



**TWO SENSATIONAL MATCHUPS HIGHLIGHT
BENAVIDEZ VS. ANDRADE SHOWTIME PPV®
COUNTDOWN SHOW STREAMING LIVE
ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

**Former World Champion Sergey Lipinets Duels Exciting
Contender Michel Rivera and Rising Prospect
Vito Mielnicki Jr. Battles Mexico's Alexis Salazar
in Bouts Featured on SHOWTIME SPORTS® Digital Platforms
Beginning at 6 PM ET/ 3 PM PT**

***Super Middleweight Superstars David Benavidez
and Demetrius Andrade Square Off in Premier Boxing Champions
Main Event from Michelob ULTRA Arena
at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas***

LAS VEGAS – November 8, 2023 – Two sensational matchups featuring a former world champion, exciting contenders and a rising star will highlight the **SHOWTIME PPV COUNTDOWN** show on Saturday, November 25 leading up to the **David Benavidez vs. Demetrius Andrade** SHOWTIME PPV from Michelob ULTRA Arena at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas and presented by Premier Boxing Champions.

The action is topped by former world champion **Sergey Lipinets** taking on exciting contender **Michel Rivera** in a 10-round super lightweight fight, plus sensational prospect **Vito Mielnicki Jr.** faces Mexico's **Alexis Salazar** in a 10-round super welterweight attraction. The live stream will begin at 6 p.m. ET/3 p.m. PT and be available on the [SHOWTIME SPORTS YouTube channel](#) and [SHOWTIME Boxing® Facebook page](#). The show will be hosted by award-winning **MORNING KOMBAT** live digital talk show hosts **Luke Thomas** and **Brian Campbell**.

These fights will lead into a four-fight pay-per-view telecast beginning at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT and headlined by undefeated two-time super middleweight world champion **David "El Monstruo" Benavidez** defending his Interim WBC Super Middleweight Title against unbeaten two-division world champion **Demetrius "Boo Boo" Andrade** in one of the most intriguing matchups in the star-studded 168-pound division.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by TGB Promotions and Sampson Boxing, are on sale now and available at AXS.com.

Lipinets (17-2-1, 13 KOs) will look for another statement victory on his road to re-claiming a 140-pound world title. After a decorated kickboxing career, Lipinets began boxing professionally in 2014, eventually capturing a world championship with a November 2017 unanimous decision over Akihiro Kondo. Originally from Kazakhstan and now fighting out of Southern California, Lipinets dropped the title in a 2018 clash against four-division champion Mikey Garcia on SHOWTIME® before making a run at welterweight. At 147-pounds, Lipinets stopped two-division champion Lamont Peterson and challenged current top welterweight Jaron Ennis unsuccessfully in April 2021. Most recently, Lipinets returned to 140 pounds to stop former world champion Omar Figueroa Jr. in the eighth round in August 2022 on SHOWTIME.

Born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and now training out of Massachusetts, Rivera (24-1, 14 KOs) burst onto the scene in 2019, making his United States debut with a victory over Rene Tellez Giron on *SHOBOX: The New Generation*®. The 25-year-old continued his ascent with five more victories in 2020 and 2021, before beginning 2022 with triumphs over Joseph Adorno and Jerry Perez. Rivera's momentum was halted in his last outing, as he dropped a showdown between then unbeaten lightweights, losing a decision to Frank Martin in December 2022 on SHOWTIME. He will now debut at 140-pounds seeking to get back on track toward a world title.

Representing Roseland, N.J., Mielnicki (15-1, 10 KOs) has shown improved power in recent outings, stopping three of his last four opponents, including a highlight-reel KO of Jose Sanchez Charles in April. This victory was Mielnicki's second of the year, as he stopped Omar Rosales in four rounds in January. The 21-year-old first turned heads during his exceptional amateur career where he compiled a 147-22 record and was named the Most Outstanding Boxer of the 2011 Junior National Golden Gloves, amongst many accolades before turning pro.

Originally from Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico and now fighting out of Norwalk, Calif., Salazar (25-5, 10 KOs) put together a 15-fight winning streak between 2015 and 2020, eventually earning a shot against top middleweight Carlos Adames that he lost in June 2021. The 28-year-old has won two out of three fights since that outing, including a decision loss to unbeaten Xander Zayas in December 2022. Most recently, Salazar stopped David Rangel in the fifth round of their June showdown.

The non-televised undercard will see Panama's **Pablo Vicente** (23-1, 17 KOs) battling Tajikistan's **Muhammadkhujab Yaqubov** (20-1, 11 KOs) in a 10-round WBC Super Featherweight Title Eliminator, Mayweather Promotions' rising prospect **Carmel Moton** (1-0, 1 KO) in a four-round super featherweight showdown against Memphis-native **Hunter Turbyfill** (3-0, 1 KO), plus undefeated Milwaukee-native **Daniel Blancas** (7-0, 4 KOs) meets Texas' **Raiko Santana** (10-3, 6 KOs) in an eight-round super middleweight bout.

Rounding out the lineup is unbeaten lightweight **Jabin Chollet** (8-0, 7 KOs) stepping in for an eight-round bout, a six-round super lightweight showdown pitting **Israel Mercado** (9-1-1, 7 KOs) against **Wesley Rivers** (4-3), plus welterweight prospect **Alex Holley** (1-0) duels Las Vegas' **Allen Medina** (0-1) in a four-round fight.

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ABOUT BENAVIDEZ VS. ANDRADE

Benavidez vs. Andrade will see undefeated two-time super middleweight world champion David "El Monstruo" Benavidez defend his Interim WBC Super Middleweight Title against unbeaten two-division world champion Demetrius "Boo Boo" Andrade headlining a SHOWTIME PPV on Saturday, November 25 in a Premier Boxing Champions event from Michelob ULTRA Arena at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

The pay-per-view telecast begins at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT and will feature undefeated WBC Middleweight World Champion Jermall Charlo against exciting contender Jose Benavidez Jr. in a 10-round non-title WBC special event in the co-main event. Plus, hard-hitting IBF 140-pound world champion Subriel Matias faces unbeaten mandatory challenger Shohjahon Ergashev and WBA Super Featherweight World Champion Hector Luis Garcia duels top-rated mandatory challenger Lamont Roach in the telecast opener.

For more information visit www.SHO.com/sports, www.PremierBoxingChampions.com, follow #BenavidezAndrade, follow on Twitter @ShowtimeBoxing, @PremierBoxing and @TGBPromotions, on Instagram @ShowtimeBoxing, @PremierBoxing and @TGBPromotions or become a fan on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/ShowtimeBoxing.

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