

VIDEO: Julian Williams – Jeison Rosario Weigh In

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JULIAN WILLIAMS VS. JEISON ROSARIO FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES

PHILADELPHIA (January 16, 2020) – Unified 154-pound champion Julian “J-Rock” Williams went face-to-face with hard-hitting contender Jeison Rosario Thursday at the final press conference before Williams makes his homecoming title defense this Saturday, January 18 in the FOX PBC Fight Night main event and on FOX Deportes from Temple University’s Liacouras Center in Philadelphia.

Thursday's press conference also featured unbeaten rising star Chris "Prime Time" Colbert and former champion Jezreel Corrales, who meet for the Interim WBA Super Featherweight title in the co-main event, and top super welterweight prospect Joey Spencer and Erik Spring, who compete in the televised opener at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by TGB Promotions, are on sale now and can be purchased at <http://www.liacourascenter.com/events> (direct link [HERE](#)) or by calling 800-298-4200.

Here is what the fighters had to say Thursday at the Liacouras Center:

JULIAN WILLIAMS

"This is going to be an exciting night of boxing. I don't need to say too much, but I'll definitely let my hands do the taking for me on fight night.

"I'm preparing myself to face a tough good fighter and I'm preparing myself for a win. This is a great opportunity to put on a show right here in Philadelphia.

"I know this is extremely significant for my community, but I'm so locked in on the fight, I haven't been able to really think about it too much. On Monday I'll be able to think about the significance, but none of it will affect me during the fight.

"I'm thankful to be in this position to bring my titles back to my city, but I'm not thinking about it or letting it distract me from Rosario I'm locked in on fight night and having my hand raised.

"There must be something in the water here in Philadelphia. There's so many great champions from here. Philadelphia is small too, but there's a long line of history and it keeps

getting passed down from generation to generation. I'm just happy to be one of them.

"I'm all about setting goals. That's how you keep moving forward. My goal was to become the world champion. That was my goal since I was a kid. I achieved that and now I created new goals. I'm just as hungry now as I was when I first started this sport. I can see these next goals in front of me now.

"He keeps saying we're going to have a war, because he can't do anything else with me. There's nothing in the ring he can do to bother me. I'm coming to step on him. I'm coming to dominate and win in spectacular fashion."

JEISON ROSARIO

"Hello Philadelphia, I'm excited to be here for this fight. This is an opportunity I've been working so long for and I'm going to take full advantage of it.

"I feel strong and confident. There's no pressure on me and I'm very motivated. This is nothing new for me, coming to my opponent's backyard. I haven't fought in my home country yet, so this won't phase me at all.

"When I had my loss, that was when my career really started. That was a different stage of my career. I've gotten better and better and this fight is really the first time I've had a full training camp for a fight. I'm excited to show everyone my improvements.

"I'm coming for war. That's my mentality. I don't have a prediction. I'm going to give it my best and give everyone a war. At the end of the day, I'll have my hand raised.

"I had a great training camp and I've worked hard from even before we knew we had this fight. I knew that one day my opportunity would come. This is what we've waited for.

"I'm ready to leave it all in the ring. We trained every day

so we I know exactly what I have to do when that bell rings. His fans can't fight for him, so there's no way he will beat me."

CHRIS COLBERT

"I always work hard. This is just going to be another day for me. I'm one of the baddest young fighters out here, and I'm going to show it Saturday night.

"Corrales had a world title before and he's not getting it back from me. I'm sending him back to Panama empty handed.

"I bring the style and the flair and you'll see it all on Saturday. I'm going to be put on a great performance and become WBA champion. That's the plan.

"Saturday night is just another fight for me. I have to do what I have to do. Belt on the line or not. I don't feel like there's anything he can bring to stop me. I bring the speed, the power, and I'm smart. Nothing he's doing can stop me.

"I feel like I was more about punching and moving before. I would punch and move at the same time. I always knew I had some type of power from sparring. But I'm sitting down on my punches more to make sure that these guys respect me. I have to go in there and show him what I've got.

"I love the bright lights. I played football before I boxed and I always wanted to be a star. I'm going to go out there show the world why I call myself 'Prime Time'. I'm looking to steal the show. That's what I'm going to do come Saturday night."

JEZREEL CORRALES

"I'm grateful to be here in the United States fighting on this great card. I've had a great camp and I'm moving forward and working hard to make the most of this opportunity.

"I have all the equipment and all of the tools I need to fight him and beat him. I know that he's a great fighter, but so am I. I'm going to come out of this with the belt.

"We're leaving it up to fate now. We worked hard and we're ready to put on the best performance of my career.

"I'm not worried about any of his trash talk or anything he says up here today. We'll settle it in the ring with our fists."

JOEY SPENCER

"I'm super excited to be here. I'm happy to be fighting on Julian's card and to be here with so many great fighters. Last year was great, and I'm looking forward to my 10th win on Saturday. I'm planning to make 2020 even better. I worked hard all year last year and I'm looking forward to it paying off.

"I can't wait to put on an exciting performance Saturday night. I don't have any pressure on me. The only expectations I'm trying to keep are from my family and the man upstairs. I just train hard year round, we don't take any breaks. We're always training and I'm ready to go in there and show off.

"I would say this is the year where I become a contender. I worked hard last year so that I'll be a contender by the end of this year. I'm ready. We've worked on a lot of things and this year I'm hoping to show that and shine starting Saturday night."

ERIK SPRING

"I want to thank my team that helped me get this fight against Joey Spencer. It's a great opportunity for me. Saturday night I'm going to pull off that upset. Don't miss it.

"The odds are what they are. I prepared and had a solid camp. People think I'm an underdog but I think I'm the big dog. Come Saturday night we're going to see.

"I don't know if Joey has faced anyone like me. We're going to find out in the ring because I'm ready to do anything it takes."

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FIGHT WEEK MEDIA SCHEDULE

All Times Are Eastern

(as of 1/14/20)

Friday, January 17

5:00 p.m. OFFICIAL WEIGH-
IN - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Location: Liacouras Center -
Lobby*

5:00 p.m. - Media/Fan Arrival
5:30 p.m. - Undercard
Weigh-In Begins
6:00
p.m. - Televised Weigh-In Begins

**NOTE: All media will enter through the Broad Street Entrance for Thursday and Friday's events and check in at the designated media table. TV trucks are permitted to park in front of the building. Additional parking information is available [here](#)

Saturday, January 18

4:00 p.m. LIACOURAS CENTER DOORS OPEN

4:05 p.m. FIRST FIGHT BEGINS

6:30 p.m. FS1
TELECAST BEGINS

8:00 p.m. FOX
BROADCAST BEGINS

JULIAN WILLIAMS PHILADELPHIA MEDIA WORKOUT QUOTES

PHILADELPHIA (January 8, 2020) – Unified 154-pound champion and Philadelphia native Julian “J-Rock” Williams showed off his skills and previewed his upcoming hometown title defense at a media workout Wednesday, as he prepares to face hard-hitting Jeison Rosario Saturday, January 18 in the FOX PBC Fight Night main event and on FOX Deportes from Temple University’s Liacouras Center.

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After winning the title in one of 2019’s best fights against then unbeaten Jarrett Hurd, Williams will fight in his hometown for the first time since 2011 when he competes on January 18. Here is what Williams and his trainer, Stephen Edwards, had to say Wednesday from James Shuler’s Memorial Boxing Gym in Philadelphia:

JULIAN WILLIAMS

On training and fighting in his hometown...

“I try to just block myself from the world... Especially with a hometown fight, people are pulling you 50 different ways, tickets, asking me stupid questions. It’s crazy, so I just try to block myself from the world.

“It’s not about enjoying, it’s about winning. I don’t care about enjoying. You’re not supposed to enjoy camp. It’s

supposed to be a grind.”

On what he expects out of Rosario...

“Rosario brings ambition to the table. I think he’s an ambitious kid. I don’t think it’s a difficult fight (for me), to be quite honest. I just think it’s a matter of being focused and on top of my game, and I think I’ll take care of him. I don’t think it’s difficult, though. He’s a decent fighter. We’re not going to make him out to be Ray Robinson.

“He has put together a good string of wins, and he’s tough and he’s coming to win. So that’s more important than anything. He has the ambition to win, so you can’t underestimate him.”

On growing up in Philadelphia...

“Seeing all the stuff that I saw growing up (in West Philadelphia) made me hungry, made me want to get out and make a better life for myself. All you have to do is walk outside and go down Lancaster Ave. If that’s not motivating for you then nothing will.”

On his celebrity now that he’s a world champion...

“I’ve got a little more notoriety now. To be honest, I stopped thinking about it because I want to stay focused on the task at hand. The task at hand is being pound-for-pound best in the world. I’m not satisfied with just being the best super welterweight in the world. I’m just not satisfied with being unified champion of the world. Why sell myself short when I have the drive and the ability to be the pound-for-pound best fighter in the world? I’d be selling myself short. I’d be leaving millions of dollars on the table.”

On the history that he made for himself and Philadelphia when he defeated Hurd...

“I’m one of three men (from Philadelphia) who can say they’re a unified champion of the world.”

STEPHEN EDWARDS, Williams' Trainer

On Rosario's abilities...

"At this level, everybody can fight. (Rosario) is a good-looking fighter. He can punch. He's just a good fighter. He's got a lot of the same characteristics as Hurd and Charlo. He's big and strong. It's a good fight."

On why this opponent for this fight...

"We thought we were going to be fighting Hurd (again), so we got a guy that's kind of like Hurd because we didn't know if Hurd was pulling out of the fight."

On being Julian's manager and helping advise him on real estate...

"If (Julian) buys a house I'll tell him if that's a good property, or sometimes he messes up, but the cool thing is that he's got the money to make up for all the mistakes now."

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ABOUT WILLIAMS VS. ROSARIO

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Coverage begins at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT and features undefeated rising star Chris "Prime Time" Colbert taking on former champion Jezreel Corrales for the Interim WBA Super Featherweight Title and top super welterweight prospect Joey Spencer entering the ring to take on Erik Spring in a six-round showdown

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