

CANELO VS. GGG 2 UNDERCARD TO BE STACKED WITH WORLD CHAMPIONS AND RETURNING CONTENDERS

BREAKOUT MEXICAN STAR JAIME MUNGUIA TO DEFEND WBO JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT WORLD TITLE AGAINST RUGGED CONTENDER BRANDON 'BAD BOY' COOK IN CO-MAIN EVENT

MIDDLEWEIGHT CONTENDERS DAVID LEMIEUX AND GARY 'SPIKE' O'SULLIVAN TO MEET IN WHAT IS SURE-TO-BE CANDIDATE FOR FIGHT OF THE YEAR

FORMER POUND-FOR-POUND KING ROMAN 'CHOCOLATITO' GONZALEZ TO OPEN PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST AGAINST MOISES 'MOI' FUENTES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AT T-MOBILE ARENA IN LAS VEGAS PRESENTED LIVE BY HBO PAY-PER-VIEW®

LOS ANGELES (August 20, 2018): Fans at T-Mobile Arena and millions watching at home will be treated to a stacked undercard featuring current world champions and returning contenders in support of the Sepember 15 fight between Lineal Middleweight World Champion **Canelo Alvarez** (49-1-2, 34 KOs) and WBC/WBA/IBO Middleweight World Champion **Gennady "GGG" Golovkin** (38-0, 34 KOs). The event will take place Saturday, Sept. 15 and will be produced and distributed live by HBO Pay-Per-View beginning at a special time of 8:00 p.m. ET/5:00 p.m. PT.

"This historic rematch between Canelo Alvarez and Gennady Golovkin can only be supported by an equally great undercard," said **Oscar De La Hoya**, Chairman and CEO of Golden Boy Promotions. "That's why some of the best champions and contenders from all over the world will be featured on this event of international proportions, while some of our brightest prospects will have the opportunity of a lifetime on this undercard so they can one day headline events of this magnitude."

In the co-main event, breakout Mexican star **Jaime Munguia** (30-0, 25 KOs) will make the second defense of his WBO Junior Middleweight World Title against rugged Canadian contender **Brandon** "**Bad Boy**" **Cook** (20-1, 13 KOs) in a 12-round battle.

"I'm very motivated to be in such an important card," said **Munguia.** "It will be the most important boxing event of the year. For me it is an honor to be on this card supporting Canelo Alvarez, who is also Mexican, on a date that is so special for Mexico, for me and for all of the people. We will do our best to please the public. I promise to not disappoint, so don't miss my fight and don't miss Canelo vs. GGG 2."

Cook said, "It's always been a dream for me to fight for a world title. To be on the biggest fight card of the year with two of my favorite fighters is a dream come true. Jaime Munguia is an exciting, young, up-and-coming fighter. He has great punching power in both hands. I'm going to do everything possible to bring that world title back home to Canada. I can't thank Golden Boy Promotions enough for giving me this opportunity. I have a great team behind me and we will be ready September 15. I'm coming to fight."

Fernando Beltran, CEO of Zanfer Promotions, said, "It can't get any bigger for boxing than a Pay-Per-View fight in Las Vegas on Mexican Independence Day. That's where Jaime Munguia is fighting and that's where he deserves to fight. He always shows his best on the biggest stages and during biggest moments, so be ready for a spectacular performance from Munguia"

Former IBF Middleweight World Champion **David Lemieux** (39-4, 33 KOs) of Montreal, Canada and Irish warrior **Gary "Spike" O'Sullivan** (28-2, 20 KOs) of Cork, Ireland will go head-to-head in a 12-round middleweight battle that has Fight of the Year candidate written all over it.

Lemieux said, "I'm looking forward to fighting 'Spike' O'Sullivan next. I have some unfinished business at 160. We're going to take one fight at a time. Spike is an action fighter, like me. He's a tough cookie and comes to fight. This is a fight for the fans. Come September 15, I want to steal the show."

O'Sullivan said, "This fight is just another step towards fulfilling my ambition of becoming a world champion and providing a good life for my family! David Lemieux is just an object in my way that I fully intend smashing through! Then, I want Canelo or GGG-either one, it doesn't matter! I'm going to war!"

Former pound-for-pound king and former four-division world champion **Roman "Chocolatito" Gonzalez** (46-2, 38 KOs) of Managua, Nicaragua will make his highly anticipated return against experienced Mexican warrior **Moises "Moi" Fuentes** (25-5-1, 14 KOs) in a 10-round super flyweight battle that will open the HBO Pay-Per-View telecast.

Gonzalez said, "I want to thank God for giving me the opportunity to be back in the ring. This will be my second fight in Las Vegas, and I look forward to fighting on this great show. I have been training hard in California and will give a good show for the fans. I respect Moises Fuentes, and he will be a strong challenge for me. I want to thank Mr. Honda of Teiken Promotions, along with GGG Promotions for making this possible for me to be on the biggest show in boxing. I look forward to seeing all of my fans again and promise a good performance in the ring."

Fuentes said, "This will be a difficult fight because of Gonzalez's style of fighting. But it won't be impossible. In boxing, nothing is written. I still have what it takes to do it-a good record and a lot of potential. I'm confident I will win this fight and Gonzalez will be a big trampoline for me to join the highest levels of boxing."

On the non-televised portion of the card, super lightweight knockout artist **Vergil Ortiz Jr.**(10-0, 10 KOs) of Dallas, Texas looks to add another stoppage victory to his record as he takes on experienced warrior **Roberto** "Massa" **Ortiz** (35-2-2, 26 KOs) of Torreon, Mexico in a scheduled 10-round 140-pound fight.

Rising welterweight prospect **Alexis "Lex" Rocha** (11-0, 8 KOs) of Santa Ana, Calif. will risk his undefeated record against **Carlos Ortiz** (10-2, 10 KOs) of Torreon, Mexico in an eight-round welterweight clash.

Undisputed WBC/WBA/IBF/WBO Champion Cecilia Braekhus (34-0, 9 KOs) of Cartagena, Colombiawill defend her titles in a 10-round welterweight fight.

Francisco Esparza (8-0-1, 3 KOs) of Las Vegas will take on a soon-to-be announced opponent in either a four or six-round featherweight fight.

Canelo vs. GGG 2 is a 12-round fight for the middleweight championship of the world presented by Golden Boy Promotions and GGG Promotions. Munguia vs. Cook is a 12-round battle for the WBO Junior Middleweight World Title presented by Golden Boy Promotions and Zanfer Promotions. Lemieux vs. O'Sullivan is a 12-round middleweight clash presented by Golden Boy Promotions and Eye of The Tiger Management in association with Murphy's Boxing. Gonzalez vs. Fuentes is a 10-round super flyweight fight presented by Golden Boy Promotions and GGG Promotions in association with Teiken Promotions and Zanfer Promotions. The event is sponsored by Tecate,

"THE OFFICIAL BEER OF BOXING," Hennessy, "Never Stop, Never Settle," O'Reilly Auto Parts, Fred Loya Insurance, Interjet, Venom, and Fathom Events. The event will take place Saturday, Sept. 15 at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas and will be produced and distributed live by HBO Pay-Per-View beginning at a special time of 8:00 p.m. ET/5:00 p.m. PT.

"24/7 Canelo/GGG 2" premieres Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 11:30 pm (ET/PT) on HBO. Canelo's fifth "24/7" appearance and Golovkin's third, "24/7 CANELO/GGG 2" is the latest installment of the acclaimed franchise that began in 2007.

Limited tickets for Canelo vs. GGG 2 are still available, and are priced at \$5,000, \$2,500, \$2,000, \$1,500, \$800, \$700, and \$500 not including applicable service charges and taxes. There will be a limit of eight (8) per person at the \$5,000, \$2,500, \$2,000, \$1,500, \$800, \$700 and \$500 price levels. To charge by phone with a major credit card, call 888-9-AXS-TIX (888-929-7849). Tickets are also available for purchase at www.axs.com.

Tickets for the closed circuit telecast of Canelo vs. GGG 2 at MGM Grand, Mandalay Bay, The Mirage and Luxor are priced at \$100, not including applicable fees. Seating is general admission at MGM Grand, Mandalay Bay and The Mirage while Luxor will have assigned seats. Tickets may be purchased at any MGM Resorts International Box Office, by phone with a major credit card at (800) 745-3000 or online at http://www.ticketmaster.com/canelovsggg2.

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