

# ERICKSON LUBIN VS. NATHANIEL GALLIMORE & ROBERT EASTER JR. VS. ADRIAN GRANADOS FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES

READING, Pa. (October 24, 2019) – Top super welterweight Erickson “Hammer” Lubin and all-action Nathaniel Gallimore went face to face two days before they square off in the main event this Saturday night live on SHOWTIME from Santander Arena in Reading, Pa., in an event presented by Premier Boxing Champions.

Thursday’s press conference also featured former world champion Robert Easter Jr. and veteran contender Adrian “El Tigre” Granados, who meet in the co-main event, and heavyweights Frank Sanchez and Jack Mulowayi, who battle in the SHOWTIME BOXING: SPECIAL EDITION opener at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT

Tickets for the event, which is promoted by TGB Promotions and King’s Promotions, are on sale now and can be purchased through Ticketmaster.com or at the Santander box office (Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.).

Here is what the fighters had to say Thursday from the Crowne Plaza Reading:

ERICKSON LUBIN

“It’s been a tremendous training camp with Kevin Cunningham. We worked on everything. It doesn’t matter who comes to the ring Saturday night. We’re definitely ready for anything.

“My plan is not to just take over the division. My plan is to take over boxing and it starts Saturday. I can’t wait to put

on a great performance for everyone to watch. I'm hungry, dedicated and I'm going to be at my best Saturday night.

"Gallimore comes to fight. He's a bigger puncher than Terrell Gausha and he takes risks. We're prepared for everything. It's my time for sure on Saturday.

"Gallimore is a power puncher and he relies on that throughout a fight. He's going to try to land the big shots. We're going to capitalize on the risks he takes.

"We're prepared for it all. We're the total package. Working with coach Cunningham has taken my game to a whole new level. You're going to see something special on Saturday night.

"Saturday night I'm going to walk out with another W. Gallimore is a stepping stone and he's in my way. I'm going to crush him.

"I believe I can stop Gallimore. They say he's a power puncher but so am I. I'm skilled, smart and I'm ready to go. It's going to be 'Hammer Time' on SHOWTIME."

NATHANIEL GALLIMORE

"It's been an amazing training camp. This is not a late replacement, because I've been training hard way before this fight. I knew this opportunity would present itself to me. Saturday night, you're not going to want to miss this legendary performance.

"Lubin should be expecting everything. I'm not a one-dimensional fighter. They can see my fights on tape, but when it comes to Saturday, I'm going to give everyone a memorable night.

"I have more dimensions to my game than what he thinks. He's only seen one side of me. I will show them the whole package on Saturday night.

"I'm feeling great right now. Saturday night is going to be something special for my career. It's going to take my career to a whole new level.

"This is going to be a heated atmosphere. The action is going to be electric. We've accomplished everything we need to in training camp. I'm going to show the world on Saturday all the work we put in.

"On Saturday I will be victorious. It doesn't matter what he brings to the table, I will have an answer for it.

"I can absolutely see myself stopping Lubin. Stay in your seat and don't miss a second. You don't want to miss what I do on Saturday."

ROBERT EASTER JR.

"It feels great to be back in the squared circle training hard for this fight. I'm looking to put on a great performance. Granados is a hell of a fighter and we know he's coming to fight.

"We trained hard for this fight just like every other fight we have. It's going to be action packed. I'm coming to bring the fireworks and I'll see you all on Saturday.

"I felt that it was time to move up in weight. Getting to 135 was cutting a lot of muscle. My body was getting tired so we made that move and this fight presented itself.

"The power is going to be there. My strength coach has worked me really hard and we're getting the feel for this weight class.

"Fighters fight different each time they're in the ring. I'm not only basing it off how he fought Adrien Broner. We have a game plan and we're going to execute it.

"I'm so hungry to get a great victory. I'm back where I belong

amongst the top fighters. I've put in the hard work and on Saturday night you'll see that.

"It's going to be a lot of excitement. I've been working and working and I'm definitely ready to show off these skills."

ADRIAN GRANADOS

"I want to thank everyone who helped me get this opportunity. This is a really good fight and I'm happy that Robert Easter took this fight. Our styles are going to mesh well and there's definitely going to be some fireworks.

"I have a statement to make. I'm going to re-establish myself and I'm more than ready to do just that. It's going to be a great night on Saturday.

"It's no secret that I made my name making a statement at 140. After that statement I never got an opportunity in that division. I was fortunate to share the ring with some of the best in the sport at welterweight, but I've always wanted to make a strong charge at becoming a champion at super lightweight.

"I know that Robert has a lot of talent and is a former champion for a reason. I'm coming in with a new slate, a new plan and I'm going to be ready for anything.

"Some people may see me as a stepping-stone and that's okay. I want people to write me off. I know that people say my back is against the wall. But if it is against the wall, I'm going to come out swinging and give it all I've got.

"You can definitely expect fireworks and the Adrian Granados that the boxing world knows. It's going to be a great fight and may the best man win. I'm more than ready to take home victory."

FRANK SANCHEZ

"I want to thank my whole team for getting this opportunity. I'm very happy to have this fight on Saturday night. I'm looking forward to getting the win on Saturday and moving forward.

"I'm always in shape. I was getting ready for a fight coming up when I got the call to step in to face Mulowayi. We kicked it into overdrive once the fight was set and we're ready for this fight.

"I'm ready to put on a spectacular performance. I know how my opponent moves and how he fights.

"I want to prove that I'm the future of this division. I want all the heavyweights who watch this fight to know that Frank Sanchez is here."

JACK MULOWAYI

"It feels good to be back in the states. I was last here playing basketball but I had to quit because of an injury. It feels great to be here for boxing.

"Training camp went very well. I was prepared to fight Efe Ajagba and I wish him all the best with his recovery. I hope I still get a chance to fight him too. I also want to thank Sanchez for taking this fight on short notice so that we can give the fans a great show.

"I know he's a Cuban fighter and they have a lot of skills. I'm ready for him and I'm here to make a statement."

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ABOUT LUBIN VS. GALLIMORE

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## **Robert Easter Jr. & Adrian Granados Preview Super Lightweight Showdown Taking Place this Saturday, October 26 Live On SHOWTIME® From Santander Arena in Reading, Pa.**

READING, Pa. (October 22, 2019) – Former world champion Robert Easter Jr. and all-action veteran Adrian “El Tigre” Granados will go toe-to-toe this Saturday, October 26 in a crucial super lightweight showdown as both fighters look to insert themselves into the title picture with a win live on SHOWTIME

from Santander Arena in Reading, Pa.

"I want to be the top dog at 140 pounds," said Easter. "I have to go after those guys that have the belts in this division. It doesn't matter to me who I fight. I just have to fight the best and to me all the belts in the division are up for grabs."

"Beating Easter would definitely bring me back to championship contender status," said Granados. "I feel like everything is on the line in this fight. I'm treating this as if my back is against the wall. Easter being a former champ would elevate me for sure, and a win against him would go a long way."

The weight for this fight is of particular note for both fighters as Easter, a former lightweight champion, will make his super lightweight debut and Granados will move back down after suffering defeats to the 147-pound elite. Both believe big improvements could be in-store because of the weight.

"I'll be stronger at this weight and more dominant," said Granados. "I can do a lot more at this weight and it's more natural for me. I'm stricter on my diet and I have to push a little more in training for this weight. But I've had more success at this weight and my body is still geared towards fighting at this weight."

"Overall, this has been night and day from the training camp for my last fight compared to this camp. I was so sick during camp for my last fight that we were almost ready to cancel the fight. This camp has been totally different. I feel completely healthy now and can't wait to put on great performance on October 26."

"I felt it was time to make the move up and explore a higher weight class," said Easter. "Making 135 pounds wasn't that hard for me, but I was taking off too much muscle to make that weight. Now I'll definitely have more power and be better hydrated. I'll feel much more comfortable heading into the

fight and inside the ring.

"I know that the guys I'm facing in this weight class will be stronger too, so we've been working a lot with my strength and conditioning coach. We're doing lots of legs and upper body drills. I'm focusing on staying strong, as well as keeping the cardio up."

With Easter bringing his slick boxing style and top flight speed to the table, and Granados being known as a come-forward fighter who never lets his opponent rest, the winner could be determined by which fighter is able to impose their will and adjust as the fight progresses.

"Granados will come to fight," said Easter. "I know that. I'll try to use my boxing skills and not just stand there banging with him, but you never know how it'll play out until we actually get in the ring. You can't really put together a blueprint. I'll just have to adjust to whatever style he brings to the table on October 26.

"Granados is a tough fighter, and I've had a plenty of tough fights, but he's been in there with some great fighters. I know he'll test me, but I'm ready for whatever he throws at me. I'm training really hard for this one."

"I think this fight is a classic boxer versus puncher-brawler," said Granados. "I am going to apply the pressure and I'm going to come out to take this one from him. I think Robert is a tough, good fighter, but I've been in there with lots of elite fighters.

"I'm excited to be back at my natural weight. I know that he's the taller, longer fighter, but I'm not much shorter than him and I know that I have what it takes to beat him when I'm at my best."

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# **Top Super Welterweight Erickson Lubin Battles Former Title Challenger & U.S. Olympian Terrell Gausha in WBC Title Eliminator Saturday October 26 Live on SHOWTIME® from Santander Arena in Reading, PA**

READING, PA. (September 23, 2019) – Top super welterweight contender Erickson “Hammer” Lubin returns to take on former world title challenger and U.S. Olympian Terrell Gausha in a 12-round WBC title eliminator on Saturday, October 26 live on SHOWTIME from Santander Arena in Reading, Pa., in an event presented by Premier Boxing Champions.

SHOWTIME BOXING: SPECIAL EDITION coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT and features former lightweight world champion Robert Easter Jr. making his super lightweight debut against battle-tested veteran Adrian “El Tigre” Granados in the 10-round co-featured attraction. The televised opener will see former world champions collide as Rau’shee Warren takes on Emmanuel Rodriguez in a 12-round WBC bantamweight title eliminator.

Tickets for the event, which is promoted by TGB Promotions and King’s Promotions, are on sale now and can be purchased through [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or at the Santander box office (Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.).

“Top to bottom this is a card that guarantees action featuring

fighters highly motivated to make statement victories,” said Tom Brown, President of TGB Promotions. “Erickson Lubin is fast on the track to another world title opportunity, but he’ll have to get through a veteran with a tremendous pedigree in Terrell Gausha. With exciting former champion Robert Easter making his 140-pound debut against all-action Adrian Granados, and a bantamweight duel between former world champions Rau’shee Warren and Emmanuel Rodriguez, the fans in Reading and watching in SHOWTIME are going to get their money’s worth Saturday, October 26.”

Orlando, Florida’s Lubin (21-1, 16 KOs) was one of the fastest rising contenders in boxing as he quickly raced to the top of the ladder to challenge Jermell Charlo for the WBC 154-pound championship in 2017. Since the setback against Charlo, the 23-year-old has scored three straight stoppage victories to regain his momentum toward a championship run. In February, Lubin became the first boxer to stop former champion Ishe Smith and is coming off a TKO victory over Zaharia Attou in his last fight on June 29 on SHOWTIME

“I’m extremely excited for the opportunity to showcase my talents once again on SHOWTIME,” said Lubin. “I’m focused on the task at hand, and that’s beating a world class opponent in Terrell Gausha. My plan is to put all of the belt holders in my division on notice with a victory. I’ve been in camp for five weeks with five weeks to go. I’ll be supremely conditioned and fundamentally sound on October 26. You’re definitely not going to want to miss it.”

The 31-year-old Gausha (21-1-1, 10 KOs) is a brilliant ring tactician with an impressive boxing pedigree that included representing the United States at the 2012 Olympics. Born in Cleveland and now living in Encino, Calif., Gausha suffered the only loss on his record when he dropped a unanimous decision to long-reigning WBA Super Welterweight Champion Erislandy Lara in 2017. He most recently fought to a disputed split draw against former super welterweight champion Austin

Trout on May 25.

"This is going to be an action-packed fight with me and a strong young fighter like Lubin," said Gausha. "He's a good test for me. Lubin will be the fourth southpaw in a row that I've faced and I'm ready to go again. I'm just at a point where I want to fight the best and most challenging fights possible. He called me out and I'm definitely going to be ready for him on October 26. The fans won't want to miss it."

A former IBF Lightweight World Champion, Easter (21-1-1, 14 KOs) won the belt with a split decision victory over current champion Richard Commey in 2016 at Santander Arena in Reading. The 28-year-old from Toledo, Ohio successfully defended the title three times before losing it to four-division world champion Mikey Garcia in a 2018 unification clash on SHOWTIME. He is coming off a split draw against Rances Barthelemy in his last fight on April 27 and will be making his super lightweight debut when he steps in against Granados at the site of his first world championship fight.

"I'm moving up to 140 pounds and I've been preparing really hard for this fight," said Easter. "Expect me to come out and be very explosive on October 26. I anticipate Granados coming to fight like he always does. He's a fighter who always comes prepared and puts his heart into it, but I'm going to do the same thing and show that I'm ready to make a statement in this division."

The 30-year-old Granados (20-7-2, 14 KOs) has battled a slew of accomplished junior welterweights and welterweights over the course of his career including Shawn Porter, Adrien Broner and most recently Danny Garcia in April. The 30-year-old from Chicago will return to 140-pounds where he's had most of the success in his career, including his 2015 stoppage of a then-unbeaten Amir Imam.

"I'm expecting a tough fight against Robert Easter Jr. on

October 26," said Granados. "Our styles mesh well. Easter is a sharp fighter and that's why I'm giving it everything I have in training camp. I'm looking to bounce back from my last fight and show everyone that I still have a lot to give the sport of boxing. Easter is a technician in the ring but I'm a warrior and I'm going to come with everything that I have."

Fighting out of his hometown of Cincinnati, Ohio, Warren (16-3, 4 KOs) is looking to climb back into the championship ranks, having won the WBA bantamweight title with a majority decision over Juan Carlos Payano in 2016. The 32-year-old lost the title to Zhanat Zhakiyanov by majority decision in 2017 and is coming off a decision loss to Nordine Oubaali in a January title clash. Warren won his first 13 pro fights after an amateur career that saw him represent the U.S. at the 2004, 2008 and 2012 Olympics.

"I'm ready to bounce back and prove I'm still one of the best bantamweights in the world," said Warren. "This is a great fight for me to do that. After this fight I'm ready to get that belt back again because I miss it. I know these fighters can't beat me when I'm at my best."

The 27-year-old Rodriguez (19-1, 12 KOs) will also look to put himself back in position to reclaim a 118-pound belt with a win on October 26. Fighting out of Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, Rodriguez won the IBF Bantamweight World Title with a unanimous decision victory over Paul Butler in 2018 and defended it successfully against then-unbeaten Jason Moloney. He most recently was stopped by unbeaten champion Naoya Inoue in their May title bout.

"I'm super excited to return in a great fight like this," said Rodriguez. "Warren is a very good fighter and a victory over him will put me where I want to be. I'm thankful for the opportunity to get closer to reaching my goal of becoming a world champion again in 2020. I have learned from the mistakes of my loss and I'm confident everyone is going to be talking

about my performance on October 26.”

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