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## **AKHMEDOV AND ROSADO CLASH ON CANELO-GGG III BILL Explosive Super-Middleweights meet in Las Vegas on Sept 17**

**Ali Akhmedov** and **Gabriel Rosado** will clash for the IBF North American Super-Middleweight title on Saturday September 17 at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada, as part of the undercard to the trilogy clash between **Saul 'Canelo' Alvarez** and **Gennadiy 'GGG' Golovkin**. The event, presented by Matchroom, Canelo Promotions and GGG Promotions, will broadcast live on DAZN Pay-Per-View in the U.S. and Canada as well as around the world on DAZN (excluding Mexico, Latin America, and Kazakhstan).

## TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW VIA AXS.COM

Akhmedov (18-1 14 KOs), promoted by GGG Promotions, bagged a pair of wins inside the distance in 2021 in California to get his path to major title fights back on track after suffering a final round KO defeat to Carlos Gongora in their clash for the IBO strap in December 2020.

That was Akhmedov's third fight on a card topped by his fellow countryman, promoter and Kazakh legend Golovkin, and the big hitting 27 year old will be looking to use the biggest of stages to impress against the Philly star.

Rosado (26-15-1 15 KOs) enjoyed thrilling success against his last eastern European foe, landing a knockout of the year contender when he landed a stunning right hook to demolish the unbeaten Uzbek rising star Bektemir Melikuziev in the third round of their clash in El Paso in June 2021.

Rosado who boxed GGG for the World Middleweight title in January 2013, has tangled with two contenders in his recent bouts, being edged out via majority decision by Shane Mosley Jr in April after taking Jaime Munguia the distance in November – making this a must-win for the 36 year old.

"I'm happy to be a part of this show on DAZN PPV," said **Akhmedov**. "It is a great opportunity for me to demonstrate my skills, especially against such seasoned opponent as Gabriel Rosado. Rosado is very experienced and has a history of fighting the best talents in this division which motivates me even more."

"I'm looking forward to being a part of one of the biggest fight cards of the year," said **Rosado**. "This is an opportunity to do what I did against Bektemir and put myself right back in world title contention!"

"I am very happy for Ali that his next fight will be on DAZN PPV," said **Golovkin**. "And it will be a title fight. It gives Ali an opportunity to show everything he's capable of and make a great impression. As his promoter I have a lot of confidence in Ali and I believe the time has come for him to make a name for himself."

"This fight will be like a 4th of July," said Rosado's trainer **Johnathon Banks**. "It will be full of fireworks with youth vs experience."

Akhmedov's clash with Rosado is the latest addition to the stacked undercard for September 17, led by a co-main fight starring Super-Flyweight sensation **Jesse Rodriguez** defending his WBC World title against **Israel Gonzalez**.

**Diego Pacheco** fights for his first pro belt when he meets **Enrique Collazo** for the WBC USNBC Silver Super-Middleweight title and **Austin 'Ammo' Williams** taking on **Kieron Conway** for the vacant WBA International Middleweight title, all leading into the third installment of the classic modern rivalry between Canelo and Golovkin, with the Mexican king putting his undisputed Super-Middleweight crown on the line against Kazakhstan's reigning WBA and IBF Middleweight ruler in the most anticipated match up of 2022.

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