



JERMELL CHARLO VS. BRIAN CASTAÑO II FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES AND PHOTOS

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Unified WBC, WBA and IBF World Champion Charlo Takes on WBO World Champion Castaño in Highly Anticipated Rematch This Saturday, May 14 Live on SHOWTIME® from Dignity Health Sports Park in Carson, Calif., Headlining a Premier Boxing Champions Event

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LOS ANGELES – May 12, 2022 – Unified WBC, WBA, and IBF 154-pound world champion **Jermell Charlo** and WBO 154-pound world champion **Brian Castaño** received enthusiastic and fervent support from their respective fanbases at a heated and boisterous final press conference on Thursday before they meet in a highly-anticipated rematch for undisputed status at 154 pounds this Saturday, May 14 live on SHOWTIME from Dignity Health Sports Park in Carson, Calif., headlining a Premier Boxing Champions event.

The press conference also featured unbeaten welterweight rising star **Jaron “Boots” Ennis** and undefeated Canadian Olympian **Custio Clayton**, who meet in an IBF Welterweight Title Eliminator in the co-main event, plus Puerto Rico’s **Emanuel Rivera**, who squares off against Mexican contender **Kevin González** in the super bantamweight telecast opener of SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING beginning at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by TGB Promotions and Lions Only Promotions, are on sale now and can be purchased through AXS.com.

Both fighters made clear their intention to leave no doubt in their rematch of one of 2021’s most significant fights, which was fought to a split-draw in July on SHOWTIME. On Saturday night they again will seek to become the first male undisputed super welterweight champion of the four-belt era.

Here is what the press conference participants had to say Thursday from The Westin LAX:

JERMELL CHARLO

"I just have to be dominant. I have to be the best Jermell Charlo, that y'all are yet to see. I'm going to dominate this fight way differently than I did the last fight.

"Castaño is the same fighter as he's been in every fight. He's going to come and keep coming back up. I'm going to use everything I learned from that fight, on Saturday night. I'm going to take advantage of the things that I have that he doesn't have. I'm going to use the skills I'm blessed with.

"I'm going to be stronger, faster and smarter than I've ever been before. Thank you Castaño, for giving me more time to prepare myself.

"I'm grateful for my opportunities. This is my time and I'm focused. He's my target and I'm going to pop him. I know what I possess in the ring. I know who I am and I know where I come from.

"I've worked very hard since last July. I know with the dedication that me and Derrick James, along with my whole team, including Joan Guzman, put in, that we're ready. All I have to do is go in there and put it all on the line.

"Knocking people out is what the f*** I do. That's what I'm known for. I'm known for the power and I'm known for the speed. That's what I'm doing.

"I didn't finish him so I think that was the only mistake I made. I'm usually a closer. I have that on the back of my mind. One he's hurt again, and hopefully it's earlier than later, it's over.

"There's nothing he's going to be able to do when we drop these bombs on him Saturday."

BRIAN CASTAÑO

"I prepare myself very seriously for each and every opponent I have in front of me. This time, it's Charlo, and I promise you that I'm going to be more than ready to give the fans a show on Saturday night.

"I thought fighting in his home state was a factor with the judges last time. I still think I'm the visitor here, but it has more of a 'neutral' feel to it than San Antonio did. My lesson I learned is to always have my guard up and be ready for whatever comes my way.

"It is going to be special to show everyone what I'm capable of, especially in front of the Latin fans here. This is the culmination of years of work. I'm anxious to go out there and prove that I'm the champion and give the Latin fans the show that they deserve.

"He can say whatever he wants. I could care less if he wants to knock me out. Let's go out there and see if he can withstand my punishment for 12 rounds.

The lack of respect he has for a fellow athlete bothered me. He said a lot of things that I thought were out of line. I don't know why he's all edgy and screaming and nervous. I'd rather him show that energy in the ring.

“There isn’t one specific weapon I have that’s better than him, because I tailor my style to my opponent. Charlo is going to see what I have in store for him. I’m more than ready to show that what I’ve prepared is more than enough to get the win.

“Charlo is a top-tier fighter. That’s definitely true. But at this level, everyone has power. Only one opponent has sent me to the mat, and it wasn’t Charlo. He’s strong, but there’s nothing about his power that truly stands out to me compared to other fighters I’ve faced.

“Saturday is going to be electric. The way that we’ve been spicing this up, we’re guaranteeing a spectacle. You’re not going to want to miss it.

“The first fight motivated me because I thought that I won. I learned that I can’t leave this fight in the hands of the judges. I need to leave no doubt that I’m the superior fighter.”

JARON ENNIS

“On paper, I don’t know if he’s my toughest challenge. We won’t know until fight night. We’ll see when we get into the ring.

“I don’t watch tape on guys that I fight unless I’ve seen them before. We had a great camp and we’re going to do what we do. Everyone is going to see me shine and make a big statement.

“Most definitely I’m extending my knockout streak Saturday. We’re not looking for it. We’re going to let it come, 19 in a row is definitely coming.

“We’re not looking past Clayton. We’re coming to do damage on Saturday and look good during it. I can talk about the future afterward, but right now I’m locked in on Clayton.

I know we have a banger of a main event, but I’m coming to steal the show. You know what my motto is, I’m in and out like a lottery.

“People are going to see me go in there and be seamless. This is just another day in the office for me. Another day, another dollar.”

CUSTIO CLAYTON

“This would mean everything to me. I took a fight that most people wouldn’t have taken. This is the type of fight that I needed in my career right now. That’s why I’m extremely prepared for this.

“I’m coming to fight. At the end of the day, we can’t say what’s going to happen, but I’m here to fight.

“Of course he’s confident he’s going to get a knockout, but I’m here to make sure that doesn’t happen.

“I haven’t been able to get the fights that I’ve needed. So we decided to take this one, even though it’s a fight that not a lot of people would have taken. This is the fight that I need to prove myself.

“It’s hard to say what his flaws are because I don’t watch a lot of footage. I don’t go by what someone did in their last fight. No one performs the same as they did in their last fight. I have to be prepared on Saturday to do what I’m capable of doing, which is stopping him from getting the win.

"I'm a very smart fighter with a great ring IQ. I haven't been able to show everything yet, but I think that this fight will bring it out of me. This win would show everyone that I belong on his level."

EMANUEL RIVERA

"I promise that I'm going to be 100% on Saturday night and give the best of myself. You're going to see Puerto Rico come out on top again and I'm going to put on a show for everyone.

"This is going to open up a lot of doors and open up a better future for my family. That's why I'm really coming in there as the best version of myself. This is going to be a tremendous fight."

STEPHEN ESPINOZA, President, SHOWTIME Sports

"When we announced our schedule back in March, it was clear that the 154-pound division was going to play a big role in our plans. But we had no idea the results would be this spectacular. In a seven week span we've had every single one of the top six super welterweights fight on SHOWTIME. The goal, is to definitively answer the question without doubt, who is the best 154-pound fighter?"

"Now we have the most important and meaningful fight in the 154-pound division on Saturday night. SHOWTIME Sports is proud to announce this second chance at history. This is a PPV quality card without the PPV.

"No other platform has this level quality and quantity for combat sports. May 14 is another Fight of the Year quality fight. No one else is consistently giving fans these types of matchups week after week. That's what we do at SHOWTIME. We have the best fighting the best week after week.

"If you're not watching this card, then you can't call yourself a boxing fan. Last July in San Antonio there were 12 grueling rounds between two fighters trying to make history as the first undisputed male 154-pound champion in the four-belt era. If ever a matchup begged for a rematch, this is it."

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ABOUT CHARLO VS. CASTAÑO II

Charlo vs. Castaño II will see unified WBC, WBA and IBF World Champion Jermell Charlo and WBO World Champion Brian Castaño in a rematch of one of 2021's most significant fights as they again seek to become the first ever undisputed 154-pound champion in the four-belt era on Saturday, May 14 live on SHOWTIME from Dignity Health Sports Park in Carson, California headlining a Premier Boxing Champions event.

The SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING telecast begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT and will feature rising welterweight star and pound-for-pound talent Jaron "Boots" Ennis dueling unbeaten Canadian Olympian Custio Clayton in an IBF Welterweight Title Eliminator in the co-main event. Kicking off the telecast, Mexican contender Kevin González puts his unbeaten record on the line against Puerto Rico's Emanuel Rivera in a 10-round super bantamweight attraction.

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