

# FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES AND VIDEO FOR DON KING PROMOTIONS' PEOPLE'S CHAMPIONSHIP WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29 AT THE EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON IN MIAMI, FLORIDA

**MIAMI, FL (Nov. 29, 2023)**– Ahead of Saturday's action-packed People's Championship boxing card at the Casino Miami Jai Alai, the world's greatest promoter Don King addressed assembled media alongside the athletes from the highly anticipated card.

"We've got five spectacular and action-packed title fights ready for our boxing fans of South Florida," said King. "And since we lost one title fight, we've set a holiday special price of \$25 for this fantastic evening. It's the People's Championship."

WBA Continental America's Middleweight Champion **Ian Green** (17-2, 11 KOs), who has shown his talents at Casino Miami in the past, will defend his title against **Vaughn Alexander** (18-7-1, 11 KOs) of St. Louis, Mo. **Tre'Sean Wiggins** (15-5-3, 8 KOs) of Newburgh, N.Y., will defend his WBA NABA Welterweight Championship against **Chris Howard** (18-2-1, 8 KOs) of Cincinnati, Ohio. The vacant WBA International Lightweight title bout will be up for grabs as **Antonio Perez** (8-0, 5 KOs) of Harrisburg, Pa., will take on Las Vegas' **Haskell Rhodes** (29-5-1, 14 KOs). The WBA NABA Middleweight Championship will be decided when **Alex Castro** (13-1, 11 KOs) of Tulua, Colombia challenges Harry K. Cruz (14-3, 11 KOs) of Bronx, N.Y., via Puerto Rico. The fifth

title fight will see the vacant WBC Youth Intercontinental Super Lightweight championship on the line as Fort Lauderdale's **DeVon Williams** (3-0, 3 KOs) looks for the belt against the savvy **Nelson Morales** from Scranton, Pa., via the Dominican Republic.

One undercard fight rounds out the card as an eight-round bantamweight attraction features Lawrence Newton (15-0, 7 KOs) of Boynton Beach, Fla., taking on **Jonathan Smith** (8-2, 6 KOs) from South Bend, Ind.

Tickets, priced from \$25, are on sale and can be purchased at [www.playcasinomiami.com](http://www.playcasinomiami.com) for the Saturday night card. Ringside tables are \$1,500. Side floor seats are \$50, floor ringside are \$100 and ringside seats are \$300.

**The People's Championship night of boxing also will be available on all Don King Productions social media platforms Plus DonKing.com, [FITE.TV](http://FITE.TV) AND ITUBE247.com FOR FREE.**

Doors will open at 6 p.m., and the action will begin at 7 p.m.

#### **DON KING:**

"I always make it clear that this is for the people, and that is what it is all about. On Saturday night we are going to have a sensational night and give the people what they want. I am very happy with the slate of fights we have lined up, which should deliver an action-packed card.

"On Saturday we are putting the best against the best. All I can do as a promoter is put the platform there. The fighter then needs to perform to become the people's champion. I believe we will give the people what they deserve, which is a spectacular show.

"Ian Green is a tremendous fighter who has fought through trials and tribulations. I believe his matchup against Vaughn Alexander will steal the show."

Ian Green vs. Vaughn Alexander

WBA Continental USA Middleweight Championship

**IAN GREEN:**

"First and foremost, I want to thank God for this opportunity. I want to thank Don King for this platform. There is not much to say, all the hard work has been done and I am prepared for this. I can't wait to perform. I want to prove I'm not just an average middleweight, I want to prove that I am the best middleweight in the world.

"I'm not sleeping on Vaughn; I know he is a great fighter. May the best man win. See you Saturday."

**VAUGHN ALEXANDER:**

"I'm grateful to be back in this position. I guess you could say a few years ago I wasn't ready, but now it's a different situation. I'm a fully grown man. I've got kids, a wife so I'm all the way together. I'm not here to downplay anything Ian has done, but Saturday night Ian about to get that ass tapped. Ian ain't ever been in there with no one like me. I've watched his fights. No disrespect to anyone because take a lot to get in there and put your life on the line. Everyone is fighting for different things, and I know I'm in a position where I'm only a couple of fights from fighting for a world title.

"Saturday it's going to be a helluva night. I must put the middleweight division on notice. They know who I am and what I'm all about. It's no secret. I'm coming and they know however long it lasts, I'm going to be there.

"This isn't a fight about what Ian will do. Ian is just another fighter like anyone else. And Ian doesn't want to win this fight as bad as I do."

Tre'Sean Wiggins vs. Chris Howard

## WBA NABA Welterweight Championship

### **TRE'SEAN WIGGINS:**

"I'm ready and excited. I've put in the hard work and trained so hard. It's been about 10 months since I've been in the ring so I'm looking forward to getting back in there and showing you all what I got. I don't know much about my opponent, but I know he's tough, so I'll be ready."

### **CHRIS HOWARD:**

"It's a shame Adrien [Broner] got injured and had to pull out of the fight, and it bothered me when first heard it because that was a big opportunity for me. Adrien and I have a history together. We've probably sparred over 500 rounds together through camps."

"[My coach] Mike Stafford recently passed and it's very sad we lost such a great man in boxing. That guy was a good dude. He let me into his house when I had some tough times struggling with addiction. So I'm just blessed and grateful for everything."

"I like talking and being up here in the spotlight. Come on out Saturday night and I'm going to put on my best performance."

Antonio Perez vs. Haskell Rhodes

## WBC Vacant International Lightweight Championship

### **ANTONIO PEREZ:**

"I would like to say thank you Don King for letting me perform on this platform. Thank you to my coaches. I've been wanting to fight at 135lbs for a while now, so I feel good that I got this opportunity. I want to say thank you to my new opponent for taking this fight. My last opponent [Antonio Williams] had his chance already two times, so I'm fully focused on my new

task. Let's have a good night on Saturday.

"I don't let anyone throw me off my game and I am always focused. Camp went amazing and it was a long three months. I had to sacrifice a lot, especially with Thanksgiving passing by. This is just another day in the field of boxing."

**HASKELL RHODES:**

"I'm just here to show up and show I'm a big dog too, so come Saturday night let's make it happen."

"I haven't seen much from my opponent. He's youthful, energetic, athletic just what you'd expect from a 21-year-old."

"I've lived and trained my whole fight career in Las Vegas. I've trained with a lot of them. I've sparred everyone from Pacquiao to Floyd Mayweather."

Alex Castro vs. Harry K. Cruz

WBA NABA Middleweight Championship

**ALEX CASTRO:**

"Thank you for being here. I hope everyone likes what they have been seeing this past year. This Saturday you will see another level and a preview of what to expect next year. I will do my best on Saturday to bring the belt home to Tuluá."

De Von Williams vs. Nelson Morales

WBC Vacant Youth International Super Lightweight Championship

**DE VON WILLIAMS:**

"Training camp was great; all the hard work is done and Saturday night I'm going to take care of this easy work."

"I'm just ready to fight. I want to get in there and showcase my skills. I feel like I have an edge over any of my

opponents. When I get in there, I will feel him out in the first round and see what he got then go to work on him.”