

FARMER EARNS “PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR” AWARD WITH TITLE WINNER OVER DIB

PHILADELPHIA – IBF junior lightweight champion Tevin Farmer, earned the Briscoe Award for the “2018 Performance of the Year” with his 12-round unanimous decision over Billy Dib in Australia, last August. Farmer won the world title with the victory, and will receive his award on Sunday, April 14, 2019, at the Briscoe Awards in South Philadelphia. Farmer’s overall efforts in 2018 also secured honors as he “2018 Philly Fighter of the Year”.

Farmer became a champion in spectacular fashion, scoring a knockdown over Dib and winning the bout by unanimous decision. The boxing fans voted the performance as the best among three other nominees. It is the third time Farmer has been recognized for having the best performance among Philly boxers (2015, 2016 & 2018). He has won six awards overall, including this year’s award for “Philly Fighter of the Year”.

“It took a lot of work to make this possible,” Farmer said about his awards. “I’m gonna definitely be there (on April 14th). I’m happy to be there. It’s an honor.”

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HENDERSON VS. ROBINSON NAMED “2018 PHILLY FIGHT OF THE YEAR”

PHILADELPHIA – Of the 114 total bouts that took place in the City of Philadelphia in 2018, the final main event of the year proved to be the best. The dramatic and grueling battle between Upper Darby super middleweight Brandon Robinson and out-of-towner Calvin Henderson of Arkansas, was voted by fans as the “2018 Philly Fight of the Year”. Both Henderson and Robinson will be in attendance at the Briscoe Awards on Sunday, April 14, 2019, at Xfinity Live! in South Philly, to receive their awards.

“I am honored to be selected for an accomplishment like the Bennie Briscoe award,” Henderson said. “I go out in every fight and give my all, not only win, but do it in an entertaining fashion.”

The Fight of the Year occurred on December 7th after a contentious build up, and the fighters entered the ring with much to prove. Robinson started fast, but before he knew it, his left eye was marked and beginning to swell. Eventually, Henderson closed Robinson’s eyes and ultimately scored a TKO in round seven. However, Robinson fought hard to turn the tables, and in doing so, the pair created the best fight of the year.

“I had not heard of the Briscoe Awards before my nomination,” Henderson said. “But after I researched, I found it is a very prestigious award. This marks a milestone in my career! ” Henderson and his team will travel from Arkansas to accept his Briscoe Award. Team Robinson will also be in attendance.

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JEREMY CUEVAS TO RECEIVE “PROSPECT OF THE YEAR” AWARD AT BRISCOE AWARDS

PHILADELPHIA – Rising lightweight southpaw Jeremy Cuevas went 5-0, with 3 KOs, in 2018, to improve his overall professional record to 11-0, 8 KOs. During the year, he brought plenty of excitement to local boxing fans, and for his hard work was voted as the best prospect of 2018. Cuevas will receive his award at the 12th Annual Briscoe Awards, Sunday, April 14,

2019, at Xfinity Live! in South Philadelphia.

Cuevas distinguished himself from the pack of nominees with more activity (five bouts), terrific punching power, and higher level of opposition.

“It’s a great honor and blessing,” Cuevas said. “I’ve been watching guys win this award since I was an amateur and used to dream about how cool it would be to finally get one. It’s finally my turn.”

In his first fight of 2019, Cuevas suffered his first professional setback (L8 to fellow-nominee Steven Ortiz). However, Cuevas is still one of Philadelphia’s brightest stars and most promising prospects. Fans anxiously await his return to the ring, and expect big things from Cuevas in the future. This is Jeremy’s first Briscoe Award, but likely not his last.

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FARMER TO BE NAMED “2018 PHILLY FIGHTER OF THE YEAR” AT BRISCOE AWARDS

PHILADELPHIA – IBF junior lightweight champion Tevin Farmer, won three championship bouts in 2018, and when it came to deciding the “2018 Philly Fighter of the Year” Briscoe Award, Farmer proved to be unbeatable. In fan voting, Tevin led the field of nominees to earn the top honor at the Briscoe Awards, which will be presented on April, 14, 2019, at Xfinity Live! in South Philadelphia.

“It’s an honor, Farmer said about being named the “Philly Fighter of the Year”. “I say it’s an honor because we have a lot of great fighters in Philadelphia. Anybody could have gotten this award, but I got it. That’s big.”

Last August, Farmer defeated Australian Billy Dib by unanimous 12-round decision to win the vacant IBF belt, and then defended it twice before the end of the year. In October, Farmer knocked out Irishman James Tennyson in Boston, for his first title defense, and then decisioned Francisco Fonseca of Costa Rica at New York’s Madison Square Garden to close out his year. Recently he defended his title for a third time in Philadelphia.

The only current world champion from Philadelphia also earned the “Performance of the Year” award for his title-winning effort against Dib. Farmer has won Briscoe Awards on four previous occasions, making these his fifth and sixth Briscoe trophies.

“It means a lot, Farmer said. “And I’m definitely gonna be there.”

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FARMER LEADS PACK OF BRISCOE AWARD WINNERS

PHILADELPHIA – Junior lightweight champion Tevin Farmer has been named the “2018 Philly Fighter of the Year” and will receive the Briscoe Award on April 14, 2018. The Philadelphian also earned the award for the “Performance of the Year”, based on his title-winning effort against Billy Dib. Farmer and several other locals will be honored at the 12th Annual Briscoe Awards, a public event held at Xfinity Live! Philadelphia.

The dramatic super middleweight bout between Calvin Henderson and Brandon Robinson was named the “2018 Philly Fight of the Year”. Henderson won the exciting struggle, but both combatants will take home a Briscoe Award.

Other winners, also determined by fan voting, include – Danny

Garcia, "KO of the Year" / Christian Carto, "The One to Watch" / Jeremy Cuevas, "Prospect of the Year" / Samuel Teah, "Upset of the Year" / Paul Kroll, "Rookie of the Year" / Atif Oberlton, "Amateur of the Year". In addition, one photographer will win a Briscoe Award for the "2018 Photo of the Year", at the live event on April 14th.

Two honorary Briscoe Awards for lifetime achievement, will also be given at the event. Philadelphia boxing legend Stanley "Kitten" Hayward will be honored for his long and memorable boxing career, as well as his upcoming 80th birthday, and promoter J Russell Peltz will receive an honorary Briscoe to celebrate his 50th year as a boxing promoter.

The Briscoe Awards are named for Philly icon Bennie Briscoe, who had a 20-year boxing career and perfectly embodied the classic Philly fighter.

Philly Boxing History Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit organization and the Briscoe Awards are one of its many public programs designed to honor, remember, and celebrate local ring history in and around the City of Philadelphia.

Tickets for the April 14th event cost \$10 each and are available for purchase at BriscoeAwards.com or by calling 609-377-6413. Sponsorships and program advertisements are also available, and help to fund this important public event. For more information, please call 609-377-6413.

BRISCOE AWARDS SET FOR THIS

SUNDAY

PHILADELPHIA – Everything is set for the 11th Annual Briscoe Awards, to be held this Sunday afternoon, March 25, 2018, 1-4 PM, at the VBA Clubhouse in Philadelphia. The event celebrates the biggest and best achievements of the Philadelphia-area boxing scene, and is normally attended by boxers – both past and present, other boxing personalities, and fight fans.

“2017 was a memorable year for our local boxing scene, and it will be great to bring everyone together to celebrate it,” said John DiSanto, founder of the Briscoe Awards. “Our event is really just a party – food, drinks, and a coming together of everyone who loves this sport. It’s always great to see the mix of people that come to the Briscoe Awards. The highlight however, is throwing the spotlight on the fighters who worked so hard to entertain all of us fans. It’s always a good day and a fun time.”

Attending the Briscoe Awards this year will be big winner TYRONE BRUNSON, who will receive three awards – for “Fighter”, “Fight”, and “Performance of the Year”, AVERY SPARROW, both the “Prospect of the Year” and the “Breakout Fighter of 2017”, JARON ENNIS, named “The One to Watch”, DYLAN PRICE, the “Rookie of the Year”, MARCEL RIVERS, who scored the “Knockout of the Year”, RAYMOND FORD, the “Amateur of the Year”, and JEROME CONQUEST, who will receive the “Everett Brothers Award”.

The “Photo of the Year” will also be chosen by those in attendance. Former boxing stars, current fighters, fans, and other members of the fight fraternity round out the typical Briscoe Awards crowd.

A limited number of tickets for the March 25, 2018 Briscoe Awards will be available at the door for \$20. That ticket price includes admission, food, draft beer, wine, and soft drinks. The Briscoe Awards will be held between 1:00 PM and

4:00 PM, at the VBA Clubhouse, 2733 E. Clearfield Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19134.

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BOXING PHOTOGRAPHERS TO EXHIBIT THEIR WORK AT BRISCOE AWARDS

PHILADELPHIA – Nine area photographers will each exhibit one photo highlighting local boxing action from 2017 at the 11th Annual Briscoe Awards on March 25, 2018, at the VBA Clubhouse in Philadelphia. The photos will also be judged by those attending the event to determine the “2017 Photo of the Year”. All attendees of the event will be given a ballot and asked to vote for their favorite photo from the nine selections. The photo chosen as the best of the year will win its photographer a Briscoe Award.

“This is the second year we’ve shined a spotlight on the many ring photographers who cover our local fight scene,” said John DiSanto, founder of the Briscoe Awards. “I really appreciate what the photographers do and the contribution they make to our boxing scene. Their photos capture the highs and lows of the sport we love, and it is important to acknowledge that.”

The Briscoe Awards commemorate the biggest and best accomplishments of the Philly-area boxing scene. In addition

to the photography award, ten other prizes will be given out in a variety of categories, including “Philly Fighter of the Year”, “Philly Fight of the Year”, “Knockout of the Year”, “Amateur of the Year”, “Rookie of the Year”, “Prospect of the Year”, and others.

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BRISCOE AWARDS THIS SUNDAY AT 1 PM ET

PHILADELPHIA – After ten years of celebrating the biggest and best achievements of the Philadelphia-area boxing scene, the Briscoe Awards will change the timing of their annual event, from October to March.

“For a few years now, I’ve considered moving the awards up to the first part of the year,” said John DiSanto, founder of the Briscoe Awards. “The original Fall time slot caused a lot of confusion, because by the time we gave out the awards, the fights were old news. Moving to March will allow us to give

out the awards shortly after the fight year ends. I'm a little nervous about making a change, but in the long run, the move will only make the Briscoe Awards better."

The Briscoe Awards honor the key fights and fighters of the Philly area every year. A total of eleven awards will be give out THIS SUNDAY MARCH 25TH AT 1 PM ET, which includes prizes for the "Philly Fight of the Year", the "Philly Fight of the Year", the "Knockout of the Year", "Amateur of the Year", "Rookie of the Year", "Prospect of the Year", "Performance of the Year", "Photo of the Year", and more.

The fighters being honored this year include Tyrone Brunson, Jaron Ennis, Kermit Cintron, Dylan Price, Avery Sparrow, Marcel Rivers, Raymond Ford, Jerome Conquest, and others.

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JARON ENNIS IS THE ONE TO

WATCH IN PHILLY

PHILADELPHIA – Twenty year old welterweight boxer Jaron “Boots” Ennis will be honored as “The One to Watch” at the 11th Annual Briscoe Awards on March 25, 2018. Ennis, currently 18-0, 16 KOs, has been turning heads ever since he turned professional in 2016. After less than two years as a professional, Boots has convinced local boxing fans that he’s destined to become a world champion.

“Ennis has every Philly boxing fan excited,” said John DiSanto, founder of the Briscoe Awards. “He is the real thing and at the rate he’s going, he’ll be fighting for the title in another year.”

Ennis is no stranger to the Briscoe Awards. He won the “Amateur of the Year” two years ago, and was named the “Rookie of the Year” last year. He returns to the Briscoe stage on March 25th to receive his third acknowledgement by Philly Boxing History.

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BRUNSON SETS RECORD WITH THREE BRISCOE AWARDS

PHILADELPHIA – PA State junior middleweight champion Tyrone Brunson will be honored with three Briscoe Awards for the eventful year he had in 2017. During the year, Brunson's efforts won him three bouts, two belts, and kept his career on track for a big fight in 2018. For these accomplishments, Brunson will take home three Briscoe Awards on March 25th – "Philly Fighter of the Year", "Philly Fight of the Year", and "Performance of the Year". This will be the first time a fighter has won three Briscoes in a single year.

"Danny Garcia, Steve Cunningham, Bryant Jennings and Tevin Farmer have all won two before, but Brunson will be the first guy to get three on the same day," said John DiSanto, founder of the Briscoe Awards. "Tyrone had a great year in 2017, so I'm happy for him. The voters got it right."

In addition to the "Fighter of the Year" award, Brunson's give-and-take battle with former world champion Kermit Cintron was named the "2017 Philly Fight of the Year". In the fight, Brunson came off the floor twice to stop Cintron in round five. For that win, Brunson also earned the Briscoe Award for the "Performance of the Year". Along with Brunson, Cintron will receive the Briscoe Award for his participation in the "Fight of the Year".

A number of other fighters will also be honored in various

categories like: "Amateur of the Year, "Prospect of the Year", "Knockout of the Year", Rookie of the Year", etc.

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