

# **Top Super Welterweight Prospect Joey Spencer Battles Erik Spring in FOX PBC Fight Night Action & on FOX Deportes Saturday, January 18 from Temple University's Liacouras Center in Philadelphia**

PHILADELPHIA (January 3, 2020) – Top super welterweight prospect Joey Spencer will enter the ring to take on Erik Spring in a six-round showdown that opens up the FOX PBC Fight Night broadcast and on FOX Deportes Saturday, January 18 from Temple University's Liacouras Center in Philadelphia.

FOX PBC Fight Night begins at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT and is headlined by unified 154-pound champion and Philadelphia-native Julian "J-Rock" Williams making a homecoming defense against hard-hitting contender Jeison Rosario. The co-main event will feature undefeated rising star Chris "Prime Time" Colbert taking on former champion Jezreel Corrales for the Interim WBA Super Featherweight Title.

Preceding the main card on FOX, FOX PBC Fight Night Prelims on FS1 and FOX Deportes begin at 6:30 p.m. ET/3:30 p.m. PT and feature a 10-round super welterweight attraction between Mexico's Jorge Cota (29-4, 26 KOs) and New Jersey's Thomas "Cornflake" LaManna (28-2-1, 10 KOs). Plus, sensational 17-year-old prospect Vito Mielnicki Jr. (3-0, 3 KOs) steps in for a four round welterweight bout against West Virginia's Preston Wilson (6-3-1, 4 KOs), while Puerto Rican prospect Romuel Cruz

(3-0-1, 1 K0) competes in a four-round super bantamweight fight against Wisconsin's Julio Garcia (3-3, 2 K0s) in the opener.

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.

The 19-year-old Spencer (9-0, 7 K0s) has made fast strides since turning pro in February 2018, including four victories on his 2019 campaign. Representing his hometown of Linden, Michigan, Spencer most recently stopped Travis Gambardella on FS1 in September after defeating Akeem Black on FOX in June. He will kick off 2020 against the 35-year-old Spring (13-3-2, 1 K0), who fought three times in 2019, winning twice. The Reading, Pennsylvania native dropped a decision to Courtney Pennington last time out but has won five of his last seven bouts.

The non-televised undercard will also feature Delaware-native Kyrone Davis (14-5, 2 K0s) in an eight-round middleweight fight against Atlanta's Antonio Todd (7-2, 4 K0s), Philadelphia native Paul Kroll (6-0, 5 K0s) battling another Philadelphia native in Marcel Rivers (7-2, 4 K0s) for a six-round super welterweight affair, and super featherweight Ricky Lopez (21-4-1, 6 K0s) from Colorado Springs taking on Chicago's Jose Luis Gallegos (18-8, 14 K0s) in a contest scheduled for 10 rounds.

Rounding out the action is Paterson, New Jersey's Norman Neely looking to remain unbeaten against Georgia's Larry Knight in a four-round heavyweight bout, Puerto Rico's Luis Del Valle in an eight-round super lightweight duel and the pro debut of Philadelphia's Miguel Angel Roman Jr. in a four-round featherweight affair.

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**Undefeated      Rising      Star  
Jarrett Hurd Now Set to Face  
Former Title Challenger Jo Jo  
Dan in Super Welterweight  
Action Saturday, November 12  
on Premier Boxing Champions  
on Spike from Temple  
University's Liacouras Center**

# in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (October 26, 2016) – Undefeated rising star Jarrett Hurd (18-0, 12 KOs) will now match up against former title challenger Jo Jo Dan (35-3, 18 KOs) in a 10-round showdown featured on Premier Boxing Champions (PBC) on Spike Saturday, Nov. 12 from Temple University's Liacouras Center in Philadelphia.

Once-beaten contender Jorge Cota was originally scheduled to face Hurd, but was forced to withdraw after an emergency appendectomy.

The event is headlined by Philadelphia's own undefeated world champion Danny "Swift" Garcia, who takes on Colombia's Samuel Vargas in a 10-round bout. Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/8 p.m. CT and features a clash between former world champion Javier Fortuna and unbeaten prospect Omar Douglas.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by DSG Promotions and King's Promotions, are priced at \$200, \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$35 and are on sale now. To purchase tickets, visit [LiacourasCenter.com/events](http://LiacourasCenter.com/events) or call 800-298-4200. Ten dollars from every ticket sold will go to Philabundance, feeding 20 people in need per ticket.

Hurd fights out of Accokeek, Md., just south of Washington, D.C. and is perfect since entering the pro ranks in 2012. The 26-year-old has faced three straight undefeated fighters including a sixth-round stoppage of Frank Galarza in 2015 and a 10th-round TKO over Oscar Molina in the co-main event of the Keith Thurman vs. Shawn Porter card in June. The exciting boxer-puncher will look to continue his climb to a world title on November 12.

Born in Romania, Dan fights out of Quebec, Canada and hopes to stay perfect in his U.S. outings, having already won twice stateside. A pro since 2004, Dan was unbeaten in his first 26

professional starts. He owns two impressive victories over Canadian rival Kevin Bizier and challenged Kell Brook for his welterweight title last year. Dan moved up to 154-pounds in his last fight, when he defeated veteran Rafal Jackiewicz by decision and he will look to announce his presence in the division when he faces Hurd on November 12.

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## Get to Know Jarrett Hurd

PHILADELPHIA (October 19, 2016) – In the last year, undefeated 154-pound contender “Swift” Jarrett Hurd has rocketed to the top of the stacked super welterweight division, putting himself squarely in the hunt for a world title. Saturday, November 12, Hurd continues his championship march as he takes on once-beaten Jorge Cota in Premier Boxing Champions on Spike action from Temple University's Liacouras Center.

Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/8 p.m. CT and is

headlined by Philadelphia's own undefeated world champion Danny "Swift" Garcia, who takes on Colombia's Samuel Vargas in a 10-round bout. Garcia is teaming up with Philabundance, the region's largest hunger relief organization, to arrange a regional food drive and raise money throughout the promotion. For more information on how to get involved, visit the event's webpage [HERE](#).

Hurd enters this fight coming off of two impressive victories over previously unbeaten fighters. In November 2015 he dominated Frank Galarza and stalked him around the ring before ending his night in the sixth round. Hurd followed that up in June of this year, when he stopped Carlos Molina in the final round on CBS as the co-main event of the Keith Thurman vs. Shawn Porter showdown. Hurd's blinding right uppercut in the first round sent Molina to the canvas and the highlight earned him a spot on SportsCenter's Top 10 Plays.

Get to know more about the rising star as he talks about his introduction to the sport and some of his personal favorites:

(On his team): I have the best team in the world. Ernesto Rodriguez is my head trainer and we do our work in Temple Hills, Maryland. Ernesto is great because he trains me for the style that fits my skills best.

There is no ego in my team. We're all working toward the same goal and everyone plays their role perfectly. With each fight we're getting closer to reaching the ultimate goal – becoming a world champion.

(On his start in boxing): My father first put me in the ring to learn how to defend myself. I was 15-years-old and didn't really know how to fight. I took to it quickly though and it was obviously one of the best things that ever happened to me.

(On his nickname): I got my nickname from the gym. I looked calm and collective in the gym and people noticed. They said I looked swift in there. Now it's "Swift" and "Swift" on the

same card and it's going to be electric.

(On his boxing idols): I tried to emulate a lot of defensive fighters. Roy Jones Jr. and Floyd Mayweather are my favorite fighters of all time. I liked James Toney because of his shoulder roll and the Philly shell style.

(Favorite sport/team): I watch football. I only the watch the Washington Redskins though. I've always been a huge fan.

(Favorite television show): Power on Starz

(Favorite movie): Deadpool

(Favorite junk food): Pizza

(Favorite health food): Kale

(Celebrity crush): Keri Hilson and Nia Long

(Perfect Vacation): Definitely a cruise to Puerto Rico. I've never been there but I want to experience it.

(On his homemade " All Access " videos): I just love to be out there and giving fans a chance to feel connected to me. My childhood friend, Christopher Walton, picked up a camera and just started recording me in the ring and outside of the ring one day. He started getting some better equipment so we decided to do these videos to help promote me. The fans are important to me and I want them to feel like they're a part of my journey.

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## **Video: Jarrett Hurd talks about November 12 bout with Jorge Cota**

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## **Undefeated World Champion Danny Garcia Faces Colombia's Samuel Vargas Saturday, November 12 From Temple University's Liacouras Center In Philadelphia**

PHILADELPHIA (October 13, 2016) – Undefeated welterweight world champion Danny “Swift” Garcia (32-0, 18 KOs) will make his first appearance in his native Philadelphia since 2010 as



he takes on Colombia's Samuel Vargas (25-2-1, 13 KOs) in the main event of Premier Boxing Champions on Spike Saturday, November 12 from Temple University's Liacouras Center. The bout will be Garcia's final hurdle before a planned massive showdown with unbeaten champion Keith "One Time" Thurman scheduled for the first quarter of 2017.

In keeping with his desire to give back to the community, Garcia is teaming up with Philabundance, the region's largest hunger relief organization, to arrange a regional food drive, collecting most-needed items, such as tuna and vegetables. Fans are being encouraged to drop off canned goods at the Liacouras Center (1776 N Broad St) and the DSG Boxing Gym (3731 Jasper St). Additionally, \$10 from each ticket sold will be donated and provide 20 meals per ticket for people in need. More information on these efforts and how you can get involved will be announced shortly.

Garcia, a two-division world champion, will battle Vargas in a 10-round non-title bout in his first fight since his exciting win over Robert "The Ghost" Guerrero in January. Garcia insisted on staging the fight in his hometown and using the event as a vehicle to raise awareness and money for the less fortunate in the area.

"My dad and I wanted to get one more fight in before the end of the year and there was no doubt in my mind it had to be in Philadelphia," said Garcia. "My team got it done and it's a great feeling to fight at home over the holidays. I'm excited to use this opportunity to give back to the community and put on a show on November 12. This city means everything to me. I hope everyone comes out, but shows up with cans of food too. I'm gearing up for a big fight with Keith Thurman next year that's going to be a can't miss event. First, I'm going to fight for my city on November 12."

"Things happen when you work hard and I'm so excited about this opportunity," said Vargas. "Garcia is a great fighter and

he cleaned out the 140-pound division and now he is champion at 147. A win would change my life and everyone around me. This is my time. I can't fail. This is going to be a Rocky story in Rocky's town."

Televised coverage on Spike begins at 9 p.m. ET/8 p.m. CT and features undefeated rising star Jarrett Hurd (18-0, 12 KOs) in a 12-round bout against once-beaten super welterweight contender Jorge Cota (25-1, 22 KOs) and former world champion Javier Fortuna (30-1-1, 22 KOs) battling undefeated Omar Douglas (17-0, 12 KOs) in a 10-round lightweight bout.

"This win will put me one step closer towards winning a world title," said Hurd. "The win over Oscar Molina was a big opportunity that has opened a lot of doors and was a great experience. Cota is a tough veteran with a high knockout rate. He is a little wild and I have to look out for that. I'm going to go out there to land nice shots and stick to my game plan."

"I'm looking forward to this opportunity to fight a good undefeated fighter," said Cota. "I know that I have the power and skills to beat anybody out there. I'm going to leave it all in the ring and get the victory on November 12."

"I'm only thinking about winning heading into this fight," said Fortuna. "Douglas is a good fighter who moves very well. I'm looking forward to this challenge on November 12. I will be a world champion once again."

"This is the type of fight that I need if I am going to be a champion," said Douglas. "I plan on putting on a crowd pleasing performance. Fortuna is a decent fighter and I'm going to have to break him down. He is good for four or five rounds but then he slows down. I'm going to set him up to take him out in the later rounds."

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Garcia returns to headline in his hometown as a two-division world champion who has picked up major victories over top fighters including Amir Khan, Lucas Matthysse, Lamont Peterson, Paulie Malignaggi and Zab Judah on his way to 31 professional victories. The 28-year-old earned a vacant welterweight world title in his last bout when he won a toe-to-toe battle with former world champion Guerrero in Los Angeles taking his professional record to 32-0.

The 27-year-old Vargas enters this bout on a five-fight win streak including three stoppage victories including his most recent outing, a 10-round decision over Juan Armando Garcia in May. Born in Columbia, his family left to find a better life when he was 15 years old and after a brief stay in New York City, they moved to the Toronto suburb of Mississauga. Vargas enrolled at a boxing gym early on and learned discipline while adapting to his surroundings. He turned pro in 2010 after just 12 amateur bouts and was undefeated in his first 16 fights while fighting out of Canada.

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A powerful puncher sporting an 88 percent knockout rate, Cota made his U.S. debut in August of 2015 and upset Cuban Olympic silver medalist Yudel Jhonson while knocking him down twice over the 10 round bout. The fighter out of Sinaloa, Mexico is entering this fight with nine straight wins, including six by way of knockout. The 27-year-old will be making his first ring appearance of 2016.

An amateur standout that participated in the first Pan American Junior Championships in 2003, the 27-year-old Fortuna owns victories over Abner Cotto, Carlos Ivan Velasquez, Miguel Zamudio and Patrick Hyland. He took down the highly regarded Bryan Vasquez to earn a super featherweight world title in May of last year. Representing La Romana, Dominican Republic, Fortuna bounced back from a defeat to Jason Sosa to stop previously unbeaten Marlyn Cabrera in September.

An undefeated fighter out of Wilmington, Delaware, Douglas impressed in his last two outings when he defeated contender Frank De Alba in a step up fight last December and followed it up with a seventh round knockout of Alexei Collado in June. The 25-year-old has picked up four victories since the beginning of 2015 and will face his toughest competition to date when he battles Fortuna.

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#### About Philabundance

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