

Undefeated Rising Star David Benavidez Knocks Out Denis Douglin in Premier Boxing Champions on ESPN & ESPN Deportes Main Event from Philadelphia's 2300 Arena

PHILADELPHIA (August 6, 2016) – Undefeated rising contender David “El Bandera Roja” Benavidez (16-0, 15 KOs) knocked out Denis Douglin (20-5, 13 KOs) in the 10-round main event of Premier Boxing Champions on ESPN and ESPN Deportes from the 2300 Arena in Philadelphia.

Douglin, who is trained by his mother Saphya, opened the fight very aggressive, stealing the first round on all three judges' scorecards. Douglin continued to press the action, also winning the second round battle with two of the three judges, but Benavidez would soon settle in and take control of the war.

“I knew it was going to be a tough fight. I knew Douglin wasn't going to go out without a fight,” said Benavidez. “So I came in here and started slower than I usually do, just using my jab a little bit more.”

The 19-year-old Benavidez made the necessary corrections in round three and never looked back, chipping away throughout the fourth and fifth rounds. In the sixth, Benavidez teed off on Douglin with damaging punches to both Douglin's body and head.

In the seventh round, Benavidez was still having his way when one of the top turnbuckles gave out, causing the ropes on one

side of the ring to collapse, and stopping the fight momentarily. When the action resumed, Douglin came forward with a flurry, but that burst of energy was short-lived.

Benavidez regained control in the eighth round, and in the ninth he scored the only knockdown of the fight. In the tenth and final frame, Benavidez threw a barrage of punches, several of which buckled Douglin, causing referee Gary Rosato to intervene and stop the fight at :35 into the round.

When asked about Douglin's resilience, Benavidez said, "I hurt him a lot of times, but I kept my cool. I knew I was going to get him out of there sooner or later and that's exactly what I did tonight. This is a good victory for me. Douglin is a tough veteran. He started fast and swinging wildly, and his offense probably looked better on-camera than it was, but he did what he had to do to survive until the final round."

Benavidez continued, "It was important to me to get the stoppage and show everybody that I am just as strong in the late rounds as I am early on. I love this. This is what I signed up for. I want tough fights."

A disappointed Douglin said, "I was in this fight, I just got winded. I was in great shape and everything, but I got winded there towards the end. Benavidez is a tough, young fighter. He was able to make me stay in there longer than I wanted to, but I feel good and I'll be back."

Benavidez concluded, "Right now, I would like to say that I don't think about that. I'm just trying to progress in my career and I'm not trying to call anybody out. But if I do dream about fighting anybody, it would be whoever is the champion at that weight. I'm going to work hard to get to that spot."

Televised coverage began with exciting undefeated contender Alejandro "El Charro" Luna (21-0, 15 KOs) defeating Philadelphia prospect Naim Nelson (13-2, 1 KO) by unanimous

decision (99-91, 98-92, 97-93) in a ten-round bout fought at a catch weight of 144 lbs.

Nelson, who stepped up to face Luna on only 24-hours notice, tried to bring the fight to Luna in the early rounds and make it a physical contest on the inside.

Despite Luna landing a couple of blistering uppercuts in the second and third rounds, Nelson still came forward. Luna later said, "Nelson was a tough guy and could bang a little bit."

By the close of the third round, Luna's left eye appeared to be swelling badly, but luckily for Luna Nelson's gas tank appeared to drain just in time. Although Nelson was all aggression and wanted to fight in a phone booth early on, he found himself landing fewer punches and looking to create distance in the middle rounds.

Luna soon took over of the action, and in the seventh round a cut opened on Nelson's forehead, but was quickly controlled by his corner. Nevertheless, Luna had done enough damage in the middle stages of the scrap and was able coast to a unanimous victory on the scorecards.

"Obviously we prepared for another opponent, but I felt I had a solid performance against him," said Luna. "Nelson came to fight and was in shape, and I thought I handled him pretty well, but I know I can still do better."

When asked about taking the fight on short notice Nelson said, "I make no excuses, but we took this fight at 9 p.m. last night and I knew I was stepping up to face a tough opponent. I didn't get the decision, but I felt good in there tonight, and I proved I can compete with a world class fighter."

Nelson added, "Luna is a good puncher and he's strong. I won't take anything away from him. We fought a hell of a fight, and I look forward to being back soon."

Luna summed up the night adding, "I'm looking to build on what I did here tonight and get back in the ring soon for another good fight."

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In off-television bouts:

Tyrone Brunson came off the deck twice to score a thrilling fourth round stoppage over Carlos Garcia in a scheduled eight round junior middleweight bout.

Brunson dropped Garcia in round one with a left hook. Garcia returned the favor in round two as he sent Brunson to the deck with a right hand.. Later in the round, Garcia sent Brunson down for a second time with another straight right hand. In round four, Brunson drilled Garcia with a body shot that sent him to the canvas. Garcia could not beat referee Shawn Clark's count and the fight was over at 25 seconds.

Brunson of Philadelphia, PA is 23-6-1 with 22 knockouts. Garcia of Aguada, Puerto Rico is 10-17-1.

Darryl Bunting and Edward Jeramie Ortiz fought to a four-round draw in a super middleweight bout.

Scores were 39-37 for Bunting and 38-38 twice.

Bunting of Asbury Park, NJ is 2-0-2. Ortiz of San Antonio, TX is 1-0-1.

Kieran Hooks won a 4-round unanimous decision over Miguel Martinez in a junior middleweight bout.

Martinez dropped Hooks in the first round with a powerful right, but he came back to win the next three rounds.

Hooks of Philadelphia is 1-0. Martinez of Reading, PA is 2-2.

Jeffery Torres stopped Mariano Rolon in the first round of a scheduled four-round bout of debuting lightweights.

Torres scored two knockdowns and the bout was stopped at 2:23.

Torres of Philadelphia is 1-0 with one knockout. Rolon of Reading, PA is 0-1.

Victor Vasquez (6-2) scored a four round unanimous decision over Jerome Conquest (6-2) in a lightweight bout

The card was promoted by King's Promotions.

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Five Philadelphia fighters on undercard this Friday's PBC on ESPN & ESPN Deportes card at the 2300 Arena

PHILADELPHIA (August 3, 2016) – Five top Philadelphia based fighters will be on the undercard this Friday night at the 2300 Arena in South Philadelphia on a Premier Boxing champions card on ESPN & ESPN Deportes.

In the main event, David Benavidez (15-0, 14 KO's) of Phoenix, Arizona takes on Denis Douglin (20-4, 13 KO's) of Las Vegas in the ten-round super middleweight main event. In the televised co-feature, Alejandro Luna (20-0, 15 KO's) of Bellflower, CA. will battle Stephen Ormand (21-2, 11 KO's) of Dublin, Ireland

in a lightweight tussle.

The undercard will be littered with Philly fighter's as Naim Nelson (13-1, 11 K0's) will take on Edgardo Rivera (7-3-2, 5 K0's) of Caguas, Puerto Rico in a six-round super lightweight bout; Knockout artist Tyrone Brunson (22-6-1, 21 K0's) battles Carlos Garcia (10-16-1) of Aguada, Puerto Rico in a junior middleweight bout scheduled for eight-rounds.; In a six-round lightweight bout, Jerome Conquest (6-1, 1 K0) will fight Victor Vasquez (5-2, 2 K0's) of Yonkers, New York; There will also be two pro debuter's featured as junior middleweight Kieran Hooks will fight Miguel Martinez (2-1) of Reading, Pennsylvania and lightweight Jeffrey Torres will take Mariano Rolon (Pro debut) of Reading, Pennsylvania.

Also on the bill will be a four-round super middleweight clash between Darryl Bunting (2-0-1, 1 K0) of Asbury, NJ and Edward Jeramie Ortiz (1-0, 1 K0) of San Antonio, Texas.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King's Promotions, are priced at \$50, \$75 and \$100, not including fees, and are on sale now. To purchase tickets click [HERE](#).

Thursday, August 4

5:30 p.m. OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN

Location: 2300 Arena

2300 S. Swanson St.; Philadelphia, PA 19148

5:30 p.m. – Media Arrival

6:00 p.m. – Fighters to Scales

Friday, August 5

6:00 p.m. 2300 ARENA DOORS OPEN

Location: 2300 S. Swanson St.; Philadelphia, PA 19148

6:30 p.m. FIRST BOUT

9:00 p.m. ESPN & ESPN DEPORTES BROADCAST BEGINS

David Benavidez Training Camp Quotes & Photos

PHILADELPHIA (August 1, 2016) – Undefeated rising contender David “El Bandera Roja” Benavidez is on the fast track to a world title opportunity and he will look to make another statement when he battles contender Denis Douglin in the 10-round main event of Premier Boxing Champions on ESPN and ESPN Deportes Friday, August 5 live from the 2300 Arena in Philadelphia.

Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT with exciting lightweight contender Alejandro “El Charro” Luna (20-0, 15 KOs) taking on Ireland’s Stephen “The Rock” Ormond (21-2, 11 KOs) in a 10-round attraction.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King’s Promotions, are priced at \$50, \$75 and \$100, not including fees, and are on sale now. To purchase tickets click [HERE](#).

Here is what Benavidez had to say about his opponent, training camp and more:

On his recent training camp in Southern California...

“We had another great training camp out here in Long Beach, California. We put the final touches and wrapped up camp and I’m ready to go. There was plenty of good sparring and we worked on some things we know will help us in this fight. I’m in great shape and I feel sharp.”

On fighting in his first main event on ESPN...

“Fighting on ESPN is great exposure for me and my team, especially in the main event. We all worked so hard to get in

this position and now it's time to capitalize on this great opportunity. I know a lot of family and friends back home in Phoenix will be tuning in. I just want to shine out and perform to my best ability."

On facing his opponent Denis Douglin...

"This is going to be a tough fight. I know Douglin is hungry to give me my first loss. He's coming off three wins in a row, so I'm taking this fight very seriously. Being that he's a southpaw, I'll have to do some things a little different. We worked on all that stuff in camp so I know I'm going to be ready for anything he brings to the ring."

On training with his father and head coach Jose Benavidez...

"My dad Jose has been guiding my corner from the first day I started boxing around three years old. Together we have a strong bond and I respect him very much. He's come up with a great game plan tailor made for Douglin. He's made a lot of sacrifices to help me get to this point and I'm very thankful to him for all that he's done for me and my brother. I want nothing more than to bring him another great victory."

On fighting on the East Coast for the second time in his career...

"The East Coast fans are very passionate about their boxing. Douglin, being that he's from New Jersey, will have a lot of fans rooting against me. But I'm not going to let anything distract me from the task at hand and that's coming back home with a win.

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Undefeated Rising Star David Benavidez Takes On Hard-Hitting Denis Douglin in Premier Boxing Champions on ESPN & ESPN Deportes Main Event Friday, August 5 Live from Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (July 18, 2016) – Undefeated rising contender David “El Bandera Roja” Benavidez (15-0, 14 KOs) is set to face super middleweight contender Denis Douglin (20-4, 13 KOs) in the 10-round main event of Premier Boxing Champions on ESPN and ESPN Deportes Friday, August 5 live from the 2300 Arena in Philadelphia.

Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT with exciting lightweight contender Alejandro “El Charro” Luna (20-0, 15 KOs) taking on Ireland’s Stephen “The Rock” Ormond (21-2, 11 KOs) in a 10-round attraction.

“We never stopped training after my last fight,” said Benavidez. “We went right back into camp and I’m already in fighting shape. Douglin is a tough southpaw. We’ll start looking at tape and see what kind of holes he has. I’ll start with the jab and break him down. We’re working hard towards bigger and bigger fights. This is going to be a great night of action.”

“I plan on applying pressure and making Benavidez adjust to my

style,” said Douglin. “He’s a tall, strong fighter, but he doesn’t use his height. He’s one-dimensional, but he’s very good at what he does. He doesn’t have the experience to deal with my style. I am stepping in with an undefeated fighter but he will leave the ring with a loss.”

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King’s Promotions, are priced at \$50, \$75 and \$100, not including fees, and are on sale now. To purchase tickets click [HERE](#).

The younger brother of undefeated Jose Benavidez, David has racked up a perfect 15 wins in 15 starts at just 19-years-old. Fighting out of Phoenix, Benavidez picked up four victories via stoppage in 2015 and kicked off his 2016 with a knockout of Kevin Cobbs in January. He scored a second round knockout of Phillip Jackson Benson in April and followed that up by stopping previously unbeaten Francy Ntetu in the seventh round in June.

Representing Marlboro, New Jersey, Douglin was a 2008 National Golden Gloves champion at middleweight who won his first 12 fights after turning pro in 2009. The 28-year-old has battled top fighters Jermell Charlo and George Groves, in addition to owning victories over previously unbeaten Steve Martinez and veteran Charles Whitaker. He looks for his third straight victory after stopping Marcus Upshaw in the eighth round of his last bout.

At just 24-years old, Luna has already put together an impressive 20 professional wins since turning pro in 2010. Fighting out of Bellflower, California, he defeated former world champion Cristobal Cruz over eight rounds in June and knocked out Sergio Lopez in August to close his 2015. He began his 2016 campaign by stopping veteran Alan Herrera in the eighth round of their January showdown.

Fighting out of Dublin, Ormond is undefeated in his seven starts in the U.S. including his last three outings, which all

came in Massachusetts. The former European lightweight champion owns victories over Derry Mathews, previously unbeaten Adam Dingsdale and most recently tough contender Marcos Jimenez.

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