

# Former World Champions Tevin Farmer and Mickey Bey Square off at The Findlay Toyota Center in Prescott Valley, Arizona

Prescott, Arizona (July 25, 2022)—On Friday night , August 12th, former world champions Tevin Farmer and Mickey Bey will finally square in a 10-round lightweight bout. The fight will take place at the Findlay Toyota Center in Prescott, Arizona.

The outstanding night of boxing can be seen live on Pay-Per-View at [RedemptionPPV.com](https://RedemptionPPV.com)

The fight has successfully been rescheduled after the event was moved from Ghana to Dubai. The show had to be postponed after the President of Dubai passed away.

The show is promoted by Bigger Than Life Entertainment and Sports Sweet Science Boxing in association with Indie Pro Sports. Tevin Farmer and Bey Brothers Boxing.

Farmer, 31 of Philadelphia has a record of 30-5-1 with six knockouts. Farmer won the IBF Super Featherweight title on August 3, 2018 with a 12-round unanimous decision over former world champion Billy Dib. He went on to make four successful defenses over James Tennyson, Francisco Fonseca, Jono Carroll and Guillaume Frenois. In his last bout, Farmer dropped his belt to Joseph Diaz Jr. on January 30, 2020. Farmer also has wins over Angelo Ward (1-0), Tim Witherspoon Jr. (6-1-1), Tyrone Luckey (4-1-1), Camilo Perez (9-0), Noel Echievarria (11-1), Emanuel Gonzalez (14-0), Viktor Chernous (15-1-1), Angel Luna (10-0-1), Daulis Prescott (30-2, former world champion Gamaliel Diaz, Ivan Redkach (19-1-1), and Dardan

Zenunaj (12-2).

Bey, 39 of Cleveland, Ohio, is 23-3-1 with 11 knockouts. A ring veteran of 17 years, Bey won the IBF Lightweight title with a 12-round split decision over Miguel Vazquez on September 13, 2014 in Las Vegas. He dropped the title when he lost a split decision to Rances Barthelemy on June 3, 2016. Bey also has wins over Rashad Ganaway (10-1-1), Alejandro Rodriguez (12-3), Jose Herrera Garcia (32-5) and Naim Nelson (12-0). In his last fight, Bey lost a split decision to current undisputed lightweight champion George Kamposos on December 14, 2019 in New York.

A stacked undercard will feature Lorenzo "Truck" Simpson (11-0, 7 KOs) of Baltimore taking on Tyi Edmonds (14-4, 9 KOs) of Meridian, Mississippi in a eight-round super middleweight bout.

Keenan Carbajal (23-3-1, 15 KOs) of Phoenix, Arizona fights Belmar Preciado (21-5-1, 14 KOs) of Barranquilla, Colombia in an eight-round featherweight affair.

Mohammed Aryeetey (7-0, 5 KOs) fights Jeronil Borres (11-7-1, 6 KOs) of the Philippines in an eight-round flyweight bout.

Tramaine Williams (19-1, 6 KOs) of New Haven, Connecticut will square off with Jetro Pabustan (31-9-6, 9 KOs) of The Philippines in a super bantamweight fight.

Daniel Hilton (2-0, 2 KOs) of Prescott Valley, Arizona will look to thrill his hometown fans when he battles Isaac Sifuentez (0-5) of Texas in a four-round junior middleweight bout.

More bouts will be announced shortly.

Tickets range from \$35-\$250 Findlaytoyotacenter.com

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# **Tevin Farmer vs Mickey Bey Postponed!!!**

Dubai (May 17, 2022)–Due to the unfortunate passing of President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan of The United Arab Emirates, this Saturday's showdown of former world champions Tevin Farmer and Mickey Bey at The Coca-Cola Arena Dubai has been postponed.

Farmer and Bey were poised to headline a great night of boxing where the former champs were primed and ready to put on championship level performances.

"On Behalf of the Organizers Bigger than Life Sports, Tevin Farmer and Mickey Bey of Bey Brothers Promotions, We want to give our condolences to all of the people of Dubai (UAE) on the passing of their great leader. I want to also acknowledge condolences to everyone working on the event. I want to thank everyone at the Coca-Cola Arena Dubai and the UAE Sports Council. We were originally supposed to have the show in Ghana, but because of changing Covid restrictions, we moved the fight to Dubai (UAE).The people of Dubai have been terrific to work with, and it is heartbreaking for the people of this country to mourn the loss of their leader. This delay will only build this great event even more, and Tevin and Mickey will continue to train as we reschedule. Like we have been saying since we announced the fight, it will be a great event," said E.Jay Matthews of Bigger Than Life Sports.

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**Rances Barthelmey Defeats Mickey Bey by Split Decision to Retain Lightweight Title in Main Event of Premier Boxing Champions on Spike**

# from The Hard Rock Live at the Seminole Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Florida

HOLLYWOOD, FL. (June 4, 2016) – Undefeated lightweight world champion Rances “Kid Blast” Barthelemy (25-0, 13 KOs) defeated former world champion Mickey “The Spirit” Bey (22-2-1, 10 KOs) by split decision (117-110, 116-111, 110-117) in the main event of Premier Boxing Champions (PBC) on Spike Friday night at the Hard Rock Live at the Seminole Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Florida.

Following an exciting first round in which Barthelemy backed Bey up at the bell, round two came to a close with similar fireworks in the form of an accidental head butt. In the commotion, a stunned Barthelemy stumbled to the canvas and referee Sam Burgos ruled it an official knockdown, making it the first of Barthelemy’s career.

Barthelemy said, “I really don’t remember exactly what happened, but I felt it was more of a slip than anything. I was a little off balance and we butted heads so at that point that’s when I went down, but that’s okay. I don’t mind that they counted it.”

Bey had issues with the head contact also. “After I dropped him he got me again with a good head butt. The cut on my eye from that second head butt affected me for about four or five rounds, but it’s a fight, so you have to do the best you can with the vision you have. But I would have liked to avoid all the head contact.”

“It was the first time in my entire career, both amateurs and professionals, that I hit the canvas in any way,” added Barthelemy. “It was just a little surprising, but after that I knew I had to come out strong and put pressure on him because

I knew the judges might hold that against me. My mentality originally was to outbox but I had to change my plans and start putting pressure on him.”

In a fight that saw a lot of competitive back and forth action during the middle and late rounds, neither fighter was able to take complete control or end the evening early.

Barthelemy believed he'd done enough to win unanimously arguing, “When I heard the judge who gave the score to Bey I thought he was either blind or he was bought. I felt that was disrespectful not only to me but to the fans as well.

“We knew what Mickey was prepared for though,” concluded Barthelemy. “We knew he was going to be an evasive counter puncher and we knew that Bey came from the Mayweather school of boxing. So we knew what we were up against and he put on a tough fight.”

Bey vowed to avenge the hard-fought loss soon. “I’m ready to get right back after it and chase another belt. I’m looking to stay busy and get back in the ring soon.”

In the televised opener, undefeated Puerto Rican bantamweight Emmanuel Rodriguez (15-0, 10 KOs) beat experienced Mexican Alberto “Metro” Guevara (24-3, 9 KOs) by unanimous decision (99-91, 100-90, 99-91).

Rodriguez controlled the opening rounds with a variety of left hooks and overhand rights, backing Guevara up at will.

“My strategy was to come in and attack him because he is not your typical Mexican-style fighter,” said Rodriguez.

An accidental head butt at the end of round four led to a cut that developed under the left eye of Guevara.

“We knew he was an awkward fighter,” said Rodriguez of their heads colliding, “But he was even more awkward than we thought.”

A highly decorated amateur, Rodriguez continued his calculated, methodical approach throughout the middle rounds.

Rodriguez added, "We weren't able to really decipher him in the first rounds but we were able to adjust eventually."

Guevara, who has fought in two world title fights, threw a change-up and came out fighting more wildly in round seven, causing Rodriguez some minor issues with the distance.

However, Rodriguez stuck to his game plan and used his superior timing to coast to victory in the later rounds.

Guevara said, "My plan was to box him and tap him when I had him, but things didn't come out that way. I'm not sure if it was a lack of focus or what it was, I'm just not sure. I feel good though. It was a hard fight, harder than I expected. He's a strong guy. I felt a little constrained and a little slow, but I tried my best tonight."

Rodriguez summed up the win adding, "I feel great, thank God. I'm really happy with this Victory, it was a victory that I needed to add onto my record and thankfully I was able to get it. Now I'm going to take a month off and wait until my management team tells us what fight date comes next so we can continue to pursue the goals we have set for ourselves."

The second televised bout featured unbeaten prospect Caleb "Sweet Hands" Plant (13-0, 10 KOs) getting a knockout victory over Columbia's Carlos Galvan (12-5-1, 11 KOs) in a middleweight bout.

Plant spent much of the first two rounds displaying his trademark showmanship and feeling out Galvan.

Plant said his strategy entering the ring was, "To be sharp and slick tonight, stay relaxed and patient. I didn't want to force anything or leave myself out there too long."

That's exactly what Plant did, ending the bout in the fourth

with a devastating blow to Galvan's solar plexus.

A frustrated Galvan said, "He got a lucky shot, I threw a straight right and he slipped by it and landed a body shot to my liver so I wasn't able to continue with the fight after that."

"It was just about staying patient and waiting for him to make a mistake," said Plant. "I wanted to take advantage, and that's what happened. I took the body shot when I saw he was open and he went down."

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The card was promoted by Kings Promotions, Mayweather Promotions, and Panther Promotions.

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## Weights from Hollywood, FLA

HOLLYWOOD, FL. (June 2, 2016) –

Rances Barthelemy 134.6 – Mickey Bey 134.2  
(IBF Lightweight championship)

Caleb Plant 163.8 – Carlos Galvan 162.4

Emmanuel Ridriguez 119.4 – Alberto Guevara 119.8

Gervonta Davis 135.6 – Mario Macias Rorozco 132.8

Steve Geffard 177.2 – Samuel Miller 181.6

Dyah Davis 172.8 – Leosvy Mayedo 175.8



Courtney Jackson 141.8 – Anthony Woods 142.6  
Dat Nguyen 128.6 – Jesus Lule 130.2  
Antonio Williams 127.8 – Hector Fernandez 128.6  
LaTondria Jones 155 – Latoya Burton 151.2

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Fight Night – Premier Boxing Champions

Location:Hard Rock Live

4:30 p.m.Credential Pick-Up Opens\*  
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## **Rances Barthelemy vs. Mickey Bey Final Press Conference & Media Workout Quotes & Photos**

HOLLYWOOD, FL. (June 1, 2016) – Lightweight world champion Rances “Kid Blast” Barthelemy and former world champion Mickey “The Spirit” Bey went face to face for the first time Wednesday as they participated in the final press conference and media workouts for Premier Boxing Champions on Spike this Friday, June 3 from Hard Rock Live at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood, Florida.

Action begins on Spike at 9 p.m. ET/8 p.m. CT and features exciting bantamweight prospect Emmanuel Rodriguez taking on former title challenger Alberto Guevara in a 10-round bout. Also in attendance Wednesday and competing on the undercard is undefeated Caleb “Sweet Hands” Plant, who battles Carlos Galvan on Friday night.

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1-800-745-3000. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with the first fight set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Fighters spoke to media and posed for cameras at the Paradise Live Theater before moving into the Hard Rock Live Arena for media workouts.

Here is what the fighters had to say Wednesday:

RANCES BARTHELEMY

"I'm very excited to be fighting here close to Miami. This is a second home for Cubans and I'm really motivated to put on a great performance for the fans.

"Ismael Salas is one of the top trainers in the world and our whole team has been fantastic. We're ready to get in the ring and fight.

I come prepared with a few strategies. I never stick to one game plan because us Cubans were taught to have a few up your sleeve so that you can adjust according to whatever presents itself to you in the ring.

"If we don't get the knockout, then we are ready to go the distance. My team is prepared to go the distance if we have to, but also to give an entertaining fight.

"You're going to see a new Rances Barthelemy in 2016.

"Don't miss this fight. Get there early, because it might not go five. Get ready for a great night of boxing."

MICKEY BEY

"I want to give Rances props for stepping up and taking the fight. This is the beautiful thing about boxing, the best fighting the best.

"You have a two-time champion fighting a world champion that never lost his belt in the ring. That says it all right there.

We're two elite fighters. We're both going for glory.

"No matter what anybody says today, it comes down to the action on Friday.

"I'm in there with the same mindset no matter who I'm fighting. I'm coming in there to do what I do no matter what. It's just another day for me.

"You'll see a throwback fighter in there. I'm like the fighters from back in the day. I'm here looking for the victory. I don't care how I get it and I can't predict. But we want to have our hand raised.

"I'm coming to get what is rightfully mine. Don't miss it."

EMMANUEL RODRIGUEZ

"I feel great and ready for Friday. I'm not worried about tomorrow at all, we're right on weight, so we're just looking forward to stepping into the ring at this point.

"We've been in training camp for six months as we had a tentative fight date scheduled prior to this so I was already in the gym getting ready. We're in the best shape.

"We have seen footage of him and saw he makes a lot of mistakes. We analyzed those defaults and are using them as a strategy against him. We've put those into practice and think we will be able to execute them to come out victorious at the end of the night.

"He's not your typical Mexican warrior fighter, he's the total opposite actually so we're not worried about what he does."

ALBERTO GUEVARA

"I'm ready for this big opportunity and I'm ready to fight. This is a big card and it's very exciting.

"I know what I have in front of me. Emmanuel Rodriguez is a

good fighter, but he's just another opponent to me.

"I'm well prepared and I believe I'm going to win this fight."

CALEB PLANT

"I'm thankful to have this stage to perform on. I'm glad the media could come out and get a sneak peek of what I'm going to bring Friday night.

"The game plan is to go in there and look sharp, be slick, make adjustments and dictate the pace. He's going to be uncomfortable because we're going to dictate the pace. We'll see if he can keep up.

"I've seen enough tape on, which wasn't very much. I let my coaches breakdown the film and let me know what I need to do.

"This is my only job and I do it well. I'm not into getting ready, I stay ready. We're here to show out.

"I've had a great training camp. I worked hard and I'm ready to put on a show this Friday night. I'm going to do what I always do in there."

All Fight Week events will be held at:

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

1 Seminole Way, Hollywood, FL 33314

Parking: Lucky Street Garage on 441 (SR7) between Griffin and Stirling

Phone: 954-327-7625

Website: [www.SeminoleHardRockHollywood.com](http://www.SeminoleHardRockHollywood.com)

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

Weigh-In – Open to the Public

Location: Paradise Live Theater

2:00 p.m. Media Arrival

3:00 p.m. Fighters On Scales

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

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# **Rances Barthelemy & Mickey Bey Ramp Up Training Camp Ahead of Friday, June 3 World Championship Showdown That Headlines Premier Boxing Champions on Spike from Hard Rock Live at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood, Florida**

HOLLYWOOD, FL. (May 24, 2016) – Lightweight world champion Rances “Kid Blast” Barthelemy and former world champion Mickey “The Spirit” Bey are deep into training camp and closing in on their main event battle on Premier Boxing Champions on Spike Friday, June 3 from Hard Rock Live at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood, Florida

Both fighters have been training in Las Vegas before they head to southern Florida for their world title battle. Barthelemy trains with Ismael Salas at the Salas Boxing Academy while Bey works with his longtime trainer Floyd Mayweather Sr. at the Mayweather Boxing Club.

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set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Here is what the fighters had to say about training camp, their matchup and more:

What advantages do you believe you have because of your training team?

Rances Barthelemy: "To me, Ismael is the best trainer in the world. He was the lead trainer of the Cuban National Team at the time that Cuban amateur boxing was having its most success. He is truly underrated and I do not know why.

"Having gone through different trainers throughout my career, I am glad that I found Salas. We clicked right off the bat, and him being a Cuban and having a successful background both in the Cuban amateur system and in the pros, he's been able to incorporate the best from both worlds in his training methods. He has also been able to bring out abilities in me that others were not able to and it has made me a completely different fighter."

Mickey Bey: "Floyd Sr. has been my trainer for about 12 years. We've been together since I was a teenager and before I turned pro. He is an old school trainer and he knows the science of boxing.

"Being around the other Mayweather Promotions fighters provides a lot of energy to training because everybody is striving to be the best they can be. Whenever that's the case it's always a positive thing because the trainers know that's what you're after. Floyd Sr. and Floyd are the reason I moved to Las Vegas. It's been a blessing to be able to train with him for so long. We gelled from the beginning and I have definitely grown a lot as a fighter."

What does fighting for this belt mean to you?

RB: "I don't really focus on this being another title defense.



I just focus on it being another fight that I must win impressively so that I can get to the big fights. There is no added pressure from it being a title defense. I just want everyone to see the boxing ability that I have so that I can get the big fights that I want and deserve.”

MB: “Winning back this belt is really important to me. I still feel like it’s mine. He’s just been keeping it warm for me. I had to deal with the injuries but now I don’t have to worry about babying my hand or anything like that.”

What do you think this fight will be like stylistically?

RB: “I plan on this being a great fight between two great boxers. He has a great amateur and pro background, as do I, and hopefully that makes for a great show.”

MB: “You never really know until you’re in the ring but it’s going to be a fight between two skilled boxers. I have seen some footage but not too much because I don’t really watch much tape. I saw him fight for my vacant belt but I can’t get caught up in that because I’m different than anybody he’s ever fought. I’m a lot more difficult than he probably thinks.”

What skill advantages do you believe you have over your opponent?

RB: “I feel I am the better all-around fighter. I have the reach, height and power over him. I feel he has shown in the past that he can’t take a good punch, so we will see if he can take mine.”

MB: “I bring it all. I can do everything that can be done in the ring. Every single department, period. I do think he’s a good fighter, I give him his props, he’s a two-time world champion, but I don’t think he can do one thing better than me.”

What did you learn from your fight with Denis Shafikov?

RB: "It was a really tough fight and definitely a great learning experience. I made it tougher than it should have been but I had never been in a war like that before and adrenaline kicked in. The blood made me want to dig down and trade with him in the center of the ring and beat him at his own game. It was the first time I had to go down to the trenches and engage in a fight like that but I wanted to do it to show that not all Cubans are boring and only box around."

What did you learn from your fight with Miguel Vazquez?

MB: "I found out how good I was because I was able to beat a guy that good with one hand. Going into it I already knew I was going to be fighting with one hand since it had been giving me problems. I couldn't let both hands go, so I had to strategically land more accurate shots. I couldn't let it become a high volume fight because I knew I wouldn't be able to respond with both hands. This is my first fight in four or five years with two good hands, so it's going to be a completely different ball game."

What does it mean to you to fight in south Florida in front of your Cuban fans?

RB: "That's my backyard and it's another advantage for me. It is like being in a free Cuba pretty much and I don't think I'll ever feel as comfortable fighting anywhere else with the majority of the people being there to support me. It means the world to me to be able to fight in front of my fans and my closest friends. It's the closest thing to being able to fight in my country."

Are you concerned about fighting on the road in front of a crowd that is expected to be for your opponent?

MB: "They can't get in the ring for him. It's just going to be me and him. Nobody can get in the ring and help him. It doesn't add any pressure. I grew up hard, in a rough neighborhood and I've been through a lot so I'm numb to any

pressure. I'm just ready to get in the ring with him."

What are your plans after this fight?

RB: "I will be headed straight to the Cuban Embassy in Washington, D.C. after the fight to try to obtain a visa so I can finally return to Cuba and visit my family that I have not seen since my defection eight years ago. I thought I would never be able to return but now I will be returning as a two-time world champion with grand dreams of one day headlining the first pro boxing event in Cuba."

MB: "After this fight I'll be looking for another big competitive fight. I'm always looking for a challenge. That's why I'm in this fight."

Why do you believe you'll be victorious on June 3?

RB: "I feel I am levels above Mickey Bey in all aspects of the game. I am comfortable with my training and I plan on returning to Miami with my second world title. The adrenaline of fighting in front of my Cuban people will add fuel to my fire and propel me to victory. I am on a mission to be great and leave an imprint in the sport and Mickey Bey is in the way."

MB: "I'm a better fighter. It's that simple."

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# **Lightweight World Champion Rances Barthelemy Battles Former World Champion Mickey Bey in Main Event of Premier Boxing Champions on Spike Friday, June 3 From The Hard Rock Live at the Seminole Hotel & Casino In Hollywood, Florida**

HOLLYWOOD, FL. (April 29, 2016) – Undefeated lightweight world champion Rances “Kid Blast” Barthelemy (24-0, 13 KOs) will make his first title defense against former world champion Mickey “The Spirit” Bey (22-1-1, 10 KOs) in the main event of Premier Boxing Champions (PBC) on Spike Friday, June 3 at the Hard Rock Live at the Seminole Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Florida.

Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/PT as unbeaten Puerto Rican prospect Emmanuel Rodriguez (14-0, 10 KOs) takes on hard-hitting Mexican Victor “Pitufo” Proa (28-1-2, 21 KOs) in a 10-round bantamweight affair.

“There were rumors that a fight between me and Mickey Bey was on the brink of happening prior to my fight against Denis Shafikov, so now that it is here, I know it was destined to happen,” said Barthelemy. “I’m not a rookie anymore. I’m not going into this worried or nervous about it being my first title defense at 135. I’m comfortable enough now to see every fight as just another challenge I need to execute my game plan

the most effectively and with the least amount of errors.”

“Barthelemy won my title, I had to vacate it due to a hand injury, so all he is doing is keeping it warm for me,” said Bey. “Training camp is going great. I have been training hard for over a month. I have the best team in the business, with the most knowledgeable trainers. I’m looking forward to the challenge with him being undefeated and a two-time world champion. We both have a lot of skills, so it will make an entertaining fight for sure.”

“I want to challenge all of the bantamweight champions to fight me so they can see a real athlete in the ring,” said Rodriguez. “I have been training hard. This is a lifestyle for me. I have been training since December and on June 3, I am going to deliver a knockout.”

“I’m excited about this opportunity against a good young fighter,” said Proa. “I’ve been training hard and feel like this is my time. I’m going to come forward and see what this guy can do.”

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by Kings Promotions, Mayweather Promotions and Panther Promotions, are priced at \$130, \$80, \$60 and \$35 and are on sale now. All seats are reserved and available at all Ticketmaster outlets, online at [www.myhrl.com](http://www.myhrl.com), [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or charge by phone: 1-800-745-3000. Doors open at 5:30 pm, with the first fight set to begin at 6:30 p.m. \*Additional fees may apply.

“This will be a tremendous night of boxing on Spike TV,” said Marshall Kauffman of King’s Promotions. “Barthelemy is an up-and-coming star in the sport and he is facing a former world champion who never lost his belt in the ring. This will be a great fight and there should be a great atmosphere with a lot of Cuban boxing fans there to support their world champion.”

“We’re looking forward to bringing a great night of boxing to the State of Florida. We’re giving the fans another treat come

June 3rd. The card is stacked with matchups that will undoubtedly be crowd pleasers,” said Leonard Ellerbe, CEO of Mayweather Promotions. “Both Mickey Bey and Rances Barthelemy have world titles under their belts, so they will bring in the experience of being able to perform, and match it up against one another to see who will come out the best man standing at the end of the night.”

“We at Panther Promotions are very excited for this June 3rd card at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino,” said Elliot Alvarado, CEO, Panther Promotions. “We are proudly joining forces with both Mayweather and Kings Promotions, which are featuring PBC on Spike TV. This is going to be a sensational evening of boxing featuring Cuban Lightweight Champion Rances Barthelemy vs. Cleveland’s own former champion, Mickey Bey. Our goal is to bring back the classic fights to the Seminole Hard Rock Live in South Florida.”

A Cuban amateur national champion, 29-year-old Barthelemy has yet to taste defeat since turning pro in 2009. Born in Cuba but now fighting out of Las Vegas, he won a super featherweight world title in July 2014 by defeating Argenis Mendez in impressive fashion, and followed that up with a second round TKO victory over Angino Perez. After dominating former champion Antonio DeMarco in June, he won a world title in a second division when he impressively defeated Denis Shafikov in December.

Bey won his world title in 2014 with a decision victory over long reigning champion Miguel Vasquez. The 32-year-old vacated his title due to inactivity and injuries but returned in December to defeat previously unbeaten Naim Nelson by decision to earn himself a shot at the very title he vacated. Bey’s previous victories include defeats against Alan Herrera, Carlos Cardenas and Hector Velazquez.

At just 23-years-old, Rodriguez has been on a fast track towards a world title fight since turning pro in 2012. He made

his U.S. debut in November by stopping Eliecer Aquino after previously taking down Gabor Molnar, Luis Hinojosa and Alex Rangel in 2015. The Manati, Puerto Rico-born fighter will bring his exciting style into the ring against another tough opponent on June 3.

Fighting out of Monterrey, Mexico, Proa will be fighting in the U.S. for the third time when he takes on Rodriguez on June 3. The 31-year-old was unbeaten in his first 28 pro starts and has won his last two bouts, including most recently a first round stoppage of Oswaldo Delgado in February.

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