

TOP HEAVYWEIGHT FRANK SANCHEZ, FORMER WORLD CHAMPION OLEKSANDR GVOZDYK AND U.S. OLYMPIAN TERRELL GAUSHA HIGHLIGHT THREE-FIGHT CANELO VS. CHARLO SHOWTIME PPV[®] COUNTDOWN SHOW IN SEPARATE BOUTS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Matchups To Stream Live on SHOWTIME SPORTS® Digital Platforms
Beginning at 5:30 PM ET/2:30 PM PT

Streaming Fights Precede Canelo Álvarez vs. Jermell Charlo SHOWTIME PPV® at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS – September 22, 2023 – Top heavyweight Frank "The Cuban Flash" Sanchez will highlight the stacked three-fight SHOWTIME PPV COUNTDOWN show as he takes on Scott Alexander in a 10-round matchup on Saturday, September 30 leading up to the Canelo Álvarez vs. Jermell Charlo SHOWTIME PPV event taking place at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas. Canelo Promotions will present the Premier Boxing Champions pay-per-view.

The lineup will also see former light heavyweight champion **Oleksandr Gvozdyk** battle Brazil's **Isaac Rodrigues** in an eight-round duel, while 2012 U.S. Olympian **Terrell Gausha** faces **KeAndrae Leatherwood** in an eight-round middleweight bout. The live stream will begin at 5:30 p.m. ET/2:30 p.m. PT and be available on the <u>SHOWTIME SPORTS YouTube channel</u> and <u>SHOWTIME Boxing* Facebook page</u>.

The show will be hosted by award-winning MORNING KOMBAT live digital talk show hosts Luke Thomas and Brian Campbell.

These fights lead into a four-fight pay-per-view telecast beginning at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT and headlined by Undisputed Super Middleweight World Champion Canelo Álvarez defending his titles against Undisputed Junior Middleweight World Champion Jermell Charlo in a historic battle of reigning undisputed champions.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by Canelo Promotions and TGB Promotions, are available through AXS.com.

An amateur standout from his native Cuba, Sánchez (22-0, 15 KOs) now trains in California with renowned trainer of Canelo Álvarez, Eddy Reynoso. The 31-year-old caught the heavyweight division's attention when he scored a career-best win in October 2021, dropping the previously unbeaten Efe Ajagba on his way to a unanimous decision victory. Most recently he blasted out Daniel Martz in one round in April. He will be opposed by the 34-year-old Alexander (17-5-2, 9 KOs), who most recently knocked out Jaime Solorio in August 2022. The Los Angeles-native has challenged many contenders throughout his career, including Zhilei Zhang, Carlos Negron and Travis Kauffman.

After earning a bronze medal representing his native Ukraine at the 2012 Olympics, Gvozdyk (19-1, 15 KOs) turned pro in 2014, eventually defeating a slew of contenders to earn a light heavyweight title shot. He went on to become WBC champion with an 11th-round knockout of Adonis Stevenson and defended the title in 2019 by stopping Doudou Ngumbu in round five. Since losing the belt in a unification match against Artur Beterbiev, Gvozdyk has picked up a pair of victories in 2023, besting Josue Obando in February and Ricards Bolotniks in May. He will take on Mocajuba, Para, Brazil's Rodrigues (28-4, 22 KOs), who most recently dropped a decision to Richard Rivera in February. Rodrigues has also challenged contender Demond Nicholson in a career that dates back to 2005.

A member of the 2012 U.S. Olympic team, Gausha (23-3-1, 12 KOs) was born in Cleveland, Ohio but now fights out of Encino, Calif. The 36-year-old has faced tough competition throughout his career, having fought former champion Austin Trout to a draw in 2019 in addition to decision losses against former champion Erislandy Lara, top contender Erickson Lubin and interim champion Tim Tszyu. Gausha has shown impressive power in recent years, blasting out Jamontay Clark in two rounds in 2021 and most recently stopping Brandyn Lynch in round nine in March. He faces Tuscaloosa, Alabama's Leatherwood (23-8-1, 13 KOs), who has faced numerous former champions and contenders including Caleb Truax, Andy Lee, Hugo Centeno Jr., John Jackson, Steve Rolls and Christian Mbilli.

The non-televised undercard will see 140-pound contender **Gabriel Valenzuela** (27-3-1, 16 KOs) duel **Yeis Gabriel Solano** (15-2, 10 KOs) in an eight-round attraction, amateur sensation **Curmel Moton** in his pro debut taking on **Ezequiel Flores** (4-0, 3 KOs) in a six-round super featherweight fight, and super featherweight prospect **Justin Viloria** (3-0, 3 KOs) stepping in for a six-round match against Chicago's **Angel Barrera** (4-2).

Rounding out the lineup is a pair of unbeaten prospects from Kazakhstan as **Bek Nurmaganbet** (10-0, 8 KOs) squares off against **Abimbola Osundairo** (5-0, 3 KOs) in a six-round super middleweight tilt, while middleweight **Abilkhan Amankul** (4-0, 4 KOs) faces **Joeshon James** (7-0-1, 4 KOs) for six rounds of action.

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ABOUT CANELO VS. CHARLO

Canelo vs. Charlo will see pound-for-pound great Canelo Álvarez defend his undisputed super middleweight world titles in a blockbuster showdown against hard-hitting undisputed junior middleweight world champion Jermell Charlo headlining a SHOWTIME PPV on September 30 from T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas. Canelo Promotions will present the Premier Boxing Champions pay-per-view.

The pay-per-view begins at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT and will see undefeated sensation Jesus "Mono" Ramos Jr. take on hard-hitting top contender Erickson "Hammer" Lubin in the 12-round super welterweight co-main event. The pay-per-view also includes former world champions Yordenis Ugas and Mario "El Azteca" Barrios going toe-to-toe for the Interim WBC Welterweight Title. Opening up the action are rising middleweights Elijah Garcia and Armando Reséndiz squaring off in a 10-round attraction.

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