

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."

JULIAN WILLIAMS VS. JEISON ROSARIO

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

Williams vs. Rosario will see unified 154-pound champion and Philadelphia-native Julian "J-Rock" Williams make a homecoming defense against hard-hitting contender Jeison Rosario Saturday, January 18 in the FOX PBC Fight Night main event and on FOX Deportes from Temple University's Liacouras Center.

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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Undefeated and number-one ranked Julian “J Rock” Williams ready for Jermall Charlo next

PHILADELPHIA (MAY 31, 2016)—On May 21, three of the four world championships in the hot junior middleweight division were contested as Erislandy Lara defended his WBA title with a unanimous decision over Vanes Martirosyan; Jermall Charlo defended his IBF title with a unanimous decision over former champion Austin Trout and Jermell Charlo scored a come-from-behind stoppage over John Jackson to capture the WBC belt.

Sitting ringside was IBF number-one ranked contender, undefeated Julian “J Rock” Williams. Williams was a very interested observer and was interviewed on the SHOWTIME® broadcast with his thoughts on the happenings of the evening.

“Jermell did his thing. I thought he was losing but Jermell

has a clutch gene. He comes through in close fights. He knows what it's like to be in tough. He's doing well under Derrick James. He looked better on TV than he did live at the fight. He was losing but he was walking Jackson down. The sand was running out of the hour glass for Jackson. Jermell can punch better than his record indicates. And that style would be better for him because people always called him boring but it was nothing boring about the KO," said Williams.

"Lara did what he always does. He boxed and moved and he won."

" I honestly didn't think Trout would last with Jermall. I was surprised at how competitive that fight was. Jermall has every advantage over Trout on paper but fights aren't won on paper. Trout proved something. I was actually going to congratulate him but I heard him say to Jermall "smack J Rock for me". I don't know what's up with these guys. He had a chance to fight me for a whole year and he asked another man to smack me. But that's old news Trout is out of the picture."

With that being, said the undefeated fighter from Philadelphia is focused in bring back the hardware back to the "City of Brotherly Love."

"My focus is on Jermall Charlo. It's going to be a great fight. I think he's a heck of a fighter. This is legacy defining. This is a real number-one contender against a real champion. This is a real mandatory. This is like Bernard Hopkins having to defend against Jermain Taylor. Or Jermain Taylor having to defend against Kelly Pavlik. Or Felix Trinidad having to fight Oba Carr. This is a real fight and I'm excited. I'm excited to test my skills against one of the best young fighters in the game.

Even though, Williams was ringside, he just wanted to observe and take mental notes of the perspective future opponents.

"I didn't get in the ring like Charles Hatley did because that's not my style. Hatley is a talented fighter. I remember

him from the amateurs but to each his own. Jermall and Jermell deserve respect and most importantly I know the difference between the two brothers. Hatley got in the ring with Jermall who has to fight me, instead of Jermell who has to fight him. That was Jermall's moment to shine he had just won a tough fight. Everybody knows he has to fight me. There would be no need for me to get in the ring."

Even though Williams has been avoided, the powers that be in boxing can not keep Williams from realizing his dreams, and that opportunity will be coming sooner rather than later.

"From my understanding we have to come to an agreement in June. I believe in the IBF. They seem to enforce their mandatory bouts. The IBF did not rank me number-one, not to have me fight for their belt. Jermall said making weight wasn't that bad. He hired a chef. I know he's prideful. He's a champion. He feels he's better than me, I feel I'm better than him. There is only one way to prove it. Let's fight."

I can't get into details but I believe the fight will be in September as the co- main to a BIG card. I'm super excited to finally get this opportunity.

Video: Julian Williams talks about his win over Marcello Matano

Video: Marcello Matano talks about his loss to Julian Williams

JULIAN WILLIAMS KNOCKS OUT MARCELLO MATANO, CALLS OUT WORLD CHAMPION JERMALL CHARLO SATURDA

BETHLEHEM, PA. (March 6, 2016) – Julian Williams secured the IBF's No. 1 position at 154 pounds and called out Junior Middleweight World Champion Jermall Charlo after an impressive seventh-round TKO of Italian Marcello Matano Saturday on SHOWTIME from Sands Bethlehem Events Center in Bethlehem, Pa. VIDEO OF WILLIAMS CALLING OUT CHARLO: <http://s.sho.com/1UJo5bp>

The undefeated Philadelphia native put on a clinic, breaking down his opponent from the opening bell until referee Gary Rosato stepped in to protect a defenseless Matano (16-2, 5 KOs) at 2:24 of the seventh. Williams (23-0-1, 14 KOs) utilized a steady diet of combos, jabs and body shots in the middle rounds to weaken Matano and set up the big shots to close the show in the seventh. VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS: <http://s.sho.com/1QzbBBb>

Williams landed 59 percent of his power shots, including a staggering 76 percent in the deciding seventh.

"Maybe people will think they saw a chink in the armor tonight," Williams said. "Maybe guys will come out from under the rock and get some of this West Philly work."

"Jermall has been watching my performances. Him and his brother know exactly who I am. He needs to fight or vacate now. He needs to step up, but he's already laying his groundwork and making excuses."

"Step up and fight me. It's two of the best junior middleweights in the world. It's about greatness. I want to be great. All of you turkeys at 154 pounds, let's fight."

After the fight, Matano took issue with the stoppage.

"He was pretty fast with his jab, but I felt like I was just getting into the fight," Matano said. "I felt the punch, but I felt like I could have kept going. I have a warrior heart and I never want to quit."

"I'm going to go back to Italy and take a little rest, then I'll be right back in the gym. It was a wonderful experience coming here to America. I got to fight a top-echelon fighter and I feel like I belong."

Avtandil Khurtsidze, a human brick wall barreling forward, upset previously unbeaten middleweight contender Antoine Douglas with a thoroughly dominating 10th-round TKO. VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS: <http://s.sho.com/21er63g>

The 35-year-old "mini-Mike Tyson" plowed forward from the opening bell until the TKO at 0:33 of the 10th. The 6-foot Douglas had no answer for his 5-foot-4 opponent, a Brooklyn-based native of Georgia who is looking to become the first world champion from the former Soviet nation.

Khurtsidze (32-2-2, 21 KOs) hurt Douglas (19-1-1, 13 KOs) with a big left in the opening seconds of the third round, sending the 23-year-old face forward through the ropes. Somehow,

Douglas recovered from the first knockdown of his career and fought himself back into the fight. The Washington, D.C., native rallied to win the fourth and the fifth rounds, and the all-action sixth could have gone either way.

Khurtsidze opened the seventh with a monstrous one-punch left to floor Douglas, who again somehow survived the round on failing legs as Khurtsidze threw over 100 total punches. Khurtsidze, who showed unbelievable stamina to push the pressure throughout, started the 10th with a relentless attack, forcing referee Benjy Esteves to stop the fight at 0:33 of the with Douglas defenseless against the ropes.

"I knew he was going to get tired," said Khurtsidze, who took the fight on less than three weeks notice. "I felt like I was going to catch him. He's a good fighter, but he's not strong.

"I knew he was going to be hungry. But I also knew that I was going to beat him. It was short notice but I did everything I could in the time we had. I stayed in the gym and stayed sharp.

"Whoever they put in front me, I'm ready for them. I love fighting. I'll fight anybody."

Douglas had entered the fight as a fast-rising 160-pounder on the cusp of a title shot.

"I feel OK," Douglas told SHOWTME Sports analyst Steve Farhood after the fight. "He definitely dictated. He definitely had a better day today. It's not discouraging, we just weren't able to execute. Naturally, I'm crushed. It's back to the drawing board."

In the opening bout of the telecast, middleweight contender Tony Harrison looked impressive in a sixth round TKO over former world title challenger Fernando Guerrero.

Harrison (23-1, 19 KOs) was the aggressor from the outset,

jabbing at range to set up his favorite weapon – a powerful right. The Detroit native floored Guerrero with a big right with 15 seconds to go in the second round. The southpaw got up, but looked hurt and was saved by the bell.

Guerrero (28-4, 20 KOs) had his moments in the fourth and fifth rounds after some heedful advice from his corner, but he couldn't get inside to escape Harrison's powerful right. It was a clean left hook midway through the sixth that ultimately finished Guerrero. After Harrison dropped Guerrero with the left, the Dominican Republic native beat the count but had no legs and went back to the canvas after four more consecutive shots from Harrison, forcing referee Gary Rosato to stop the bout at 1:56 of the sixth.

"I threw punches back and I finished the rounds stronger than him," said Harrison, who landed 57 percent of his power shots. "I dominated the fight. My dad kept telling me to put the hook behind the right hand and if I had listened to him better I could have gotten the knockout much quicker.

"I was backing him up. My game plan was to take advantage of the fact that southpaws don't fight well going backwards. I tried to just keep putting him back and discouraging him. I told everyone I was taking the fight to him. What's not to like about me? I'm exciting.

"I want big fights, I want to go back to Detroit and I want the Willie Nelson rematch."

Said Guerrero: "I wasn't on today. He wasn't faster than me, stronger than me or more skilled. I just locked up. I wasn't listening to my corner, I didn't do anything tonight.

"It just happens. Sometimes you have a bad day. Today was as bad as I could ever imagine.

"We'll go back to the drawing board. I didn't do what I was supposed to do. We trained so hard. He wasn't as fast or

strong as we thought he'd be. Today was a bad day for me to have a bad day."

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