

# Former world champion Jonathan Guzman in action This Friday night in Oklahoma City

New York (November 15, 2018) – Friday night in Oklahoma City, former IBF Super Bantamweight champion Jonathan Guzman will be back in the ring for the 1st time since losing his title when he takes on Roberto Castaneda in a 10-round bout at the Chesapeake Energy City.

The bout can be seen live on ESPN+.

Guzman (22-1, 22 KOs) of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic will be making his first start since dropping a razor think decision to Yukinori Oguni in Japan on December 31, 2016.

Guzman, 29 years-old won the title by stopping Shingo Wake on July 20, 2016 is looking for a win over Casteneda to get himself back in the rankings, on his way to another title shot, perhaps against WBO kingpin Isaac Dogboe.

This will be the 1st bout for Guzman under his new management team of El Matador Management.

“It’s been two years since I last fought and I can’t wait to get back in the ring. I’ve lost two years of my career because of promotional issues and now I need to make up this time,” said Guzman.

“I am facing a tough, strong and tall veteran fighter, but I have been training hard and I am ready for whatever comes.”

“I want to thank Top Rank for signing me to a promotional deal. They are one of the best promotional company around, and I know they will get me right back in to a world championship

fight soon enough. I also would like to give special thanks to my manager Felipe Gomez from El Matador Management for making this happen for me.”

“I am excited to see Guzman back in the ring,” said Gomez. “It is sad to see a former World Champion with great talents sitting around for so long without fighting. He just needs to get one or two wins under his belt to get him right back in the mix with the top-ten super bantamweights.”

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## **FORMER IBF WORLD CHAMPION JONATHAN “SALOMON KING” GUZMAN SIGNS WITH EL MATADOR MANAGEMENT**

QUEENS, NY (May 15th, 2018) – El Matador Management, Inc. has announced the signing of hard hitting super bantamweight contender, Jonathan “Salomon King” Guzman (23-1, 22 KO’s). Felipe Gomez will now be managing the career of hard hitting and former IBF World Super Bantamweight Champion Guzman, who hails from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Gomez will be working closely with Sampson Lewkowicz (Guzman’ Promoter) as they jointly look to keep Guzman busy, while guiding him back

toward a world title.

Guzman won the IBF World Super Bantamweight Title with an 11-round stoppage over Shingo Wake (20-4-2, 12 KO's) in Japan. Guzman then defended his title against Yukinori Oguni (18-1-1, 8 KO's) in Kyoto, Japan losing a 12-round unanimous decision.

"I been out of the ring for over a year now and I know Felipe Gomez can help jump-start my career again." said Guzman. "I see the job he is doing with all his fighters and how he has been keeping them busy. That is exactly what I need, someone that can help keep me busy fighting and that also believes in me becoming a World Champion again."

"I am extremely happy to be part of Jonathan Guzman's team" said Felipe Gomez. "He is an exciting fighter to watch, he reminds me of a mini Mike Tyson. I have big plans for him and I will work relentlessly with Sampson Lewkowicz to help Guzman get back on track. Guzman is a skillful fighter that has tremendous punching power in both hands and I am excited to have him be part of my team!"

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## Andre Dirrell Wins Unanimous

# Decision over Blake Caparello in Premier Boxing Champions on Spike Live from the Taj Mahal Casino & Hotel in Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (April 30, 2016) – Olympic Bronze Medalist Andre Dirrell (25-2, 16 KOs) defeated Australia's Blake Caparello (22-2-1, 6 KOs) by unanimous decision (98-91 X 3) in a 10-round super middleweight attraction in the Premier Boxing Champions (PBC) on Spike main event from the Taj Mahal Casino and Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

In a bout that started off with a lot of back and forth action, Caparello struck first with a left in the second round that sent Dirrell to the canvas.

"The knockdown I got in the second round felt good," said Caparello. "I knew I had him hurt, but I wasn't able to capitalize on it."

Caparello again got Dirrell against the ropes and seemingly into a bit of trouble with a similar left in round three, but eventually Dirrell settled in and managed to gain control of the fight.

Dirrell said, "My focus, determination and my drive got me the win tonight. I know I've got more work to do, but I never stopped grinding in there tonight."

Caparello continued to go to work and battle, but it was clear who the ring general was from the close of the third round and until the final bell rang.

Dirrell exclaimed, "I wanted to send the boxing world and this whole division a message. I'm coming for anyone with a belt. I'll take on anyone who's a champion. I know I'll be a world champion. I have to be a champion. I don't slow down for anyone. I'm going to keep pushing to get where I'm going."

On his struggles in the later rounds, Caparello said, "I continued to look for the same left hand all night, it just didn't come again. Andre has a lot of tricks, he is both good and fast. I am not happy with my performance."

Dirrell concluded, "Tonight my brother and I were both able to display our talents in front of a national audience on Spike. Anthony is strong as an ox and got the win quickly tonight. I got the win on determination and heart. I had to use my toughness in this fight, and I pushed myself as hard as I could to get the win."

In the second televised bout of the evening, former world champion Anthony "The Dog" Dirrell (29-1-1, 23 KOs) met former world title challenger Caleb "Golden" Truax (26-3-2, 16 KOs) in a 10-round super middleweight affair.

The former 168-pound titleholder Dirrell got off to a quick start, scoring two knockdowns in the first round, causing referee Harvey Dock to stop the fight at just 1:49 into the first round.

Dirrell said of the dominating performance, "What helped me tonight was landing my shots early. I was right on top of him with combinations and controlling my jab and that set the tone. I showed tonight that I work hard in the gym, and it paid off. If I work like I did this time leading up to the fight, then I know nobody can beat me."

A stunned Truax said, "Everything was great leading up to the fight. I don't know what happened tonight. He just caught me early. I think it was an overhand right."

Reflecting on what the victory means for his struggling hometown, Dirrell said, "My work tonight inside the ring made a big statement for what my brother and I are doing outside of the ring. A lot of people were watching tonight, and now they know a little bit more about what's going on with the Flint Water Crisis back home."

The opening televised bout featured undefeated knockout artist Jonathan Guzman (21-0, 21 KOs) continuing his hot streak in a 12-round super bantamweight title eliminator against Mexico's Daniel Rosas (20-3, 12 KOs).

Guzman, an unbeaten fighter out of the Dominican Republic and now training in Massachusetts, stabilized early and easily controlled the action in the second half of the fight.

Guzman said, "I used a lot of concentration early and let him make errors so I could see what he was planning to do. Once I saw the mistakes he was making I let my hands go."

Rosas was stunned in the third round, but Guzman was unable to close on a wobbled Rosas. In the fifth round, Guzman landed a left that knocked Rosas back and followed it with another, dropping Rosas just before the bell.

"I wanted to let him throw some punches early. It helped me gain confidence and learn his tendencies," said Guzman. "I saw him dropping that right hand, and I knew it would open up the opportunity for me to land my left."

Rounds six and seven saw Rosas take a pummeling, but miraculously stay on his feet. At the end of the eighth frame, Guzman dropped Rosas for a second time, and again Rosas was saved by the bell.

However, referee Benjy Esteves had seen enough and stopped the fight following the close of round eight.

When asked about the stoppage, Rosas said, "The Ref stopped

the fight. I thought the fight should have continued, but he decided to stop it.” Rosas continued, “(Guzman) knocked me down, but I kept on fighting. I was never hurt. Guzman is a strong fighter, but I felt I could have continued and come back in the rest of the rounds.”

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The fight card was promoted by King’s Promotions.

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## **Video: Jonathan Guzman talks Daniel Rosas battle**

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# **Andre Dirrell, Blake Caparello, Anthony Dirrell, Caleb Truax, Jonathan Guzman & Daniel Rosas Media Roundtable Quotes**

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (April 28, 2016) – With just two days until they enter the ring, Premier Boxing Champions on Spike fighters participated in media roundtables Wednesday in Atlantic City and discussed their respective Friday, April 29 showdowns taking place at Taj Mahal Casino and Hotel in Atlantic City.

The card is headlined by the return of the Dirrell brothers as Olympic Bronze medalist Andre “The Resurrected” Dirrell battles Australia’s Blake Caparello and former world champion Anthony “The Dog” Dirrell takes on Minnesota’s Caleb “Golden” Truax. Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/PT with knockout artist Jonathan Guzman against Mexico’s Daniel Rosas in a 122-pound eliminator.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King’s Promotions, are priced at \$100, \$75 and \$50, are available at all Ticketmaster outlets and are on sale now.

Here is what the fighters had to say Wednesday:

**ANDRE DIRRELL**

“I can tell that Caparello is coming from Australia to prove a point. He’s hungry for a victory and It’s my job to make sure

he doesn't get that. I take this as a championship fight.

"The blessing in having a layoff is that my body is in great shape. I feel 25-years-old not 32.

"I don't see myself as the smaller man. I suppose he can take a few shots but I am going to display my skill and show that it will lead to a world championship.

"I feel I am at the championship level. I'll have an eye on the 168-pound title fights Saturday. I'm looking to get that championship as soon as I can. I am ready and I want DeGale. I don't care if it's in his hometown, backyard, basement, living room or kitchen. I want to make sure that fight happens.

"I worked really hard and I can't wait to get in the ring on Friday night."

BLAKE CAPARELLO

"It's good to be back in Atlantic City. I took a lot from my fight against Sergey Kovalev. Being in the ring with him taught me a lot about ring composure. This is my Atlantic City redemption.

"Dirrell is a very difference fighter. Andre is very quick and slick. I can't afford to make minor mistakes. I didn't make the 20-hour flight for a loss. I was small for 175 pounds which made the move to 168 very comfortable.

"The plan is to win and fight one of the champions but fighting Andre is a world title for me.

"People don't think that I can punch, but I'm coming to win and put on a show. I'm looking to bring a victory back to Australia."

ANTHONY DIRRELL

"It means a lot to share this card with my brother. We share

everything. He is my big brother and this is a great moment for both of us.

"I will be watching the super middleweight title fights Saturday night, but I am not looking past Caleb Truax.

"I know Truax has fought some good competition in Daniel Jacobs and Jermain Taylor. I have my hands full but I prepared to have my hand lifted in Victory.

"I think the loss made me a better fighter because I know what it takes to get there. I am just looking for the next shot. When I get it, I'm going to capitalize and not let the title go.

"I'm going to stick to my game plan and try to get Truax out of there. Then I can start thinking about Badou Jack. I definitely want a rematch."

CALEB TRUAX

"I have to make the most of this opportunity. This is a huge fight for me. I can get another shot at a world title with a win.

"Dirrell is a good fighter. I've seen a lot of his fights and we've fought on the same card before. You have to respect that he is a former world champion.

"I have to draw from all the experiences I've had in my career. I have to use my experience and be on top of my game.

"Most of my fights have been around super middleweight. I don't have to struggle to make weight as much and I couldn't turn down this opportunity."

JONATHAN GUZMAN

"Rosas is a typical Mexican fighter who will come forward and be in great condition. I'm ready for him and I feel I know him

well.

"I want a world title and we're happy that if we get this win we can compete for a belt next time out.

"We are excited to put on a great show Friday night. I will break him in half."

DANIEL ROSAS

"We know our opponent is very good, but we trained 100 percent to get the victory.

"We've been waiting and putting in the work. If the knockout comes, it comes.

"I know this is an elimination bout. We came to win and we're prepared for anything that comes. I'm ready to be a world champion."

ANDRE DIRRELL VS. BLAKE CAPARELLO MEDIA SCHEDULE

\*All Times Are Eastern\*

Thursday, April 28

1:00 p.m. FINAL WEIGH-IN – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Location: Ego Bar & Lounge

Taj Mahal Casino & Hotel

1000 Virginia Avenue; Atlantic City, NJ 08401

12:30 p.m. – Media Arrival

1:00 p.m. – Fighters on Scale

Friday, April 29

6:00 p.m. TAJ MAHAL CASINO & HOTEL DOORS OPEN

1000 Virginia Avenue; Atlantic City, NJ 08401

6:30 p.m. FIRST FIGHT BEGINS

9:00 p.m. PBC ON SPIKE TELECAST BEGINS

CREDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION

Fight night credentials can be picked up on Friday, April 29

from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. ET at the VIP check-in. Proper personal photo identification (driver's license or passport) is required for credential pick-up.

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