

STACKED PBC ON PRIME VIDEO LINEUP FEATURES FORMER WORLD CHAMPIONS AND TOP CONTENDERS AS THREE-FIGHT BILL LEADS INTO PACQUIAO VS. BARRIOS PAY-PER-VIEW ON SATURDAY, JULY 19

Former Featherweight World Champion Gary Russell Jr. Returns to Take on Hugo Castañeda

Plus! Undefeated Super Bantamweight David Picasso Duels Japanese Contender Kyonosuke Kameda

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Filipino Power-Puncher & Former World Champion Mark Magsayo Battles Mexican Slugger Jorge Mata Cuellar Kicking off Action at 5:30 p.m. ET/2:30 p.m. PT

PBC on Prime Video Prelim Bouts Stream Live & for Free Leading Up to PBC Pay-Per-View Event Available on Prime Video Topped by Manny Pacquiao vs. Mario Barrios Championship Showdown

LAS VEGAS – July 2, 2025 – A loaded three-fight *PBC on Prime Video* lineup will see the return of two former world champions and a battle of super bantamweight contenders all leading up to a star-studded PBC Pay-Per-View event on Prime Video headlined by Hall of Fame boxing legend **Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao** continuing his legendary career by challenging WBC Welterweight World Champion **Mario "El Azteca" Barrios** on Saturday, July 19 from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

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

The action also includes undefeated top super bantamweight **David "Rey" Picasso** dueling Japanese contender **Kyonosuke Kameda** in a 10-round affair, plus Filipino power-puncher and former world champion **Mark "Magnifico" 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>.

**GARY RUSSELL JR. VS. HUGO CASTAÑEDA **

Returning to action for the first time since his nearly seven-year title run ended in a fight where he injured his shoulder, **Gary Russell Jr.** will look to show off the skills that made him boxing's then longest reigning male champion as he makes his lightweight debut in a 10-round fight against veteran **Hugo Castañeda**.

Russell (31-2, 18 KOs) has stayed close to the sport since last fighting, keeping his late father Gary Sr.'s legacy going by training his younger brothers, WBA Super Lightweight World Champion Gary Antuanne and contender Gary Antonio. The Capitol Heights, Md., native first captured the WBC Featherweight World Championship in March 2015 by stopping former multiple division champion Jhonny Gonzalez, and held it until losing a majority decision to Mark Magsayo in January 2022. His run as champion included a stoppage of former world champion Kiko Martinez, and a dominant unanimous decision over former world champion Joseph Diaz Jr., both of whom went on to win championships after losing to Russell. "I'm so glad to be back on this great event on July 19 in Las Vegas," said Russell. "I'm ready to shake off the dust and entertain by doing what I love. Make sure you tune in to see me do my thing."

Originally from Reynoso, Tamaulipas, Mexico, Castañeda (15-2-1, 11 KOs) has ended each of his last three victories by knockout, including an upset over the previously unbeaten Felix Garcia in April 2024. Most recently, Castañeda came up short in an April clash against undefeated prospect Demler Zamora. Now fighting out of Alamo, Texas, the 23-year-old will step into the ring stateside for the sixth time as a professional, where he's amassed a 3-2 record. Castañeda turned pro in 2021, racking up wins in his first 12 bouts.

"This is a huge opportunity for me and I'm coming to take full advantage of it," said Castañeda. "I know that I'm facing a great fighter who's accomplished a lot, but I have everything it takes to get the victory. I'm training hard to be at my best and show everyone what I can do on July 19."

DAVID PICASSO VS. KYONOSUKE KAMEDA

Already owning the WBC Silver title, along with being ranked top five by The Ring and top 10 by the WBO at 122-pounds, the undefeated **David "Rey" Picasso** will look to continue his ascent toward a super bantamweight world championship when he faces Japanese contender **Kyonosuke Kameda** in a 10-round attraction.

The 24-year-old Picasso (31-0-1, 17 KOs) hopes to paint another masterpiece and keep his perfect record intact as he makes his 2025 debut following a 2024 campaign that saw him score five victories. Picasso's big year included triumphs over two former title challengers, as he stopped Damien Vazquez in May and earned a 12-round unanimous decision over Azat Hovhannisyan in August. A native of Mexico City, Picasso closed the year in December with a third round TKO over Yehison Cuello.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity and proud to be part of this card headlined by the legendary Manny Pacquiao in Las Vegas," said Picasso. "Facing Kameda will be a tremendous challenge, but I'm preparing diligently so that I walk out of the ring with my hands raised on July 19. I'm ready to show the world what we're made of and move closer to a year-end title opportunity."

A cousin of Japan's world champion Kameda brothers, Kameda (15-4-2, 9 KOs) will look to bounce back from a February defeat to former two-division world champion Luis Nery. The 26-year-old entered that fight on a five-fight winning streak, with one draw sandwiched between his last eight victories. A native of Osaka, Kameda will make his U.S. debut on July 19, having previously fought exclusively in Japan before he challenged Nery in Mexico. "I'm very excited to make my U.S. debut on July 19 in Las Vegas," said Kameda. "I've gained great experience from my last fight and I'm going to bring it into the ring against Picasso. I come from a family of world champions and I know that I have to do whatever it takes to get my hand raised."

MARK MAGSAYO VS. JORGE MATA CUELLAR

A former world champion at 126-pounds, the Filipino power-puncher **Mark Magsayo** steps into the ring looking to impress on the undercard of his idol Manny Pacquiao, as he continues his run at super featherweight by challenging Mexico's **Jorge Mata Cuellar** in their 10-round opening attraction on Prime Video.

Magsayo (27-2, 18 KOs) captured the WBC 126-pound world title in 2022 by defeating former longtime reigning champion Gary Russell Jr. via decision. Originally from Tagbilaran City, Bohol, Philippines and now fighting out of Southern California, Magsayo dropped the title to Rey Vargas via a narrow split-decision in a July 2022 contest that saw Magsayo send Vargas to the canvas in round nine. Magsayo would go on to engage in a memorable toe-to-toe battle with former champion Brandon Figueroa in March 2023, losing the decision after 12 rounds. Since that fight, Magsayo has won three straight, including knockouts over Isaac Avelar and Bryan Mercado, plus a unanimous decision over Mexican contender Eduardo Ramirez.

"It's an incredible feeling to be back fighting on the undercard of my idol Manny Pacquiao for a second time," said Magsayo. "I'm extremely grateful to my whole team for the opportunity. It's surreal to be training and fighting alongside Manny every day. It brings back memories of being eight-years-old and watching him fight for the first time. Even with all of this, I'm locked in on my goal of becoming a two division world champion. I can't wait to step into the ring and give the fans an exciting fight. I feel great at this weight and I know that I'm facing a tough Mexican fighter. We're both going to be ready to give the fans fireworks on July 19!"

The 24-year-old Cuellar (21-2-2, 13 KOs) enters his July 19 showdown on a five-fight winning streak that followed a narrow split-decision loss to Jose Luis Vazquez Hernandez in August 2023. A product of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, Cuellar will be fighting in the U.S. for the first time when he steps in against Magsayo. The eight-year pro has shown his ability to fight into later rounds, as his last three fights have all gone the 10 round distance, and all in his favor.

"This is going to be another great toe-to-toe Mexico vs. Philippines battle," said Cuellar. "I'm extremely motivated to be facing a former champion like Magsayo on a huge event headlined by Manny Pacquiao. On July 19, I'll leave it all in the ring and give the fans a fight that they're going to love."

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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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