

# **RAGING BABE RETURNS TO CASINO DEL SOL WITH GUERRA DE GALLOS: JENSEN RAMIREZ VS. TOMAS VALDEZ**

Tucson, Arizona – October 16, 2018 – On the heels of her sold out July 17th event at the award-winning Casino Del Sol Resort & Casino, Michelle Rosado's Raging Babe returns to the same venue on Saturday, November 17th, when super featherweights Jensen Ramirez of Tucson, and Thomas Valdez of Nogales collide in the main event, outdoors at the AVA Amphitheater. Tucson's Alfonso Olvera returns ahead of his anticipated rematch of his sensational bout with Wilberth Lopez on July's card, and Tucson's Christopher Gonzalez faces Nogales' Judas Estrada in a four-round welterweight contest.

Main event fighters Jensen Ramirez (6-2-3, 1K0) and Thomas Valdez (16-4-2, 6K0), have both called Tucson home, but the similarities between the two end there.

Ramirez, 26, is an award-winning tattoo artist when he is not fighting. He defeated Sierra Vista's Jesus Arevalo at Raging Babe's July event, after a two-year layoff, earning a 6-round majority decision over the often-avoided Arevalo. If his bout with Arevalo was about redemption, his upcoming bout with Valdez is about showing Tucson, and all of Arizona, that he belongs in the mix with the top super featherweights in the state.

Valdez, 29, last fought December 1, 2017, when he scored a wide unanimous decision in an 8-round bout versus a far more experienced Daniel Valenzuela of Mexico. A hand injury has kept him on the shelf. Coming from a fighting family, Valdez is trained and managed by his uncle, Oscar Valdez, Sr., who

also happens to be the father of WBO Featherweight Champion Oscar Valdez, Jr. Thomas Valdez will be fighting in Arizona for the first time since a 2013 six-round decision loss to undefeated prospect Victor Castro, of Phoenix, Arizona.

Both Valdez and Ramirez will walk into the ring on November 17th with something to prove – to Tucson boxing fans, and to themselves.

Tucson favorite Alfonso Olvera (10-5-1, 4K0) will make his return on November 17. Olvera has his sights set on an eventual rematch with Wilberth Lopez (23-9,15K0), but cannot afford to stumble along the way. The two thrilled the Guerra De Gallo crowd in the card's main event in July, ending in a split decision that favored Lopez. The decision pleased some and disappointed others in the sold out crowd, and since the bout, both camps and fans who were in attendance that night have called for a rematch. For his part, Olvera has no intentions of looking past his November 17th opponent.

The Gonzalez-Estrada contest features two local prospects who had the fans on their feet during their separate July bouts at Guerra De Gallos. Estrada (1-1, 1 K0) lost that night to Jose Barrera, of Phoenix, but the split decision had the crowd in an uproar. Gonzalez also was in a tight one that night, earning a majority decision over Sergio Lopez.

"When fighters fight – when local fighters fight, and aren't afraid to step into the ring with a friend, former sparring partner or a tough guy, you're going to get great fights," said Raging Babe President and Promoter Michelle Rosado. "That's what I'm about and that's what my events are about. Boxing is at its best when the fights are 50-50 fights, and when fans get their money's worth, and they definitely did that on July card. This event is no different. Hats off to these guys for all being willing to step up and fight in their hometowns. Tucson, if you're thirsty for good, live boxing, get ready for a tall drink of water on November 17th."

Heavyweight Edgar Medina makes his professional debut, Manny Guajardo, Nick Rhoads, and Mike Martinez return, and Arturo Resendiz makes his US debut.

Tickets for Guerra De Gallos start at \$25, and go on sale Thursday, October 18 at 10:00 a.m. Tickets may be purchased at the Casino Del Sol gift shop, online at [www.casinodelsol.com](http://www.casinodelsol.com), or by calling 520-333-5150.

Raging Babe and Casino Del Sol will be hosting a press conference on at 2:00 p.m. on October 25, 2018. Press should apply now for credentials at [www.ragingbabe.com/credentials](http://www.ragingbabe.com/credentials).

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## **Alfonso Olvera vs. Wilberth Lopez Headline “Guerra De Gallos”**

TUCSON, Ariz. (June 12, 2018) – Michelle Rosado’s Raging Babe has built a reputation for quality, sold out events across the country, and she returns to Tucson’s Casino Del Sol on Saturday evening, July 21, with Guerra De Gallos, a fight card that is quickly living up to its name.

The scheduled eight-round main event features a hometown battle between two fighters who have earned their stripes fighting tough competition on the road. After competing in other fighters’ backyards and dealing with their opponents’ home crowds and officials, junior welterweights Alfonso Olvera (10-4-1, 4 KOs) and Wilberth Lopez (21-9, 15 KOs) will have a chance to showcase their incredible tenacity and talent in front of their own families, friends and Tucson fans.

Olvera, who has had trouble finding opponents, has faced top competition since turning pro. In his second fight, he went the distance with Ivan Baranchyk, currently unbeaten at 19-0. Olvera's trail of upsets includes a 2005 unanimous decision over previously unbeaten Ryan "Cowboy" Karl and another over Chicago's Genaro Mendez.

Lopez, who knocked out Phoenix's Keenan Carbajal in his professional debut in 2013, has gone on to fight stiff competition across the country. He was the first to take World Super Bantamweight Champion Isaac Dogboe the distance when they met in 2014. Three years later, Lopez upset Jose Roman (24-2-1, 16 KOs), via unanimous decision in Roman's backyard. Lopez's southpaw style and reach kept Roman at bay and earned him the win.

"This is a fight between two highly skilled, local fighters who have never had the benefit of hand-picked opponents and hometown decisions," said Rosado. "This fight will be one of the best Arizona has seen in years. I'm excited to give Tucson fans what could be Fight of the Year, and to bring back the pride that comes with competing to be the best in the state."

The card is stacked with Tucson talent. Junior lightweight Jensen Ramirez (5-2-3, 1 K0) makes returns against Jesus Arevalo (2-3), and Tucson junior welterweight Christopher Gonzalez (2-0) will make his return to the Old Pueblo after securing his second win in Phoenix earlier this year. Mike Martinez, Emmanuel Guajardo, Nicholas Rhoads, Judas Estrada and Breenan Macias round out the eight-bout card.

Casino Del Sol has hosted boxing events since 2003, and has become a premier destination for boxing in Southern Arizona. Fernando Vargas, Mia St. John and Yori Boy Campas are just a few boxing legends to have graced the casino's ring. "We are excited to bring boxing back to Tucson once again," said Kimberly Van Amburg, CEO of Casino Del Sol. "Our goal is always to provide the best entertainment in Southern Arizona,

and Guerra De Gallos will definitely deliver.”

Tickets for “Guerra De Gallos” start at \$25, and will be available online at [www.casinodelsol.com](http://www.casinodelsol.com), by phone at (520) 333-5150 or at the Casino Del Sol Gift Shop beginning Friday, June 15. A press conference is scheduled for Thursday, June 21 at 2 p.m. at the Paradiso Lounge inside Casino Del Sol. The public is invited.

The July 21 card begins at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. The card is promoted by Raging Babe and Peltz Boxing. For more information, visit [www.RagingBabe.com](http://www.RagingBabe.com).