

# **Edner Cherry Tops Lydell Rhodes with Unanimous Decision in Main Event of Premier Boxing Champions TOE-T0-T0E TUESDAYS on FS1 & BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes from Sands Bethlehem Events Center in Bethlehem, Pa.**

BETHLEHEM, PA. (June 29, 2016) – Former title challenger Edner Cherry (35-7-2, 19 KOs) defeated contender Lydell Rhodes (23-2-1, 11 KOs) by unanimous decision (98-92, 97-93 X 2) in a 10-round super featherweight main event of Premier Boxing Champions TOE-T0-T0E TUESDAYS on FS1 and BOXEO DE CAMPEONES from Sands Bethlehem Events Center in Bethlehem, Pa.

Cherry, of Wauchula, Fla. who trains out of St. Pete Boxing Club with welterweight champion Keith Thurman, got off to an early lead in the second round, landing a left that stumbled Rhodes briefly.

A former football standout and wrestler in high school, who has competed in both boxing and mixed martial arts professionally, Oklahoma City's Rhodes made the fight physical and ugly early.

Rhodes said, "He held and a lot which made it tough to get in a rhythm."

"He was slick," answered Cherry. "So I held because I didn't want him to get in those quick shots."

A sloppy round five saw both fighters slip to the canvas, but neither was ruled a knockdown. What became a wrestling match continued rounds six through 10, with clinching and grappling throughout.

Moments before the final bell, Cherry stunned Rhodes, cementing what would become his unanimous victory.

Cherry said, "I thought it was a great fight. I was in a tough fight tonight and I am glad to come out with the victory."

A discontented Rhodes expressed, "It was a heck of a fight. I wanted to back him up in the later rounds but he was strong. It was an ugly fight, but I believe I won. I don't agree with the decision. Nothing more, nothing less."

Cherry concluded, "Training and sparring with Keith (Thurman) was great. He's so strong and it helped me in this fight. We were both training for big fights at the same time and it helped me increase my strength and pick up this win tonight, without a doubt."

Televised coverage kicked off with unbeaten Omar "Super 0" Douglas (17-0, 12 KOs) stopping Cuban Alexei "The Hurricane" Collado (19-2, 17 KOs) in the seventh round of their scheduled 10-round super featherweight bout.

A fast-rising star out of Wilmington, Delaware, Douglas jumped out to an early lead, controlling the action in the first frame. Douglas continued moving Collado around the ring in round two, forcing a frustrated Collado to clinch, which resulted in both fighters awkwardly stumbling to the canvas.

The Miami native Collado came out aggressive in rounds three and four, outworking Douglas and winning him the pair of rounds on all three judges' scorecards.

However, Douglas settled in throughout rounds five and six. His jabs to the body proving an effective deterrent to Collado's aggression and furious pace he displayed in the earlier rounds.

The end came in the seventh round as Douglas landed a left hook to Collado's head that stumbled Collado, forcing him to take a knee and never get back up.

"I noticed that he has his head in the middle and that is unusual for a tall guy," said Douglas. "So I was focusing on the right hand up the middle. I was able to finish him with a hard right, left, right combination."

Collado acknowledged, "He hit me with a good left hook and that broke my nose. I feel it was a close fight though, and I was in the fight up until he got me, but he is a good fighter."

Douglas agreed with Collado's assessment of the competition adding, "It was a tough fight, but I had a great camp and that showed tonight. I think I need one or two more of these kinds of fights and I will be ready for a title shot."

The second televised bout showcased unbeaten prospect Antonio Russell (7-0, 5 KOs) securing a unanimous decision (60-54, 59-55 X 2) victory over Jamaica's Rudolph Hedge (10-4-3, 4 KOs) in a six-round super bantamweight showdown.

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# **Unbeaten Featherweight Prospect Stephen Fulton Takes on Mexico's Christian Renteria on Premier Boxing Champions on ESPN & ESPN Deportes Saturday, July 2 From Santander Arena in Reading, PA.**

READING, PA. (June 28, 2016) – Unbeaten featherweight prospect Stephen Fulton (9-0, 4 KOs) takes on Mexico's Christian Renteria (5-2, 4 KOs) in a six-round featherweight attraction as part of Premier Boxing Champions on ESPN & ESPN Deportes Saturday, July 2 from Santander Arena in Reading, PA.

PBC on ESPN & ESPN Deportes action is headlined by unbeaten lightweight contender Jamel Herring squaring-off against former title challenger Denis Shafikov in a 10-round bout. Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT and features undefeated Polish prospect Patryk Syzmanski battling former title challenger "Silky" Wilky Campfort.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King's Promotions, are priced at \$20, \$35, \$55 and \$75, and are on sale now via Ticketmaster.

Additional action will see local contender Frank DeAlba (18-2-2, 7 KOs) taking on veteran Colombian Jonathan Perez (35-14, 28 KOs) in an eight-round super featherweight bout while former world champion Kermit Cintron (36-5-2, 28 KOs) takes on Puerto Rico's Carlos Garcia (10-15-1, 8 KOs) in eight-rounds of junior middleweight action and local prospect Erik Spring (7-1, 1 KO) against Pennsylvania's James Robinson (3-4-2, 1 KO) in a six-round welterweight battle.

Rounding out the night of fights are unbeaten prospect Chordale Booker (2-0, 2 KOs) in a four-round super welterweight contest against Kevin Womack (7-11-3, 5 KOs), local super welterweight Miguel Martinez (1-1) in a four-round bout against Philadelphia's Antonio Allen (0-1), the pro debut of New Jersey's Kashon Hutchinson in a four-round super lightweight attraction against Robert Ramos (1-4-1, 1 KO) and the pro debut of New Jersey's Christian Carto in a four-round flyweight contest against Rahkeam Parker (0-2).

Born and raised in West Philadelphia, Fulton is coming off of a fourth-round stoppage of previously unbeaten Adalberto Zorilla in April. The 21-year-old is unbeaten since turning pro in 2014 and will be looking to make it a perfect 10 wins in 10 pro starts when he enters the ring on July 2. He will be opposed by the Tijuana, Mexico-native Renteria who enters the ring coming off of back-to-back knockout victories.

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**Video: Antonio DuBose talks about his fight with Chris Colbert**

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**Video: Alexei Collado talks about his fight with Omar Douglas**

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**Video: Omar Douglas talks about his bout with Alexei Collado**

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**Video: Lydell Rhodes talks**

**about his fight with Edner  
Cherry**

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**Video: Cherry – Rhodes Weigh  
in, June 27, 2016**

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**Video: Undefeated Super  
Lightweight, Milton Santiago  
Jr. chimes in on Tonight's  
bout against Osumanu Akaba**

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**Weights from Bethlehem, PA**

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Antonio Russell 117.1 – Rudolph Hedge 119.3

Chris Colbert 127.5 – Antonio DuBose 127.8

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# **King's Promotions lightweight Mykal Fox battles veteran Jose Valderrama on Tuesday night at the Sands Bethlehem Events Center**

BETHLEHEM, PA. (June 24, 2016) – This Tuesday night undefeated lightweight prospect Mykal “The Professor” Fox (9-0, 2 K0’s) will take on Jose Valderrama (5-13, 3 K0’s) in a scheduled six-round bout that will be part of the undercard of Premier Boxing Champions TOE-TO-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 and BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes from Sands Bethlehem Events Center in Bethlehem, Pa.

The June 28 event is headlined by a lightweight showdown between former title challenger Edner Cherry and quick-fisted contender Lydell Rhodes. Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT with unbeaten featherweight Omar Douglas taking on Cuba’s Alexei Collado.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King’s Promotions, are priced at \$100, \$75, and \$50, not including applicable service charges and taxes and are on sale now. Tickets are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). To charge by phone call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000.



Fox of Forestville, Maryland will be making his second start of the year and he is ready to go and put on a great performance.

"My training has been great. Everything is falling into place and my weight is coming off easy," said the 20 year-old prospect.

In Valderrama, Fox is facing his 3rd straight opponent who has had significantly more fights than him. Fox will be Valderrama's 11th undefeated opponent.

"Valderrama has fought some guys from my area (David Grayton, Demond Nicholson and Malik Hawkins), so I know him some. He has fought at bigger weights so I expect him to be bigger, but my boxing skills will get me over in this fight."

Fox has been kept busy with King's Promotions and he expects to begin moving up the ladder in the near-future.

"I am getting moved very well. This is a great opportunity for me as it is on the undercard of a televised fight. That in itself is a step up. I feel like this is an upward step. I keep telling people to just be on the lookout for me. This is a television undercard, so the next step will be to be on television and then I will be known nationally."

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