



PACQUIAO VS. BARRIOS UNDERCARD PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES & PHOTOS

*Featuring Sebastian Fundora, Tim Tszyu, Isaac Cruz,
Brandon Figueroa, Joet Gonzalez, Gary Russell Jr.,
David Picasso, Mark Magsayo & More*

**Fighters Preview Respective Showdowns Taking Place This
Saturday, July 19 from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas**

**PBC Pay-Per-View on Prime Video Begins
at 8:00 p.m. ET/5:00 p.m. PT**

**PBC on Prime Video Prelims Stream Live & For Free
Beginning at 5:30 p.m. ET/2:30 p.m. PT**

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LAS VEGAS – July 16, 2025 – Before they step into the ring on a jam-packed PBC event, undercard fighters went face-to-face at a press conference Thursday to preview their respective showdowns taking place this Saturday, July 19 in a PBC event from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

The press conference featured WBC Super Welterweight World Champion **Sebastian “The Towering Inferno” Fundora** and Australia superstar **Tim Tszyu**, who will meet in the co-main event of a stacked PBC Pay-Per-View event on Prime Video.

Also competing in pay-per-view action and facing off Thursday were Mexican rivals **Isaac “Pitbull” Cruz** and **Angel Fierro**, who meet in a 12-round rematch, plus former two-division champion **Brandon “The Heartbreaker” Figueroa** and featherweight contender **Joet Gonzalez**, who kick off the pay-per-view with a WBA Featherweight Title Eliminator at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT.

The press conference also included fighters competing on the three-fight PBC on Prime Video lineup that precedes the pay-per-view. The show will see former world champion **Gary Russell Jr.** take on **Hugo Castañeda** in the 10-round main event, unbeaten super bantamweight contender **David “Rey” Picasso** face Japanese contender **Kyonosuke Kameda**, and former world champion **Mark “Magnifico” Magsayo** battle **Jorge Mata** in the opening attraction at 5:30 p.m. ET/2:30 p.m. PT.

These fights will lead up to the much anticipated showdown between Hall of Famer **Manny “Pacman” Pacquiao** and WBC Welterweight World Champion **Mario “El Azteca” Barrios** as it tops a four-fight PBC Pay-Per-View on Prime Video.

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 [AXS.com](https://www.axs.com).

Here is what the fighters had to say Thursday from MGM Grand:

SEBASTIAN FUNDORA

“This is gonna be a great fight. It was so nice we had to do it twice. We’re gonna put on a great show Saturday night.

“Anything can happen in boxing. That first fight was a reminder. I just had to stick to the plan and that’s what I did.

“I feel very confident. I felt confident in the first fight. We had to run this back. Damage is gonna be done.

“He fought the whole fight with the cut. If he had such a big problem with the cut, the corner would have stopped it. That’s just what I think. I can only speak from my perspective. If he’s fighting, he’s fine.

“I prepare the same way I always prepare. I’m here at the top level and I’m a world champion. The strategies we’ve had have been successful. I’m gonna keep doing what we’ve been doing and win.

“We trained hard for this. This is the dream we worked for. We want to continue to be world champion and build a legacy in this sport.

“We have an icon in Manny Pacquiao in the main event to remind us all that we can be that guy. I’m very motivated for this fight and happy to be here in Las Vegas at the best venue for boxing. We’re gonna put on a great show.”

TIM TSZYU

“You dream of these moments as a young kid and to finally be here for this moment is a pleasure of mine.

“We’re gonna put on one hell of a show. He shoulda killed me the first time, because this time it’s gonna be a whole different story.

“With a proper preparation to see what works and doesn’t work, it’ll play a big part in what happens in the ring. I’m going to have a better and more intelligent performance.

“With adversity, my desire to win only grows. The past has made me who I am today and that’s a dangerous fighter willing to take it all. This is a new phase I’m in. I’m smarter, hungrier and more confident.

“This is what we do. We’re both in it to the very end. At the end of the day, we hop in the ring and we risk it all. We’re perfect dance partners and we bring the best out of each other.

“I’ve never been a guy who’s afraid to get hit. Sometimes you have to take a few to leave a few. That’s just the sport.

“When I come into the ring I come in with the mentality that I’ll do anything to win. I was never going to stop that fight. I’m always in there to finish the fight to the very end. I would have hated it if the corner had stopped the first fight.

“The cut distracted me in the first fight. That’s what I was thinking about in the corner and that presents challenges. He said that I could see clearly, but I obviously couldn’t. That’s why we need the rematch. There are questions to be answered and we’ll answer them.”

ISAAC CRUZ

“I want the fans to be the true winners on Saturday. It’s gonna be a great fight and I can’t wait to get into the ring.

“I’ve fought plenty of fighters who like to talk trash before the fight. All I can do is prepare my hardest. My goal is not to trash talk, it’s to win world titles.

“I’ve focused on my preparation. I feel strong and ready to go. I’m not focused on what happened in the first fight.

“I’m always here to provide great fights for the fans. I fight for them. It doesn’t matter who I’m facing. I’m going to give the fans their money’s worth.

“I’m glad he’s coming for war. He’s gonna have to watch out. We’re in for a great fight on Saturday night.”

ANGEL FIERRO

“You saw in February that it was a war and this will be the same thing once again. I’m very thankful to be on this stacked card. It doesn’t get better than this.

“On Saturday, everything that was in doubt in February is gonna get cleared up. I promise you that.

“The judges made their decision. I decided to move forward and clear everything up on Saturday night. I’m gonna leave no doubt and get my hand raised.

“I’m a man of my word. I’m gonna try my best out there. It’s either ‘Pitbull’ or me, only one of us can remain standing. I have to make sure that I’m standing on top.

“We’re two runaway trains without breaks. We’re gonna go out there and brawl. I’ve focused on my training and I’m ready to show what a true Mexican war is all about.

“I have a better strategy this time around. If he thinks I’m gonna run, I say hell no. I’m here to clash and go toe-to-toe.”

BRANDON FIGUEROA

“This is a stacked card on Saturday and I can’t wait to fight alongside these great warriors. I’m coming with everything.

“This training camp has been amazing with Manny Robles. I was away from my family this time because I want to be at the elite level and make sacrifices. I’ll do anything to be the best in the world.

“I’m in the best shape of my life. I had a great connection with Manny Robles and I’m feeling strong and confident. The passion that I have for this sport is immense, and I can’t wait to go out there and dance on Saturday night.

“This sport is very demanding, but I love to be a part of it. I’m living my dreams fighting on the biggest stages. My brother Omar paved the way for me and I’m grateful to keep it going.

“Gonzalez is an aggressive fighter just like me. I’m gonna leave it all out there in the ring. I’m bringing everything.”

JOET GONZALEZ

“I’m very excited for this fight. I’m extremely motivated to give everyone a great fight on Saturday, and most importantly get that win.

“I’m expecting an exciting matchup. I know he’s very hungry to get back on the winning track. I’m expecting the best Brandon there’s ever been. But I’m planning to get that victory.

“I just have to beat him in every aspect. Whether its boxing or toe-to-toe. I just have to beat him in every way possible and get my hand raised.”

GARY RUSSELL JR.

“I had a great camp. This is a 10-round fight and I don’t expect it to go all 10 rounds.

“I’m just excited to be back. I’ve been focused on everyone else for the past few years. Now I have the time to focus on what I want to do, and that’s this fight on Saturday.

“Hopefully everyone will see what you’re accustomed to seeing and that’s boxing excellence at it’s best. I worked hard and trained hard, and may the best man win.

“The Mexican fighters are like our cousins, so it’s a family affair. I’m glad that he took the fight and I take my hat off to him.”

HUGO CASTAÑEDA

“I’m here to warm the ring up for Manny Pacquiao. It’s gonna be an amazing night. I’m here to get the win.

“This is a great opportunity and I know that I’m facing a great champion. But I’m from Mexico, and we’re bad asses.

“I’m ready for war and you’re gonna see what Mexicans from Reynoso are all about.”

DAVID PICASSO

“I’m so happy for this opportunity. We’re going to be ready for Saturday night. I’m prepared to win and go after all of the world titles.

“I’m ready to go the distance, but if the knockout comes earlier, even better.

“I’ve prepared very intensely. I tried to surpass my own limits. Once I step into the ring, I’m going to fight like it’s the last fight of my life. Like it’s for a world title. That’s just what I do.”

KYONOSUKE KAMEDA

“This is gonna be a great fight on Saturday. This is my moment to take. I’m going to steal the show on Saturday and go on to fight for the title.

“I’ve trained really hard with one goal in mind. I want the world title fight. I’m going to beat David Picasso and that’s the only thing I’m focused on. I’m gonna win by first round knockout.”

MARK MAGSAYO

“I’m so excited to be on this undercard for Manny Pacquiao. It’s Philippines vs. Mexico and we’re gonna give the fans a great fight.

“This rivalry means good fights. We’re going to give the fans a show and leave everything in the ring. I’m glad we’re keeping this rivalry going.

“We’re just focused on this fight. This is what we’ve worked for. We’ll worry about the rest later. I just want to give the fans a great fight.”

JORGE MATA

“This is gonna be an amazing fight, you won’t want to miss it. This is a great opportunity and I’ve prepared like never before. The fans will be the true winners on Saturday night.”

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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 12-round WBA Featherweight Title Eliminator.

Preceding the pay-per-view, champion **Gary Russell Jr.** tops a three fight card streaming live on Prime Video, 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** in a 10-round super featherweight attraction opening the show at 5:30 p.m. ET/2:30 p.m. PT.

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