

Ex-NFL Defensive End Ray Edwards Boxes Dan Pasciolla In CBS Sports Sports Network-Televised Heavyweight Bout Sept. 15 at the 2300 Arena in Philadelphia

Philadelphia, PA – Former NFL defensive end Ray Edwards will box Dan Pasciolla in a six-round contest between southpaw heavyweights on Thursday, Sept.15, at the 2300 Arena.

In the main event, Thomas LaManna, of Millville, NJ, and Dusty Hernandez-Harrison, of Washington, DC, meet in a scheduled 10-round bout for the vacant USBA Welterweight title. The card is promoted by Final Forum Boxing, Peltz Boxing Promotions & GH3 Promotions and will be broadcast live on the CBS Sports Network. First of four televised fights begins at 10pm (EST).

Edwards, 31, of Cincinnati, OH, is 11-0-1, 7 KOs. The seven-year defensive end from the Minnesota Vikings and Atlanta Falcons began boxing in 2011 during the NFL owners' lockout and devoted his full-time to it in 2013. He has been learning his craft and is ready to step up in competition. Edwards knocked out Steven Tyner, of New York, in two rounds his last fight Aug. 26 in Minneapolis, MN.

Pasciolla, 31, of Brick, NJ, is 8-1-1 after three years as a pro. He has beaten solid East Coast competition in Bill Marks, John Lennox, Donnie Palmer and former world cruiserweight champion Imamu Mayfield. In his last bout July 22 in Atlantic City, Pasciolla avenged his only defeat with a six-round unanimous over Dante Selby, of Philadelphia.

In another six-round bout, undefeated welterweight Kenneth Sims Jr. faces grizzled veteran Gilbert Venegas.

Sims Jr., 22, of Chicago, IL, is 7-0, 2 KOs, in two years as a pro. He is coming off a six-round decision over Tavorus Teague, of Bakersfield, CA, on March 11 in Tustin, CA.

Venegas, 39, of East Moline, IL, is 14-24-5, 8 KOs, against some of the best at 147 and 154 pounds. Venegas turned pro in 1999 and has wins over Ed Paredes, Rogelio De La Torre and Lance Williams and he is coming off a six-round draw with undefeated Daniel Denny on Aug. 19 in Wittenberg, WI. Venegas also has boxed Nate Campbell, Jermall Charlo, Mike Jones, Jaime Herrera and Sammy Vasquez and he also boxed a draw with Jesus Soto-Karass.

2016 United States Olympic alternate LeRoy Davila (2-0, 1 KO), of New Brunswick, NJ, will rematch with Edgar Cortes (3-3) of Vineland, NJ, in a bantamweight bout scheduled for six rounds. Davila defeated Cortes by four-round decision on July 22 in Mashantucket, CT. Cortes later earned a four-round decision over Alex Barbosa on Aug. 26 in the loser's Philadelphia backyard.

Opening up the television broadcast will be 17-year-old Devin Haney (9-0, 5 KOs), of Las Vegas, NV, will have his 10th contest in eight months when fights Mike Fowler (5-2, 2 KOs), of Milwaukee, WI.

In a four-round welterweight bout, Jaron "Boots" Ennis (5-0, 5 KOs), of Philadelphia, battles Eddie Diaz (2-4-2), of Torrance, CA.

In six-round bouts:

Anthony Young (13-2, 5 KOs) of Atlantic City, NJ, takes on Malik Jackson (3-9-4, 2 KO's) of Newark, New Jersey.

In a four-round bout, it will be a battle of New Jersey-based

super middleweights as Darryl Bunting (2-0-2, 1 K0), of Asbury Park, meets Darryl Gause (1-0), of Vineland.

Tickets for the nine-fight card, which begins at 7 pm, are priced at \$75, \$50 and \$40 They are available at Peltz Boxing (215-765-0922), at the 2300 Arena (267-273-0945) and Bam Boxing (215-280-6709).

Thomas LaManna will hold a media workout on Monday, September 12th at the Joe Hand Gym in Philadelphia at noon