



SHOWTIME Sports® To Live Stream Wilder vs. Breazeale Undercard Bouts Saturday, May 18 Featuring the BombZquad's Deon Nicholson And Robert Alfonso; Plus, Fellow-Unbeaten Prospect Richardson Hitchins Competes From Barclays Center in Brooklyn

SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING COUNTDOWN Streams Live at 6:30 p.m. ET/ 3:30 p.m. PT on SHOWTIME Sports YouTube Channel and SHOWTIME Boxing Facebook Page Leading up to the SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING® Live Telecast

BROOKLYN (April 25, 2019) - SHOWTIME Sports will provide live streaming coverage of three Wilder vs. Breazeale undercard bouts on the network's social media platforms as part of *SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING COUNTDOWN* beginning at 6:30 p.m. ET/3:30 p.m. PT on Saturday, May 18 from Barclays Center, the home of **BROOKLYN BOXING™**, and presented by Premier Boxing Champions.

Unbeaten cruiserweight **Deon Nicholson** will take on **Brian Howard** in a 10-round fight and undefeated heavyweight and former Cuban Olympian **Robert Alfonso** will face **Iago Kiladze** in a 10-round showdown as two of the BombZquad's rising prospects take center stage. The streaming coverage also includes Brooklyn native and 2016 Haitian Olympian **Richardson Hitchins** returning for his eighth fight at Barclays Center in an eight-round super lightweight bout.

SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING COUNTDOWN streams live on the [SHOWTIME Sports YouTube channel](#) and [SHOWTIME Boxing Facebook page](#) leading up to the evening's SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING® event. The three-fight SHOWTIME telecast begins live at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT and is headlined by WBC Heavyweight World Champion **Deontay "The Bronze Bomber" Wilder** as he makes the ninth defense of his title against mandatory challenger **Dominic "Trouble" Breazeale**.

Tickets for this BombZquad event can be purchased at [ticketmaster.com](#) and [barclayscenter.com](#). Tickets also can be purchased at the American Express Box Office at Barclays Center. Group discounts are available by calling 844-BKLYN-GP.

The undercard action at Barclays Center includes unbeaten rising contender **Antonio Russell** (13-0, 11 KOs) in an eight-round bantamweight fight and 2016 U.S. Olympian **Gary Antuanne Russell** (8-0, 8 KOs) stepping in for an eight-round super lightweight attraction. Additionally, 20-year-old **Dylan Price** (7-0, 5 KOs) competes in a six-round super flyweight matchup and Staten Island's **Kenny Robles** (5-1, 2 KOs) enters the ring for a six-round 140-pound attraction.

Representing Tuscaloosa, Alabama, the same hometown as heavyweight champion Deontay Wilder, Nicholson (11-0, 11 KOs) will look to keep his 100-percent knockout ratio intact when he steps in on May 18. The 28-year-old has fought professionally since 2016 and defeated then once-beaten fighters Shamar Snider and Charles Dale by knockout in his two most recent fights. He will be opposed by Atlanta's Howard (14-2, 11 KOs), who most recently knocked out Garrett Wilson on March 1.

Originally from Havana, Cuba and currently residing in Orlando, Florida, Alfonso (18-0, 8 KOs) was a highly-decorated Cuban amateur who represented Cuba in the 2008 Olympics in addition to capturing a gold medal in the Cuban National Championships. The 32-year-old owns amateur victories over heavyweight contenders Luis Ortiz, Oscar Rivas, Andy Ruiz Jr. and Michael Hunter. Alfonso was victorious three times in 2018 before defeating Ray Austin in his 2019 debut in February. He will take on the 33-year-old Kiladze (26-4, 18 KOs), who is originally from Georgia but now lives in Los Angeles. Kiladze will look to rebound from his last outing, a loss to rising heavyweight Joe Joyce.

At just 21-years-old, Hitchins (8-0, 4 KOs) has quickly become a BROOKLYN BOXING staple, competing in seven of his first eight bouts at his hometown arena. The 2016 Haitian Olympian most recently stopped David Morales after three rounds at Barclays Center in March and will look to pick up his third victory of 2019 when he steps in on May 18.

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ABOUT WILDER VS. BREAZEALE

Wilder vs. Breazeale is headlined by Heavyweight World Champion Deontay Wilder defending his WBC title against top contender Dominic Breazeale Saturday, May 18 live on SHOWTIME from Barclays Center, the home of BROOKLYN BOXING™, and presented by Premier Boxing Champions.

SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING® begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT and features WBC Featherweight World Champion Gary Russell Jr. defending his title against former world champion Kiko Martínez, plus unbeaten super lightweight contender Juan Heráldez squaring-off against former world champion Argenis Méndez in a 10-round attraction. The Heráldez vs. Méndez fight is co-promoted with Mayweather Promotions.

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