

JULIAN WILLIAMS MEDIA WORKOUT QUOTES

Philadelphia, Pa. (March 2, 2016) – Julian “J-Rock” Williams (21-0-1, 13 KOs) held a media workout on Tuesday in Philadelphia at James Shuler Boxing Gym as he prepares to put his undefeated record on the line in a 154-pound world title eliminator this Saturday, March 5, live on SHOWTIME (10 p.m. ET/PT, delayed on the West Coast).

The SHOWTIME BOXING: SPECIAL EDITION® main event pits Williams against Italy’s Marcello Matano (16-1, 5 KOs) as part of a tripleheader live from Sands Bethlehem Events Center in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Also featured on the telecast will be middleweight contender Antoine Douglas (19-0-1, 13 KOs) facing off against Avtandil Khurtsidze (31-2, 20 KOs) in a 10-round middleweight bout and exciting Detroit prospect Tony Harrison (22-1, 18 KOs) battling former title challenger Fernando Guerrero (28-3, 20 KOs) in a 10-round super welterweight matchup.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King’s Promotions, are priced at \$100, \$75 and \$50, not including applicable service charges and taxes and are on sale now. Tickets are available HERE at www.ticketmaster.com. To charge by phone call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000.

Here is what Julian and his trainer, Stephen Edwards, had to say Tuesday:

JULIAN WILLIAMS

“I am extremely focused. There is a lot at stake this Saturday. I am finally in the position I wanted to be in since turning pro.

"I have come to a conclusion that if people don't have to fight Julian Williams then they won't. It hasn't been that frustrating though because I always have a fight on the books. I can't worry about the people who won't fight me. I just have to stay ready and put myself in the mandatory spot. That's what I am going to do on Saturday night.

"It's never any challenge fighting at home. I know exactly what I have to do. I don't cut any corners in camp. The biggest challenge is the waiting because I am so anxious to get in there and get a win, especially in front of my home crowd.

"I always knew I wanted to pursue a boxing career, so I treat it like I want it. I've been dreaming about this for a long time and my opportunity is finally here.

"I've been a student of the game since I started watching boxing. I want to learn and I want to know everything about boxing.

"It means everything to have my biggest fight to date in my backyard. I know my fans cheer loud and it feels great to have their support in my corner.

"I know everything about my opponent. I probably know what kind of toothpaste he used this morning. I searched high and low for videos of Matano. I am ready because I know he is ready.

"He is a little bit awkward. He seems to have a really good gas tank. He said he wants to take me the distance, so we'll see.

"The last fight solidified the things that I already knew about myself. I know I am fundamentally sound and I know I am the hungriest fighter in the world.

"I always want to put on an explosive performance. It's always

about a win.

"In about nine months, Philadelphia will have it's fourth IBF super welterweight champion after David Reid, Robert Hines and Buster Drayton."

STEPHEN EDWARDS, Williams' trainer

"We are ready. It's been a long four-month camp. We thought we were going to fight in January, so we've been grinding through this rough weather early in the morning. Julian is chomping at the bit and ready to rock 'n roll.

"We thought we were going to fight Austin Trout in December, and he saw that Julian gave his opponent a concussion and said I don't want to fight him. It's just that simple. We have to get past Matano and then we can talk about (super welterweight champion Jermall) Charlo.

"Anybody with two hands and a heartbeat can fight. Matano is ranked and just because he isn't well known, it doesn't mean he can't fight. He is 16-1 and they didn't have a hard time convincing him to take the fight. The best soldiers are volunteers. Any time someone willingly comes to someone else's country, you have to take him seriously.

"I don't want to make a prediction, but Julian will hurt this guy very bad."

Thursday, March 3

3:00 p.m. PRESS CONFERENCE -OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Location: Berks Meeting Room (Located inside Sands Bethlehem Events Center)

77 Sands Blvd.; Bethlehem, PA 18015

2:30 p.m. – Media arrival

3:00 p.m. – Press conference begins

Friday, March 4

6:00 p.m. OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Location: Vision Bar (Located inside Sands Bethlehem Events Center)

77 Sands Blvd.; Bethlehem, PA 18015

5:00 p.m. – Media arrival

6:00 p.m. – Fighters to scales

Saturday, March 5

5:30 p.m. SANDS BETHLEHEM EVENTS CENTER DOORS OPEN

Location: 77 Sands Blvd.; Bethlehem, PA 18015

6:45 p.m. FIRST BOUT

10:00 p.m. SHOWTIME BOXING: SPECIAL EDITION BROADCAST BEGINS

CREDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION

Fight night credentials can be picked up on Saturday, March 5 from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at the Backstage Entrance. Proper personal photo ID (Driver's license or passport) is required for credential pick-up.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King's Promotions, are priced at \$108, \$83 and \$58, not including applicable service charges and taxes and are on sale now. Tickets are available HERE at www.ticketmaster.com. To charge by phone call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000.

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