

Championship Team Barrera, Mijares and Algieri as Live Commentators for “Tribute To The Kings” Boxing Event

GUADALAJARA, MEXICO (JUNE 17, 2021)—A world class broadcast team will be ringside calling the live boxing action for the “Tribute to the Kings” Pay-Per-View event taking place from Jalisco Stadium in Guadalajara, Mexico this Saturday, June 19th.

Tribute to the Kings, featuring Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. vs. “The Spider” Anderson Silva will be available for live viewing on cable, shown on cable, satellite and digital Pay Per View, starting at 9 p.m. ET / 6 p.m. PT, on for a suggested retail price of only \$39.99. Integrated Sports Media and Joe Hand Promotions will distribute throughout North America via DirecTV, iN Demand, Vubiquity, DISH, SaskTel, Rogers, Shaw PPV and via the FITE.TV website and app in the United States, Canada and select markets world-wide

Handling the blow-by-blow commentary will be Brandon Kyle. Known in the Muay Thai fight business as a broadcaster with Triumphant Combat Sports, he is now a fixture on the Global Sports Streaming (GSS) boxing series, “Best in Boxing.”

The expert analysis will be the work of former junior welterweight world champion, Chris Algieri. In addition to his championship pedigree, Algieri has quickly established himself as one of the best analyzers of fights with his work on Top Rank’s ESPN broadcasts.

Also handling commentary will be longtime boxing analyst, Jaime Motta.

Marcos Villegas will provide the unofficial scorecard.

Comedian Crystal Marie Denha will handle the reporting. Denha had her own sports show titled "The Fumble". She left that to start a comedy career, and now is returning to broadcasting since selling The Fumble. She also hosted Australia Breakfast News Program "Sunrise". She is a first-generation US citizen born to Iraqi parents.

Performing play-by-play calls on the Spanish broadcast will be Hall of Famer, Marco Antonio Barrera. Barrera who can be seen and heard on many of the major fights throughout Mexico, will be the team lead for Tribute to the Kings.

He will be joined by former world champion Cristian Mijares as well as analyst Goyitp Perez. Gerardo Rodriguez will handle the hosting duties at the desk.

Former featherweight contender, Chris Martin, will analyze the fights on the beIN SPORTS undercard pre-show, while Rodriguez and Motta call the beIN SPORTS undercard show in Spanish.

Danny Gonzalez ready for Chris Algieri Showdown

Queens, N.Y. "On January 18th, Star Boxing's Danny "El Gallo" Gonzalez (17-1-1 7K0) of Woodhaven, NY; looks to seize the opportunity of making a splash in the hot Super-Lightweight division by taking on former world champion Chris Algieri (22-3 8K0). As part of a stellar card put forth by Eddie Hearn's Matchroom Promotions shown exclusively on DAZN, and taking place in the famed Hulu Theatre at Madison Square Garden; this cross-town rivalry is not just about title

contention but bragging rights.

The up and coming Puerto Rican prospect Danny Gonzalez, is aiming to upset the apple cart in taking out former sparring partner Chris Algieri; who is in the comeback stage of his career at the age of 34. For the fighter known as "El Gallo", the 28-year-old sees the chance to prove his supporters right and doubters wrong "A win over Algieri will most definitely put me in the spotlight, and hopefully turn me from a prospect to a contender while showing my friends and family how dedicated i've been to the sport." Promoter Joe DeGuardia is known for turning local talents from ticket sellers to title holders, and pitting his two brightest stars against each other on such a big stage elevates the status of two fighters who know how to please a crowd.

While the focus on this matchup is whether or not Chris Algieri can return to former glory and higher pay days, Danny Gonzalez has dreamed of the chance to fight for a title since he first started training under the tutelage of head coach Moises Roman Jr. as an overweight teen looking to get in to shape over 10 years ago. Overlooked by general observers and his opponent alike, motivation is at an all-time high "I'm self-motivated, I only care about the opinions of my team... I believe in myself, I haven't shown my full potential yet in the ring. I guarantee the best version of myself will show up January 18th, and I will shock the world."

When asked on changes made for this camp Gonzalez had this to say: "The training is aggressive and focused like always but for this camp we brought in Felipe Gomez to sharpen up my movement and cutting off the ring, while focusing on my defense." Taking place at 140lbs over 10 rounds, fitness is paramount when facing an opponent known to use up the whole ring, but a different approach was taken since the young fighter's sole loss "I'm having fun and enjoying the training...I'm more open minded, setting a strategy for my opponent and not overworking myself while in camp." Both men

are known for their high levels of physical fitness as well as high punch outputs through their contrasting styles.

Having shared camps together and forming a friendship, “El Gallo” plans on putting their personal relationship on hold in pursuit of his goals; “The fans can expect an extremely entertaining fight from start to finish, I’m coming to bring an all-out war as I see Chris as an obstacle in my way. I’m coming to break him down and show him he can’t compete with a hungrier, younger Rooster like me. He is no longer my idol, now he’s my rival and i will not be denied victory.” Crossroad fights tend to bring out the best in fighters, Danny Gonzalez wants to raise his status and leapfrog Chris Algieri in the rankings to place him as a front runner for a title shot, opportunity is knocking at his door.”

Chris Algieri, Joe DeGuardia and Mike Stanton to be featured speakers at Ring 8 Meeting this Tuesday night at O’Neils Restaurant in Maspeth, New York

New York (November 19, 2018) – Former world junior welterweight champion Chris Algieri; his promoter Joe DeGuardia of Star Boxing and author Mike Stanton will be the featured guest speakers this Tuesday night at the Ring 8 meeting at O’Neill’s Restaurant in Maspeth, New York (64-21 53rd Dr, Maspeth, NY 11378) beginning at 7 PM

"All of our meetings have great guest speakers, but this one will be outstanding" said Ring8 president Jack Hirsch. "Chris Algieri will be boxing at the end of the month and will speak in detail about his latest comeback as well as his career. His promoter Joe DeGuardia will not only be talking about Algieri's future plans, but also the other fighters who Star Boxing promotes. New York Times best selling author Mike Stanton will talk about his latest book, UNBEATEN, on former world heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano. The book has material on Marciano, that is revealing and has never before been published. Books will be available for sale."

Algieri, who will be making his return to the ring on November 30th at the Paramount in Huntington, New York will discuss his career as he has forged a championship career in the ring as well as being a coveted health guru to many other world champions.

Former World Boxing Organization (WBO) Jr. Welterweight Boxing Champion, ISKA World Welterweight Kickboxing Champion and WKA World Super Welterweight World Kickboxing Champion, with over 13 years professional fight experience. Been featured on HBO PPV, HBO Boxing After Dark, NBC Primetime, Showtime EXTREME, PBC on Spike, ESPN Friday Night Fights, and NBC Sports.

Algieri established himself as the 'Pride of Huntington', fighting in Long Island, NY just miles from his hometown of Greenlawn at The Paramount Theater in Huntington, NY, selling out the Theater eight consecutive times. He then went on to headline HBO's Boxing After Dark, where he staged Ring Magazine's Upset of 2014, by defeating Ruslan Provodnikov to win the WBO Super Lightweight World title at Barclays Center in Brooklyn. This led to the biggest fight of his life...

In only his 21st Professional Boxing match; Chris moved up in weight to fight the future Hall of Famer, Manny Pacquiao, in Macao China on HBO Pay Per View. Chris dropped the decision to the Philippino Great, but earned much respect in defeat. The world tour that preceded the build up to fight night saw 7

countries and exposed Chris to countless fans from all over the world.

Joining Algieri will be his longtime promoter Joe DeGuardia.

DeGuardia, who is the President of Joe DeGuardia's Star Boxing has promoted countless world champions and championship fights over the past two-plus decades.

Joe began promoting boxing fights in 1992, founding Star Boxing, a boxing promotional company originally based in the Bronx, NY. For the last 26 years, DeGuardia has been professionally active in the boxing industry promoting. Past and present, boxers promoted by Star Boxing include former world champion Antonio Tarver, two time World Champion and 2008 US Olympian Demetrius Andrade, former WBO Jr. Welterweight champion Chris Algieri, former IBF Welterweight champion Joshua Clottey, former Heavyweight contender Vinny Maddalone and former WBC International Light Heavyweight champ Joe Smith Jr.. In 2016, DeGuardia moved Star Boxing's offices to White Plains, NY.

Stanton will be talking about his terrific book titled "Unbeaten," which is a story about Rocky Marciano – The son of poor Italian immigrants, with short arms and stubby legs, Rocky Marciano accomplished a feat that eluded legendary heavyweight champions like Joe Louis, Jack Dempsey, Muhammad Ali, and Mike Tyson: He never lost a professional fight. His record was a perfect 49-0.

Unbeaten is the story of this remarkable champion who overcame injury, doubt, and the schemes of corrupt promoters to win the title in a bloody and epic battle with Jersey Joe Walcott in 1952. Rocky packed a devastating punch with an innocent nickname, "Suzie Q," against which there was no defense. As the champ, he came to know presidents and movie stars – and the organized crime figures who dominated the sport, much to his growing disgust. He may have "stood out in boxing like a rose in a garbage dump," as one sportswriter said, but he also

fought his own private demons.

In the hands of the award-winning journalist and biographer Mike Stanton, Unbeaten is more than just a boxing story. It's a classic American tale of immigrant dreams, exceptional talent wedded to exceptional ambitions, compromises in the service of a greater good, astounding success, disillusionment, and a quest to discover what it all meant. Like Suzie Q, it will knock you off your feet.

ABOUT RING 8: Ring 8 became the eighth subsidiary of what was then known as the National Veteran Boxers Association – hence, RING 8 – and today the organization's motto still remains: Boxers Helping Boxers.

RING 8 is fully committed to supporting less fortunate people in the boxing community who may require assistance in terms of paying rent, medical expenses, or whatever justifiable need.

Go on line to www.Ring8ny.com for more information about RING 8, the largest group of its kind in the United States with more than 350 members. Annual membership dues is only \$30.00 and each member is entitled to a buffet dinner at RING 8 monthly meetings, excluding July and August. All active boxers, amateur and professional, with a current boxing license or book are entitled to a complimentary RING 8 yearly membership. Guests of Ring 8 members are welcome at a cost of only \$10.00 per person.

**WORLD CHAMP RUSLAN
PROVODNIKOV TO GET SOME HOME**

COOKING AT RUSSIAN PRESS CONFERENCE LUNCHEON WITH WORLD-RATED CONTENDER CHRIS ALGIERI ANNOUNCING THEIR WORLD TITLE FIGHT

BROOKLYN (April 16, 2014) – Banner Promotions will host a Russian press conference luncheon on the shores of Brighton Beach to celebrate the announcement of the WBO junior welterweight title fight between defending champion RUSLAN “The Siberian Rocky” PROVODNIKOV of Beryozovo, Russia and CHRIS ALGIERI of Huntington, Long Island, Tomorrow! Thursday, April 17, at 1:00 P.M. ET, at Tatiana Restaurant & Nightclub(3152 Brighton 6th St., Brooklyn, NY 11235.) Both fighters will be in attendance and available for one-on-one interviews.

“This isn’t your parents’ Borscht Belt,” said Arthur Pelullo, president of Banner Promotions. “The Russian Community has embraced this fight and Ruslan wants to embrace them back which is why we are hosting a second press conference in the heart of the Russian community.”

The Provodnikov – Algieri world title fight will take place Saturday night, June 14, at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, and will be televised live on HBO Boxing After Dark®.

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START SPREADING THE NEWS, THE SIBERIAN ROCKY RUSLAN PROVODNIKOV ARRIVES IN NEW YORK FOR JUNE 14 TITLE DEFENSE WITH CHRIS ALGIERI

NEW YORK (JUNE 2, 2014)—World Boxing Organization (WBO) junior welterweight champion, the “Siberian Rocky” RUSLAN PROVODNIKOV arrives at JFK (John F. Kennedy Airport) on June 1, 2014. Ruslan is schedule to defend his title against undefeated scholar-brawler CHRIS ALGIERI on June 14, 2014 at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, NY and televised live on HBO Boxing After Dark®.

Below are videos and pictures from his arrival.

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WBO JR. WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION RUSLAN PROVODNIKOV Meets Brooklyn Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov

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"I am very excited to be fighting in Brooklyn at Barclays Center and look forward to this fight very much," said Provodnikov. "I know a lot of my fans from Russia will be flying in to see this great event. I also hope that my fans from the United States, including the great Russian community in Brooklyn, will be there to support me."

"I cannot wait for June 14," said Algieri. "Ruslan is a great champion and a feared and avoided guy in the junior welterweight division, which is exactly why I am eager for the chance to fight him. I am ready."

"This will be a great event," said Arthur Pelullo, President of Banner Promotions. "Ruslan has proven in his last two bouts that he is one of the best fighters in the world and he knows that the biggest fights are ahead of him. Algieri is hungry and will be fighting close to home so we know this will be an outstanding fight with both men each bringing in a legion of fans to support them. We look forward to bringing this great event to Barclays Center in front of the great fans in Brooklyn."

"We have been grooming Chris for this opportunity and I know he is ready," said Joe DeGuardia of Star Boxing. "Chris is in top shape and thrilled to be fighting Ruslan, one of the toughest and most highly-regarded fighters in boxing. This show will be captivating and I am looking forward to watching it at one of the most premiere arenas in the world."

"We are excited to continue hosting such great boxing events at Barclays Center," said Barclays Center CEO Brett Yormark. "Between the large Russian community in Brooklyn coming out to support Ruslan, and the other local fighters on the card, we expect a great crowd and a lot of excitement in Brooklyn on June 14. I also want to thank our boxing partner Golden Boy Promotions for graciously enabling us to host this fight for the boxing fans of this borough."

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"I am thrilled that Demetrius Andrade will be defending his WBO World Championship on this fantastic card," added Andrade co-promoter DeGuardia. " I've always felt Demetrius would rise to stardom and, on June 14, he will be able to do it in spectacular fashion at the beautiful Barclay Center in Brooklyn, NY."

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WORLD CHAMPION RUSLAN PROVODNIKOV OF RUSSIA AND CHRIS ALGIERI OF LONG ISLAND TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE AT BARCLAYS CENTER IN BROOKLYN

Philadelphia (April 14, 2014)—Barclays Center and Banner Promotions will host a press conference to announce the WBO jr. welterweight title fight between champion Ruslan “The Siberian Rocky” Provodnikov of Beryozovo, Russia and Chris Algieri of Huntington, Long Island on Wednesday, April 16 at noon in the GEICO Atrium in Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

The fight will take place Saturday night, June 14, and will be televised live on HBO Boxing After Dark. Provodnikov – Algieri will headline a championship night of boxing.

A strong undercard will include the WBC Continental America's Light Heavyweight championship bout between Seanie “Irish”

Monaghan of Long Beach, Long Island against an opponent to be named. In addition the card will include the first professional woman's fight at Barclays Center featuring Heather "The Heat" Hardy of Brooklyn.

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The Press conference will begin at noon with the doors opening at 11:30 AM

WHO: Ruslan Provodnikov (23-2, 16 KO's)-WBO Jr. Welterweight champion

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Brett Yormark-CEO Barclays Center

Carl Moretti-Vice President of Top Rank

Sean Monaghan-(23-0 13 KO's)

Heather Hardy (9-0, 2 KO's)

Simeon Hardy (11-0, 8 KOs)

WHAT: Press Conference to announce HBO Boxing After Dark fights for June 14

WHEN: Wednesday, April 16 at noon; Doors open at 11:30 AM

WHERE: Barclays Center

620 Atlantic Ave.

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WBO Jr. Welterweight champion Ruslan Provodnikov defends his title against undefeated Chris Algieri on Saturday, June 14 at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn Live on HBO

Philadelphia (April 14, 2014)—On Saturday night, June 14, WBO Jr. Welterweight champion Ruslan Provodnikov will make the 1st defense of his title when he takes on undefeated Chris Algieri in 12-round bout from the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York.

The fight will be televised live on HBO Boxing After Dark.

The show is promoted by Banner Promotions, Top Rank in association with Joe DeGuardia's Star Boxing.

Provodnikov (23-2, 16 KO's) of Beryozovo, Russia has become one of the most popular fighters in the world due to his exciting non-stop style. He won his first 17 bouts with wins over former world champions Javier Juaragui and DeMarcus Corley (for the WBC Asian Council Jr. Welterweight title). He also has quality wins over previously undefeated fighters Brian Gordon, Abdulaziz Matazimov & Ivan Popoca. He won the WBO Intercontinental Jr. Welterweight title with a 2nd round stoppage over Victor Castro. He recaptured the WBO Intercontinental title with a 6th round stoppage over David

Torres and defended it with a 2nd round destruction over Jose Reynoso.

Provodnikov made his presence on the world stage when he battered and knocked down undefeated WBO Welterweight champion in what was the 2013 BWAA "Fight of the Year."

On October 19, Provodnikov won the WBO Jr. Welterweight title when reigning champion Mike Alvarado could not continue at the end of the 10th round.

Algieri (19-0, 8 KO's) of nearby Huntington, New York will be making his 1st attempt at a world title.

He is ranked number-13 by the WBO and he earned the title shot based on some string wins that came in front of his hometown fans in Huntington.

He has amassed a strong fan base that saw him score big wins over Jose Peralta, former world title challenger Mike Arnaoutis and in his last bout when he scored an impressive unanimous decision over world-ranked Emanuel Taylor on February 14 in Huntington, New York.

"This is will be a great event," said Banner Promotions President Artie Pelullo.

"Ruslan has proven in his last two bouts that he is one of the best fighters in the world and he knows that the biggest fights are ahead of him. Algieri is hungry and will be fighting close to home so we know this will be an outstanding fight. We look forward to bringing this great event to the Barclays Center in front of the many great fans of Brooklyn," finished Pelullo.

Said Provodnikov, "I am very excited to be fighting in Brooklyn at the Barclays Center. I am looking forward to this fight very much. I know a lot of my fans from Russia will be flying in to see this great fight. I also hope that my fans

from the United States and including the great Russian community will be there to support me.”

Said Algieri, “I am Very excited for June 14. Ruslan is a great champion and a feared and avoided guy in the 140 lb. division, which is exactly why I am eager for the chance to fight him. I am ready.”

Algieri’s promoter Joe DeGuardia of Star Boxing said, “We’ve been grooming Chris for this opportunity and I know he is ready. Chris is in top shape and thrilled to be fighting Ruslan, one of the toughest and most highly regarded fighters in boxing. This show will be captivating and I am looking forward to watching it at one of the most premiere arenas in the United States.”