

# **Hard-Hitting Dat Nguyen Stops Previously Unbeaten Miguel Flores in Six Rounds in the Main Event of Premier Boxing Champions TOE-TO-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 & BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes Tuesday Night from Silver Street in Houston**

HOUSTON (February 22, 2017) – Exciting super featherweight Dat Nguyen (20-3, 6 KOs) dropped and stopped previously unbeaten Miguel Flores (21-1, 9 KOs) in the sixth-round of the main event of Premier Boxing Champions TOE-TO-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 and BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes Tuesday night from Silver Street in Houston, Texas.

“Every day I train hard to get to this moment,” said Nguyen. “I’m thankful to everyone who was here to watch this performance and I’m ready to take on bigger and better challenges.”

Flores started out trying to work off of the jab and impose his size and reach advantages on his smaller but more seasoned opponent. Nguyen was prepared for Flores’ usually lethal left hook to the body and was able to deflect it while finding a landing spot for his right hand.

The power punch made its first mark late in round two when Nguyen’s right hand hit Flores flush on the chin and sent the hometown prospect into survival mode for the remainder of the round. Flores continued to come forward and control moments of

the fight, but Nguyen was consistently able to respond with more powerful punches.

"Flores is a warrior like all great Mexican fighters," said Nguyen. "That is the style I try to fight with too. I fight with that heart every time I'm in the ring. Flores came in fighting like a warrior but it didn't work out for him."

As the fight entered the second half of the scheduled 10 rounds, Nguyen caught Flores with several big hooks during an exchange against the ropes that sent Flores crashing hard to the canvas. Flores got to his feet but was clearly dazed as he attempted to hold on to Nguyen to survive the round.

Nguyen was able to remain patient enough to land a series of hard clean blows to Flores that forced referee Laurence Cole to call a halt to the bout at 1:02 in the sixth round. Flores was unable to give post fight comments due to a busted lip that required stitches.

"Miguel Flores is a tough guy and he's going to be a champion one day," said Nguyen. "Today was my day to win. I've been here 13 years as a professional and I finally got my shot at the top. I'm thankful to everyone who believed in me."

In the co-main event of the night, unbeaten Darwin Price (12-0, 6 KOs) rode a crisp jab to a unanimous decision victory over Hylon Williams (16-4-1, 3 KOs) in their eight-round super lightweight bout.

Price set the pace early by establishing his jab and throwing it often including doubling and tripling up on the punch to begin his attack. Price was able to work in a solid overhand right hand and a left hook that busted Williams' nose late in round two.

Williams remained on the defensive for most of the bout while only opening up his attack slightly in the second half of the fight. Price was able to hold off Williams when he did charge

forward, including an exciting exchange late in round six.

Price was able to stay focused and continued to dominate every frame of the third eight-round bout in his pro career. After the final bell rang, all three judges scored the bout 80-72 for Price.

The opening bout of the telecast saw unbeaten prospect Brandon Figueroa (11-0, 8 KOs) put on an impressive performance in dominating Raul Chirino (10-5, 5 KOs) before stopping him in the fourth round of their super bantamweight matchup.

Chirino was aggressive early in attempting to close the distance against the taller Figueroa but the Weslaco, Texas-product set the tone by investing to the body with huge hooks from both hands.

Figueroa's body punching and work rate began to pay dividends in round three when he scored the first of his three knockdowns with a flurry of hooks to the body that sent Chirino down midway through the round. Chirino was able to get to his feet but Figueroa pounced on his wounded opponent and sent him back to the canvas with more thunderous hooks to the body.

Chirino arose once again and was able to narrowly survive the round, but Figueroa was gearing up for a big finish and finally landed the massive right hook to the body in round four that sent Chirino down for good. Referee Laurence Cole waived off the bout 1:30 into the round.

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## Dat Nguyen camp quotes

Vero Beach, Florida (February 20, 2017)–This Tuesday night at the Silver Street Studios in Houston, Texas, super featherweight Dat Nguyen (19-3, 6 K0's) will look to unseat undefeated Miguel Flores (21-0, 9 K0's) in the main event of a PBC TOE-TO-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 & FOX Deportes.

Nguyen of Vero Beach has been working hard in training camp in effort to secure a career defining win

"Camp has been great. I've never had a better one," said Nguyen. "This time, I get to set the training camp the way I wanted to be trained so everything has been perfect. Getting good sparring was my main concern, and I had one of the best sparring partners for this fight. I've been sparring with a world class fighter Samuel Neequaye. He's a super lightweight and a very strong fighter that threw punches in bunches and he didn't take a step back. I think he's the best fighter from Ghana fighter out there right now. To spar with a high caliber fighter like him has made me a sharper and stronger fighter. I have fought 10 rounds twice, but it was always short notice. I've been never was prepared for it, but this camp I have sparred 10 rounds multiple time against a world class sparring partner who said he's already in fight shape when we started sparring."

Because of that kind of camp, Nguyen feels he has the best opportunity for this win.

"I feel strong and mentally fresh and in good spirits. I know the hard work has already been done in the gym, sparring and the road work. God has a plan for me and it seems like everything is falling into place the last couple weeks of camp.. I feel blessed, and ready to give the fans a great show so please tune in."

Nguyen, who has been a professional for 13 years, knows that a win over Flores will put him in position the major fight that he has been coveting for years,

" A win would mean better things for me and my family. I've struggled all of my career to get to this point so I'm not going to lose focus now. I want to thank god for watching over me and blessing me everyday of good health. I want to thank all of my fans and countrymen for their love and support."

#### MIGUEL FLORES vs. DAT NGUYEN FIGHT WEEK SCHEDULE

**\*\*All Times Are Central\*\***

Monday, February 20

2:00 p.m. OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN

Location: B&B's Butchers Restaurant

Address: 1814 Washington Ave., Houston, Texas 77007

1:45 p.m. – Media Arrival

2:00 p.m.- Weigh-In Begins

Tuesday, February 21

5:30 p.m. VENUE DOORS OPEN

Location: Silver Street Studios

2000 Edwards St., Houston, TX 77007

6:30 p.m. FIRST FIGHT BEGINS

9:00 p.m. PBC TOE-TO-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 & FOX Deportes  
Telecast Starts

CREDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION

Fight credentials can be picked up on Tuesday, February 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the venue. 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 on sale now and can be purchased online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or by calling 1-800-745-3000.

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**Unbeaten Super Lightweight  
Darwin Price Battles Las  
Vegas' Hylon Williams While  
Undefeated Prospect Brandon  
Figueroa Faces Miami's Raul  
Chirino on Televised**

# **Undercard of Premier Boxing Champions TOE-TO-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 & BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes Tuesday, February 21 at Silver Street in Houston, Texas**

HOUSTON (February 14, 2017) – Unbeaten super lightweight Darwin Price (11-0, 6 KOs) enters the ring against tough contender Hylon Williams (16-3-1, 3 KOs) while fast-rising prospect Brandon Figueroa (10-0, 7 KOs) meets Miami's Raul Chirino (10-4, 5 KOs) as part of an exciting night of action on Premier Boxing Champions TOE-TO-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 and BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes Tuesday, February 21 from Silver Street in Houston, Texas.

Televised coverage begins at 10 p.m. ET/7 p.m. PT and is headlined by undefeated prospect Miguel Flores battling tough contender Dat Nguyen in a 10-round super featherweight attraction.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King's Promotions, are on sale now and can be purchased online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or by calling 1-800-745-3000.

Price and Williams will meet in an eight-round super lightweight fight while Figueroa is set to battle Chirino in a six-round super bantamweight fight. Additional action will feature once-beaten unbeaten super flyweight Damien Vazquez (9-0, 4 KOs) in a six-round bout and Russia's Medzhid Bektmirov (18-1, 12 KOs) in a four-round light heavyweight fight.

Rounding out the night is unbeaten welterweight prospect Eduardo Garcia in a four-round battle and once-beaten middleweight Junior Castillo in a six-round bout against Mexico's Juan Carlos Rojas.

Originally from St. Louis, Price's road has led him to Houston where he now trains with noted coach Ronnie Shields. An exceptional athlete who was highly regarded in track and field as a teenager, the 26-year-old turned pro in 2013. His activity ramped up in 2015 as he took home four victories before 2016 saw him earn impressive victories over previously unbeaten Semajay Thomas and once-beaten Javontae Starks. He will be opposed by the 26-year-old Williams who was an alternate on the 2008 U.S. Olympic team and has gone the distance in losses to world champions Rances Barthelemy and Yuriorkis Gamboa.

The brother of former world champion Omar, the 20-year-old Figueroa turned pro in May of 2015 by defeating Hector Gutierrez and followed that up by stopping Ricardo Mena, Ramiro Ruiz and Francisco Muro to close out the year. The Weslaco-native has stayed busy in 2016, picking up six victories, including five by way of stoppage. He takes on Miami's Chirino, who enters this bout with wins in three of his last four contests.

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# Undefeated Prospect Miguel Flores Faces Top Contender Dat Nguyen in Main Event of Premier Boxing Champions TOE-TO-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 & BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes Tuesday, February 21 at Silver Street in Houston, Texas

HOUSTON (January 26, 2017) – Undefeated rising prospect Miguel Flores (21-0, 9 KOs) headlines in his hometown as he battles Dat Nguyen (19-3, 6 KOs) in the 10-round super featherweight main event of Premier Boxing Champions TOE-TO-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 and BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes Tuesday, February 21 from Silver Street in Houston, Texas.

Televised coverage begins at 10 p.m. ET/7 p.m. PT and will feature unbeaten prospect Brandon Figueroa (10-0, 7 KOs) in a six-round attraction and undefeated Darwin Price (11-0, 6 KOs) in an eight-round super lightweight matchup.

“I’m very thrilled to be headlining another show on FS1 and FOX Deportes, especially in my home state of Texas,” said Flores. “Dat Nguyen is a very talented fighter who’s been in the ring with some good opponents. His only losses were against fighters who were undefeated at the time. I’m

expecting a rough fight, which should make for good television. Everyone should tune in because this is going to be a great fight with a lot of action.”

“I’m excited to be back in the main event on a great network like FS1 and FOX Deportes,” said Nguyen. “I know my career has had its ups and downs, but a win over Flores would bring me back to the top. Flores is young, hungry and undefeated. I once had that fear of losing, so I know what it will take to beat him. I would like to thank all of my fans and countrymen for their support and I will make them proud.”

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An undefeated fighter from Michoacan, Mexico, but fighting out of Houston, Flores has not lost since turning pro in 2009 at just 17-years-old. The 24-year-old had a big 2015 beginning in May with a victory over German Meraz and followed up by wins against Juan Ruiz, Carlos Padilla and Alfred Tetteh. He started 2016 with a headlining win over Mario Briones at The Dancehall in January before dominating Ruben Tamayo over 10 rounds in May and most recently scoring a decision over previously once-beaten Ryan Kielczewski in August.

Born in Bien Hoa, Vietnam as the son of a Vietnamese POW, Nguyen and his family moved to the United States when he was eight-years-old. Nguyen earned a full scholarship to Northern Michigan University as part of their Olympic boxing program and would go on to win a silver medal at the National Golden Gloves and a bronze medal at the U.S. World Championships. Fighting out of Vero Beach, Florida, Nguyen’s losses have all come from undefeated opponents and he enters this fight having won back-to-back contests.

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## **Dat Nguyen ready for Jesus Lule tonight in Hollywood, Florida**

HOLLYWOOD, FL. (June 3, 2016) – Tonight at the Hard Rock Live in Hollywood, Florida, Rances Barthelemy will defend his IBF Lightweight championship against former champion Mickey Bey.

That fight will headline a card that will be live on SPIKE at 9 PM ET / 6 PM PT

In an undercard bout, featherweight Dat Nguyen (18-3, 6 K0's) will make his second start in under a month when he takes on Jesus Lule (8-17-1, 1 K0) in a bout scheduled for six-rounds.

Nguyen is promoted by King's Promotions.

At Thursday's weigh in, Nguyen checked in at 128.6 lbs. while Lule was 130.2

Nguyen of Vero Beach, Florida is coming right back into action after a six-round unanimous decision over Gustavo Molina on May 8th in Lakeland, Florida.

Nguyen won for the first time in almost seven years and he is now looking towards a run in the featherweight division.

"Everything is good. After the last fight, I went right back into training,"said Nguyen.

Nguyen admits that he wanted to make up for lost time in the fight against Molina, and despite the win, he was not totally happy with his performance.

"I was trying too hard to make a big impression. I was trying too hard for the knockout plus Molina was durable, but I won all the rounds and I felt good in the ring."

After not having his hand raised for so long, Nguyen has a lot of confidence as he moves forward.

"It is good to have that winning feeling again. In this fight, I am looking to establish the jab. I have been training with Nelson Lopez, and it is going really well. This is the first time that I have trained away from my home in Vero Beach as I am in Pahokee, Florida. I just want to thank my fans for all the support. I am expecting to put on a good show and the fans know that there is never a dull moment in my fights.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by Kings Promotions, Mayweather Promotions, and Panther Promotions, are priced at \$130, \$80, \$60, and \$35 (additional fees may apply) and are on sale now. All seats are reserved and available at all Ticketmaster outlets, online at [www.myhrl.com](http://www.myhrl.com), [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or charge by phone: 1-800-745-3000. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with the first fight set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

## Fight Night – Premier Boxing Champions

Location: Hard Rock Live

4:30 p.m. Credential Pick-Up Opens\*

5:30 p.m. Doors Open at Hard Rock Live

6:30 p.m. First fight begins

9:00 p.m. SPIKE telecast begins

\*Credential Pick Up will take place from 4:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. the credentials table will be set up in the Hard Rock Box Office. It is located in the outdoor section near the VIP entrance to the arena.

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# **Back with Marshall Kauffman, Featherweight Dat Nguyen has title aspirations**

LAKELAND, FLA. (May 8, 2016) – TONIGHT in Lakeland, Florida, featherweight Dat Nguyen returns to the ring after a 31-month layoff when he takes on Gustavo Molina (22-10, 9 KOs)

In the main event, unbeaten super welterweight and Olympic Bronze medalist Kanat Islam (20-0, 17 KOs) will take on Colombian brawler Juan De Angel (18-3-1, 17 KOs) in the 10-round main event of Premier Boxing Champions: The Next Round on Bounce TV taking place Sunday, May 8 from Lakeland Events Center in Lakeland, Florida.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King's Promotions, are priced at \$100, \$75 and \$50 and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [www.thelakelandcenter.com](http://www.thelakelandcenter.com) or by calling 888-397-0100 and from the Lakeland Center Box Office by calling 863-834-8111 or visiting between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/PT and features a pair of exciting undercard battles as unbeaten prospects Miguel Cruz (12-0, 11 KOs) and Samuel Figueroa (10-0, 4 KOs) compete in an eight-round super welterweight showdown while featherweight prospect Dennis Galarza (12-1, 8 KOs) faces Mexico's Yardley Suarez (15-3, 9 KOs) in an eight-round bout.

Nguyen of Vero Beach, Florida hasn't had the typical layoff of getting out of shape and thinking about missed opportunities.

"I have been training the whole time. I own a gym here in Vero Beach and I have been training people for the past six years, so I have been in shape. Sure it is not professional competition but I am able to stay busy and am ready for the fight on Sunday," said Nguyen. "I haven;t fought in a while, but I have no fear of ring rust. I been sparring and going through boxing techniques the whole time."

Nguyen was cruising along as a heralded prospect at 11-0 before losing a split decision to Gregorio Torres. Nguyen then won six straight before dropping back to back fights to Luis Del Valle and future world title challenger Jayson Velez.

"The first loss was a bad decision. The second loss, I was so winded after five rounds that I don't know what happened. The third loss to Velez, I also thought that I won that fight. I just think under better circumstances that I would have won those fights. I know a lot of good stuff was said about me on the way up and I still think that I am championship material. I just have not had that opportunity."

To gain that opportunity, Nguyen turned to the man, who turned him professional twelve years ago in King's Promotions Marshall Kauffman.

"Marshall is a father figure to me. He trained me in 2004 and twelve years later I am back with him. I have learned the business and now I am with a good promoter. If I would have stayed with Marshall, I would be world champion. I have the skills and Marshall knows boxing. Now that I am back with him, he will get me that opportunity. I live a clean and healthy life and now it is time that I reach my potential as a boxer."

Also on the card:

In an eight-round bout, Alantez Fox (18-0, 7 KO's) of

Forestville, MD takes on Milton Nunez (35-15-1, 29 K0's) of Barranquilla, COL in a middleweight bout.

In four-round bouts:

Antonio Tarver Jr. (3-0, 2 K0's) of Tampa, FL will fight Jose Cortez (1-1) of West Palm Beach, FL in a middleweight bout.

In a junior welterweight battle, Nestor Bravo (5-0, 5 K0's) fights Daniel Lorenzano (4-7-1, 2 K0's) of Miami, FL.

Efrain Cruz (4-0-1, 1 K0) of Vieques, PR will fight Irvin Hernandez (3-14-2, 1 K0) of Caguas, PR in a junior welterweight bout.

Botirsher Obdidov (4-0-1, 1 K0) of Kissimmee, FL take on Hakeem Atkinson (2-2, 2 K0's) of Atlanta, GA in a super middleweight bout.

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