

ERROL SPENCE JR. VS. MIKEY GARCIA FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES & PHOTOS

Welterweight Champion Spence Jr. & Four-Division World Champion Garcia Headline PBC on FOX Sports Pay-Per-View Event This Saturday from AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas

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ARLINGTON, TX. (March 13, 2019) - Unbeaten IBF Welterweight World Champion **Errol Spence Jr.** and undefeated four-division champion **Mikey Garcia** went face-to-face at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas Wednesday at the final press conference before they go toe-to-toe at the same venue this Saturday in a Premier Boxing Champions on FOX Sports Pay-Per-View event.

Spence and Garcia shared their thoughts on Saturday's highly anticipated event and posed for photos for media in attendance ahead of this historic event.

Tickets for Saturday's event, which is promoted by Man Down Promotions and Garcia Promotions, in association with TGB Promotions and Ringstar Sports, are on sale now, and can be purchased at SeatGeek.com, the Official Ticketing Provider of AT&T Stadium.

Here is what the press conference participants had to say Wednesday:

ERROL SPENCE JR.

"This is a dream come true fighting in my hometown at AT&T Stadium. I can't wait to put on a great performance. Seeing Mikey's face here today, it's got me hungrier than ever to put on a great performance

"The size difference won't matter. Skill for skill and talent for talent, I'm more dominant than him in every aspect. I'll beat him at anything he wants to do. On paper he's the toughest opponent to date, but once we get in the ring we'll find out.

"I don't think anyone has the power to knock me out. We don't allow that kind of mentality into training camp. I hope he tries though.

"Mikey is supposed to think he's going to win this fight. He called me out, so they obviously think that they see something. I'm glad he's as confident as I am. I hope he keeps that same energy inside of the ring.

"Our training camp, we train for a hard 12 round fight. We prepare for a bruising fight. If I knock him out early, then that's a bonus. We trained for the distance because we know anything can happen in a fight.

"I'm always calm, that's just my demeanor. I could talk to Mikey Garcia in the locker room before the fight then come out and knock his head off. I'm always on go. I'm naturally like this. I've been ready to go for eight weeks. I'm tired of seeing him and I'm just ready for fight night.

"I can't worry about what Mikey sees in me. I let my coach worry about it. Everyone thinks they see something looking on the outside, but it's a lot harder once you're in the ring.

"This win makes me pound-for-pound number one. Mikey has a great record and a big fan base and I feel like winning this fight turns me into a star. Everyone wants to take Floyd Mayweather's place as the face of boxing, and this puts me on the right track to become the face of boxing and the best fighter in the world.

"This is a legendary fight. This is where we see what fighters are made of. There have been a lot of great fights when little guys came up and beat a bigger fighter. You can't ever write off the little guy. This is going to be a hard fight.

"I know I'm the best fighter in the world and I'm going to show it Saturday night. I'm going to punish him and make him wish he took his brother's advice to not take this fight."

MIKEY GARCIA

"I have all the tools and all the skills needed to beat Errol Spence Jr. When it comes to timing, speed, reflexes and defense, you name it, I'm better.

"Here in Texas, it's like a second home. I've won two world titles here. Having great fan support at the grand arrival was a special moment for me.

"I've got to go in there Saturday night and show why I picked this fight. I want to make history and this is the one that will get me there.

"I'm prepared to do whatever it takes to win this fight. We trained very hard. We can go 12 rounds for sure. But, if I get a chance to hurt my opponent, I'm definitely going to jump on him and get the knockout.

"Saturday night, Errol is going to find out why I picked this fight. All of my opponents say they don't see anything special when they watch me, until they get into the ring.

"I know what I have to do on fight night. I know all the work that I put in. I didn't put all that effort in for nothing. Saturday night, I have to execute. Once I get inside the ring, that switch will turn on.

"I have to fight the best fight of my life. If I don't, then I can't overcome the challenge. You don't win a fight with size and weight. We fight smart, we fight intelligently and pick our shots. There are a lot of factors. That's how I win this fight.

"Getting this victory will forever leave my name in the history books. No other fighter is daring to do what I'm doing. I'm here to make history and this fight does that. This fight is about big challenges and obstacles.

"All the attention and buzz about this fight is for real. It's not often you get a fight like this. Undefeated champions in their prime facing each other. If you want to witness history, you better buy a ticket or the pay-per-view."

DERRICK JAMES, Spence's Trainer

"Getting up on the stage today, it was like fight night. I feel what Errol and Mikey are feeling. It's go-time for both of these guys.

"Mikey Garcia is a great opponent, but he's still just another opponent. We're going to go in there and show him why we're better. Errol is feeling great, so I am too.

"Ring intelligence is definitely one of Mikey's best attributes. But he's never been in the ring with Errol. Errol has been in the ring sparring with Floyd Mayweather before and I don't think Mikey has the same ring intelligence as him.

"Errol knows what he should be doing and what he shouldn't be doing during fight week. He will be ready on Saturday night."

ROBERT GARCIA, Garcia's Brother & Trainer

"Not only have all of our sparring partners told us this, but his opponents always say the same thing. Once they're in the ring, they realize how hard Mikey hits and how strong he is. Spence doesn't know that but he'll find out Saturday.

"A lot of fighters have problems with southpaws like Spence, but Mikey has a lot of experience facing lefties and I'm confident that won't be a factor.

"Spence's style is pretty basic, so it's not too hard to find sparring partners to emulate him. Spence does everything right, just like Mikey. From a preparation standpoint, his style isn't a big challenge.

"We haven't just been facing regular sparring partners. They're experienced, talented and undefeated fighters. He's facing middleweights to get ready for this one and I know he will be."

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ABOUT SPENCE VS. GARCIA

Order the PPV and visit PremierBoxingChampions.com for Fight Night Info and more on Errol Spence Jr. and Mikey Garcia.

Spence vs. Garcia is a Premier Boxing Champions on FOX Sports Pay-Per-View event that is headlined by unbeaten IBF Welterweight World Champion Errol Spence Jr. defending his title against four-division world champion Mikey Garcia on Saturday, March 16 from AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

The PBC on FOX Sports Pay-Per-View undercard begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT and will feature undefeated former super middleweight champion David Benavidezbattling veteran contender J'Leon Love, unbeaten former bantamweight champion Luis Nery taking on former champion McJoe Arroyo and fan-favorite Chris Arreola facing unbeaten Jean Pierre Augustin.

Prelims on FS1 and FOX Deportes begin at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT featuring former heavyweight world champion **Charles Martin** squaring off against unbeaten Dallas-native **Gregory Corbin.**

Spence vs. Garcia will be shown on big screens across the nation through FathomEvents. Tickets can be purchased online at www.FathomEvents.com or at participating theater box offices.

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AT&T Stadium is one of the largest, most technologically advanced entertainment venues in the world. Designed by HKS and built by Manhattan Construction, the \$1.2 billion stadium features two monumental arches, the world's largest HDTV video board cluster, an expansive retractable roof and the largest retractable end zone doors in the world. Features of the stadium include seating for 80,000 and expandability for up to 100,000, over 300 luxury suites, club seating on multiple levels and the Dallas Cowboys Pro Shop, open to the public year round. The stadium is also home to a world-class collection of contemporary art, made up of over 50 pieces from an international array of curated artists displayed on the walls and in the grand public spaces of the venue. In addition to being the Home of the Dallas Cowboys since opening in 2009, the stadium has hosted Super Bowl XLV, the 2010 NBA All Star Game, the 2014 NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four, the 2015 College Football Playoff National Championship Game and the annual Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic. The venue has also played host to high school and college football, concerts, championship fights, international soccer matches, and other special events. For more information, go to www.attstadium.com.

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