



**STACKED LINEUP OF PBC ACTION HITS FOX SPORTS
PLATFORMS ON SEPTEMBER 4 WITH HIGH-STAKES
SHOWDOWNS ON FOX & FS1 LEADING UP TO
FOX SPORTS PBC PAY-PER-VIEW**

**Rising Super Welterweight Joey Spencer Battles Mexican
Contender Kevin Salgado in Battle of Unbeatens Live on FOX
and FOX Deportes September 4 at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT**

**Top Super Bantamweight Contender Ra'eese Aleem Takes on
Mike Plania Live on FS1 on FOX Deportes at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT
from Crypto.Com Arena in Los Angeles**

***Heavyweight Clash Between Andy Ruiz Jr. & Luis Ortiz Tops
FOX Sports PBC Pay-Per-View Event***

LOS ANGELES – August 3, 2022 – Rising unbeaten super welterweight **Joey Spencer** will battle Mexican contender **Kevin Salgado** in a 10-round showdown highlighting PBC action live on FOX and FOX Deportes beginning at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT on September 4 during Labor Day Weekend from Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles.

Prior to the FOX broadcast, undefeated top super bantamweight contender **Ra'eese Aleem** takes on **Mike Plania** in a 10-round attraction live on FS1 and FOX Deportes beginning at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT.

These two exciting matchups will lead up to a stacked FOX Sports PBC Pay-Per-View event at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT which is headlined by the highly-anticipated heavyweight clash between former unified heavyweight world champion **Andy "The Destroyer" Ruiz Jr.** and hard-hitting top contender **Luis "King Kong" Ortiz** meeting in a WBC Heavyweight Title Eliminator.

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

The 22-year-old Spencer (15-0, 10 KOs) turned pro in February 2017 and immediately caught the eye of fans and pundits with his combination of speed, power and athleticism. Following an impressive 2020 campaign, the Linden, Michigan native added three more victories to his ledger in 2021, including his first eight-round fight as he earned a unanimous decision over James Martin in July. Most recently, Spencer kicked off his 2022 with another unanimous decision victory, this time besting Ravshan Hudaýnazarov in March.

"I can't wait to get back in the ring on September 4," said Spencer. "I'm training extremely hard and I'm in amazing shape. This is a great opportunity for me to shine on a big stage and really show what I'm capable of. I'm looking forward to bringing the fans lots of excitement!"

A native of Mexico City, Salgado (14-0-1, 9 KOs) is the younger brother of former super featherweight champion Juan Carlos Salgado and now fights out of San Antonio, Texas. The 24-year-old turned pro in late 2016 and delivered knockouts in six of his first nine outings. After scoring three-straight knockouts between September 2019 and February 2021, Salgado returned to the ring in October 2021 to defeat Ricardo Banuelos Cernas by unanimous decision before most recently fighting Bryant Perrella to a split-draw in his U.S. debut in April.

"Training camp has been great and I'm way ahead of schedule heading into this fight," said Salgado. "I know I'm facing a solid fighter who's a good counter puncher, but I'm preparing to counter that style. This is going to be a very interesting fight, because I'm training to deliver a knockout and win in tremendous fashion."

Owning a top-10 ranking at 122-pounds from multiple sanctioning bodies, Aleem (19-0, 12 KOs) put on the most impressive performance of his career in January 2021 to capture the interim WBA title. Aleem dominated in a battle of unbeaten, dropping Victor Pasillas four times before eventually stopping him in round 11. Raised in Michigan and training out of Las Vegas, the 31-year-old Aleem had stopped his past seven opponents inside the distance before most recently earning a decision victory over Eduardo Baez in November 2021.

"The time is now to take that next step in my career toward a world title shot and I know that a win in this fight will put me on the right path," said Aleem. "I've been waiting for the chance to show everyone why I'm the best super bantamweight in the world. I'm never in a boring fight and you can expect fireworks once again on September 4. I'm going to let my hands send a message to the rest of the division."

The 25-year-old Plania (26-1, 13 KOs) dropped Joshua Greer twice in their June 2020 clash on his way to a career-best decision victory, which he followed up in April 2021 by defeating Emmanuel Mogawa, before stopping Ricardo Nunez in November. A native of General Santos City in the Philippines, Plania has put together an 11-fight winning streak since a 2018 decision loss against former champion Juan Carlos Payano. Plania has fought professionally since 2014, with five of his last six outings taking place stateside.

“Ever since I beat Joshua Greer to put myself in the world rankings, I have been looking for an opportunity to fight the best at 122 pounds and to secure a world title shot,” said Plania. “On September 4, I will show everyone I deserve to fight for the title. I want to thank my whole team for putting me in this position and I can’t wait to get in there and show what I can do.”

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