



## **GERVONTA DAVIS VS. ISAAC CRUZ VIRTUAL PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES**

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### **Unbeaten Five-Time World Champion Gervonta Davis to Defend WBA Lightweight World Title Against Hard-Hitting Isaac Cruz on Sunday, December 5 on SHOWTIME PPV From STAPLES Center in Los Angeles**

**LOS ANGELES** (November 15, 2021) - Unbeaten five-time world champion and boxing’s hottest attraction **Gervonta “Tank” Davis** and hard-hitting **Isaac “Pitbull” Cruz** previewed their showdown for Davis’ WBA Lightweight Championship during a virtual press conference Monday before they square off on Sunday, December 5 live on SHOWTIME PPV from STAPLES Center in Los Angeles in a Premier Boxing Champions event.

Davis’ third-straight pay-per-view headlining attraction will see him take on the IBF-ranked No. 2 lightweight in Cruz, a Mexico City-native who has earned his ‘Pitbull’ moniker through his hardnosed style.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by Mayweather Promotions, GTD Promotions and TGB Promotions, are on sale now and can be purchased at [AXS.com](https://www.axs.com).

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

#### **GERVONTA DAVIS**

“I’m happy and excited to be in this position, I’ve been working hard getting ready for this new opponent. I know Cruz is going to come to fight. The fans are going to be the winners in this fight, because we’re both coming in prepared to be at our best. I’m ready to put on a great show on December 5

“Anything can happen in boxing, so I just try to stay on task. I’m always ready to step up to any challenge thrown my way and get the job done.

“This is a more interesting fight now, because we both come forward. This is going to be something great for the fans and another exciting night for the sport of boxing. May the best man win. We’re both coming with our ‘A’ games.

“He can say I haven’t faced someone like him, but he’s never fought anybody like me either. I can box and I can hit. We’ll see what he’s saying when he gets hit in the face.

“December 5 is going to be fireworks for sure. It’s going to be something you can’t miss. Don’t go get your popcorn or anything like that during this fight. This is another tough task, but this is what I’m made for.

“You always have to adapt in boxing. No matter what comes your way. I’m going to adapt to Cruz. I’m figuring out every day how Cruz is thinking and what he’s going to bring to the fight.

“Cruz has impressed me in his past fights. He comes in there to win. He doesn’t look to just hang in there. He wants to go in and take it. He’s not an opponent I can overlook. A win over him would be big for me.

“It is different training to fight a shorter opponent. I usually fight guys taller than me, so it’s an adjustment. It’s another thing I have to adapt to. Everything we’re doing is to figure him out.

“December 5 is going to be a fireworks show. This is going to be one of the best fights of the year. It’s not just a boxing match, it’s an event. Make sure you come out.

“I’m excited to be in this position. I’m grateful for it. I’m trying to continue to grow as a fighter and just improve each day.”

### **ISAAC CRUZ**

“December 5 is going to be a great fight. I’m ready to shock the world and become the next star in the pantheon of Mexican boxing champions.

“I’m ready to put on a show on December 5 at STAPLES Center. There were a wide-array of feelings when I knew I got this fight, but most of all, it made me really motivated to be ready for this opportunity.

“We are not overconfident in any way, but Gervonta has not fought anyone with my style and with my characteristics. We’re working really hard to make sure my style will work the best that it can on December 5.

“The real winner of this fight is going to be the fans. ‘Pitbull’ and ‘Tank’ are going to crash into each other and people will be on the edge of their seats.

"I can guarantee that I'm hungry and motivated to win this fight. I'm fighting for more than myself, I'm fighting for my family and to make my country proud. I know that if I win this fight, it will change my whole career.

"The key to defeating Gervonta is for me to want it more. I want that belt in my hand. It's going to come down to determination.

"I'm always thankful for the opportunities I get. It's my job to work hard and take advantage of each opportunity as I get them. I'm going to come forward and present my power. Once he feels my power, the fight is going to turn toward me.

"It's up to Gervonta to show that he's a superstar in the ring. I don't see him as an impossible task to defeat at all.

"I always want to fight the best and Gervonta is one of the best. I'm training really hard so that I'm up to that challenge."

#### **LEONARD ELLERBE, CEO of Mayweather Promotions**

"This is an exciting matchup, with the most exciting fighter in the world, Gervonta Davis, taking on Isaac Cruz, who is a tough lightweight and a bonafide top-10 contender. He has an action-packed style himself and he's looking to knock 'Tank' off his throne.

"Mexico is riding high off of Canelo Alvarez's historic undisputed championship victory and now there's a big opportunity for Cruz to stand up for his country and take 'Tank' out. I've had my eye on Cruz since he knocked out Diego Magdaleno on 'Tank's' undercard last year. I was very impressed with the knockout and knew he might get this opportunity down the line.

"'Tank' is always ready. He stays ready, so he doesn't have to get ready. This fight is going to be nothing but fireworks on December 5 and it's definitely ending in a knockout.

"Cruz is coming to fight. He's not a last-minute replacement. He was already fighting on this card, so he's going to be ready. 'Tank' is going to have to be on point for every second of this fight, because Cruz puts a lot of mental pressure on you with the way that he fights."

#### **TOM BROWN, President of TGB Promotions**

"This is going to be an incredible fight on December 5. Los Angeles has been a great boxing city going back over 100 years. Fighters from Mexico City come in with a ton of pride, courage and desire. They flat out don't want to lose. Cruz is a certified Mexican warrior from Mexico City.

"STAPLES Center has a rich tradition of bringing the biggest and best fights to Los Angeles. With Gervonta Davis, you know there will be an incredible atmosphere in the arena. It's going to be bombs away and you won't want to miss it on December 5."

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### **ABOUT DAVIS VS. CRUZ**

Davis vs. Cruz will see five-time world champion Gervonta “Tank” Davis defend his WBA Lightweight Championship against hard-hitting contender Isaac “Pitbull” Cruz live on SHOWTIME PPV on Sunday, December 5 at STAPLES Center in Los Angeles in a Premier Boxing Champions event.

The pay-per-view begins at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT and features rising super welterweight star Sebastian “The Towering Inferno” Fundora facing fellow unbeaten Sergio Garcia in a WBC Super Welterweight World Title Eliminator that serves as the co-main event. Plus, hard-hitting middleweight contenders Sergiy Derevyanchenko and Carlos Adames square off in a 10-round battle, while top featherweight contender Eduardo Ramirez faces former title challenger Miguel Marriaga in the pay-per-view opener.

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