with a 10-round featherweight showdown.

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>.

Here is what the fighters had to say Wednesday:

GARY RUSSELL JR.

"It's great to be back. I'm excited to be able to get back out there. The last time I competed was over three years ago and I'm ready to do what I love doing best.

"Boxing is a lifestyle for me. In my last fight I got injured and still thought I did enough to get the win. I always wanted to come back to the sport. I lost my father and one of my younger brothers, so there was a lot that held me back. I also took time to train my younger brothers. I had to take the time to focus and regroup. Now I'm ready to come back to the sport.

"Life is about overcoming obstacles that come your way. You have to have mental resiliency. I'm glad that I'm strong-minded enough to stay tunnel-visioned.

"Now that I'm competing again, my younger brothers are helping to train me. It's cool for the dynamics to switch like that. Even a king needs to be open-minded for constructive criticism. I'm using it all as fuel for progression.

"I'm getting the good fight nerves. It's really more excitement the closer we get to the fight. I'm glad that I'll be ready to go out there and display my skillset to the world.

"Mark Magsayo says he's in for a rematch, but his promoters might not be glad he said that. Because it's real over here. "We have to decide who's the best in the area, so that would make Gervonta Davis or Lamont Roach an interesting opponent. I want to figure out who the best is in our area of the country."

DAVID PICASSO

"I'm just so excited to fight on a card like this. Manny Pacquiao is a boxer who I idolize and who has motivated me to chase my dreams. Fighting before him is a great honor. I know this fight is the most important in my career because I want to fight for the world championship in December.

"I've just been training all the time in between every fight. I'm only focused on the fight in front of me, even though I want to fight for the title in December. Kameda is a rangier fighter, so I'll need to use my movement and still make it exciting.

"This is my second fight in Las Vegas and I know the Mexican fans there love my style. I'm so excited to be fighting in front of those fans.

"All of my life I've been preparing to become a world champion. Ever since I was sevenyears-old. This fight is everything for me. This can change my life. I have to win this fight.

"Life is full of challenges, but you have to focus on what's in front of you. July 19 is the most important thing in my life. Once that's over, we can see what the next step will be. I have to stay mentally focused.

"Every fight is a championship fight for me. Everything is about boxing. When boxing is your life, it's a true passion. It makes every fight a world title fight."

MARK MAGSAYO

"When I knew that Pacquiao was coming back, I wanted to be on that undercard and my wish has come true. I'm so excited to get into the ring.

"It's an honor to be on the undercard of a legend. I can't wait to showcase my talent and I know that I'm going to be at my best.

"My losses at featherweight were largely because of the weight. I was too dehydrated. I had planned to already move up in weight.

"My coach and I are speaking the same language and he's taught me a new style and new techniques. I'm very grateful to have Marvin Somodio in my corner.

"I think this will be a toe-to-toe fight. He's a good fighter so I'm not underestimating him. I'm going to do my best to entertain the fans and if the knockout presents itself, I'll take advantage.

"I'll fight anybody in my division. Whichever champion is willing to step up to the plate. Whoever my promoter's say is available, I'll be ready for them.

"This is my stepping stone to the next level. I need to win this fight. The next fight I'm looking for is a world title fight."

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ABOUT PACQUIAO VS. BARRIOS

Pacquiao vs. Barrios will see Hall of Fame boxing legend **Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao** and WBC Welterweight World Champion **Mario "El Azteca" Barrios** square off in the main event of a star-studded PBC Pay-Per-View event on Prime Video on Saturday, July 19 from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

In the co-main event, WBC Super Welterweight World Champion **Sebastian "The Towering Inferno" Fundora** and Australian superstar **Tim Tszyu** will rematch after engaging in 2024's bloodiest fight.

The action will also feature Mexican star **Isaac "Pitbull" Cruz** and his hard-hitting countryman **Angel Fierro** meeting for a second time in a 12-round super lightweight duel after their action packed February clash, plus former two-division world champion **Brandon "The Heartbreaker" Figueroa** and top contender **Joet Gonzalez** kick off the pay-per-view at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT with a 10-round featherweight showdown.

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