

# Video: Barrios – Nelson weigh in

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## Mario Barrios Training Camp Quotes & Photos

HAYWARD, Calif. (September 15, 2017) – Unbeaten rising contender Mario Barrios shared his thoughts on training camp and more as he nears his showdown against Naim Nelson that headlines Premier Boxing Champions TOE-T0-T0E TUESDAYS on FS1 and BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes Tuesday, September 19 from Sands Bethlehem Events Center in Bethlehem, Pa.

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Here is what Barrios had to say heading into his September 19 showdown:

On his recent training camp with Virgil Hunter in California...  
"Right now, we are finishing up the final days to training

camp. All the sparring is complete and I'm 100% healthy going into this fight. My weight is good and Virgil and I have been working harmoniously since he became my lead trainer a few fights back. This will be our fourth fight together and I'm learning a lot, especially with my jab. The improvement will be evident when I step into the ring on fight night."

On facing Naim Nelson in his hometown...

"In this sport, sometimes you have to go into someone's backyard, and battle them on their home turf. I know he'll have a lot of his fans in attendance, but that has no effect on me and my game plan. My goal is to go into this fight, set the pace from the opening bell and come out victorious. By the end of the night, everyone in the building will have respect for me."

On fighting in the main event on FS1 and FOX Deportes...

"It's great to be fighting on FS1 and FOX Deportes once again, especially in the main event. The exposure I get from fighting on a national stage like this is great for my career. I'm just grateful to my team and everyone involved who put this fight together. I always shine on FS1 and Fox Deportes, and this fight is not going to be any different. I'm ready to take my career to the next level."

On fighting at super lightweight for the fourth time in his career...

"The move to 140 pounds has be a tremendous blessing to my career. I feel really strong and I can see myself fighting at this weight class for a few more years. My body is filling out just fine and my power is coming up with me."

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# **Unbeaten Contender Mario Barrios Takes On Naim Nelson in Main Event of Premier Boxing Champions TOE-TO-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 & BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes Tuesday, September 19 From Sands Bethlehem Events Center in Bethlehem, Pa.**

BETHLEHEM, PA. (September 5, 2017) – Unbeaten rising contender Mario Barrios (19-0, 11 KOs) will battle Naim Nelson (13-3, 1

KO) in a 10-round super lightweight bout that headlines Premier Boxing Champions TOE-T0-T0E TUESDAYS on FS1 and BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes Tuesday, September 19 from Sands Bethlehem Events Center in Bethlehem, Pa.

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"I'm thrilled to be fighting once again on FS1 and FOX Deportes, especially as the main event," said Barrios. "I have a tough hometown fighter in Naim Nelson standing in my way. My goal is to be explosive and give the fans a great performance. I'm very thankful for all the opportunities that have come my way and I'm going to take full advantage of the situation come fight night."

"I am at a different stage of my career now," said Nelson. "I have experienced losses, but I learned you have to keep on fighting. I am the best and most experienced guy Barrios has fought. He's is a good fighter and has a good coach in Virgil Hunter. He is tall and that's what jumps out about him. But being tall is not everything. I am training hard and I expect a great fight from him."

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A tall fighter for his division at more than six feet, the 21-year-old Barrios picked up seven victories in a jam-packed 2015 in which he stopped five opponents inside the distance and followed it up in 2016 with three more victories,

including a 12-round decision over Devis Boschiero in July. The San Antonio native began his 2017 campaign with a stoppage victory over Yardley Suarez on the Keith Thurman vs. Danny Garcia undercard in Brooklyn in March and followed it up with a knockout victory over Jose Luis Rodriguez in June. He makes his third appearance on FS1 and FOX Deportes on September 19 and his first as the main event.

The 27-year-old Nelson won his first 12 pro fights before dropping a decision to former world champion Mickey Bey in December 2015 but bounced back with a decision victory over Carlos Velasquez. Fighting out of nearby Philadelphia, Nelson has recently challenged top contender Alejandro Luna and last fought in Bethlehem against Tre'Sean Wiggins in April.

Born and raised in West Philadelphia, Fulton defeated previously unbeaten Luis Rosario in April after a 2016 that saw him stop then unbeaten Adalberto Zorrilla and Cristian Renteria. The 23-year-old is unbeaten since turning pro in 2014 and will be looking to make it a perfect 12 wins in 12 pro starts when he enters the ring on September 19.

The 21-year-old Lopez has beaten fighters with a combined record of 13-0-1 in his last three fights including a victory in July over Paul Romero. Fighting out of Glendale, Calif., Lopez has picked up four victories this year as he prepares for his toughest opponent to date and his first fight on the east coast.

A former New York Golden Gloves champion, Newman has shown impressive power in stopping seven of his first ten opponents since turning pro in 2014. The 26-year-old out of Brooklyn is coming in off of a victory over then once-beaten Leo Hall and a stoppage over Dustin Craig Echard last year. Newman has fought professionally since 2014 and won his first eight fights in his first two years as a pro.

Representing Toledo, Ohio, Parker has challenged top

contenders Sullivan Barrera and Vyacheslav Shabransky sandwiched around a victory over Lionell Thompson in 2016. The 32-year-old has fought professionally since 2012 and won his first seven fights before stepping up in competition.

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**Naim Nelson – Tre'Sean Wiggins highlights packed non-televised undercard on Tuesday night at the Sands**

# Bethlehem Event Center

Bethlehem, PA (April 3, 2017)—Naim Nelson will battle Tre'Sean Wiggins in a super lightweight bout scheduled for eight-rounds which will be the featured non-televised bout on a a jam-packed 10 bout card will feature some of the best fighters in the Lehigh Valley on Tuesday, April 4th at the Sands Bethlehem Events Center.

Former title challenger Edner Cherry (35-7-2, 19 KOs) and once-beaten Omar Douglas (17-1, 12 KOs) appear in the main event in a 10-round lightweight bout that headlines Premier Boxing Champions TOE-TO-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 and BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes.

Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT and features an eight-round showdown between unbeaten featherweight prospects Stephen Fulton (10-0, 5 KOs) and Luis Rosario (8-0-1, 7 KOs) plus Bethlehem's Frank DeAlba (21-2-2-, 9 KOs) taking on Massachusetts-native Ryan Kielczweski (26-2, 8 KOs) in an eight-round super featherweight attraction.

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Nelson of Philadelphia has a record of 13-2 with one knockout.

The 26 year-old Nelson is a six-year professional who won his first 12 bouts with wins over Korey Sloane (1-0), Esteban Rodriguez (5-1-1) and Jerome Rodriguez (6-0-3).

The only two blemishes on the resume of Nelson are decisions losses to former world champion Mickey Bey (21-1-1) and to Alejandro Luna (20-0). Nelson took the Luna bout on less than 24 hours notice.

Wiggins of Newburgh, New York has a record of 7-3 with six knockouts.

Like Nelson, Wiggins is also 26 years-old, and has a 1st round stoppage over future world champion Jason Sosa.

Wiggins is coming off a eight-round unanimous decision loss to undefeated Mykal Fox (12-0) on February 11th,

In a six-round bout, Thomas Velasquez (7-0, 5 K0's) of Allentown, PA will take on Wilfredo Garriga ((3-5-1, 2 K0's) of Juan Diaz, PR in a super featherweight battle.

In four-round fights:

Jimmy Kelleher (3-0, 3 K0's) of Scranton, PA will fight pro debuting Jose Valderrama (5-18, 3 K0's) of Manati, PR in a super middleweight bout.

Ryan Wilczak (2-0, 1 K0) of Scranton, PA will tussle with Courtney McCleave (2-6, 1 K0) of Concord, NC in a middleweight bout.

Devin McMaster (1-0) of Allentown, PA will take on Gregory Clark (1-1) of Washington, DC in a super middleweight bout.

Hector Bayanilla (1-0, 1 K0) of Allentown, PA will fight Jordan Peters (1-0, 1 K0) of Washington, DC in a super featherweight bout.

Juan Sanchez (2-0, 1 K0) of Allentown, PA squares off with Edgar Cortes (3-4) of Vineland, NJ in a featherweight bout.

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77 Sands Blvd.; Bethlehem, PA 18015

5:30 p.m. – Media Arrival

6:00 p.m. – Fighters to scales

Tuesday, April 4

5:30 p.m. SANDS BETHLEHEM EVENTS CENTER DOORS OPEN

Location: 77 Sands Blvd.; Bethlehem, PA 18015

6:30 p.m. FIRST BOUT

9:00 p.m. FS1 & FOX DEPORTES BROADCAST BEGINS

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**Undefeated Rising Star David Benavidez Knocks Out Denis Douglin in Premier Boxing Champions on ESPN & ESPN**

# Deportes Main Event from Philadelphia's 2300 Arena

PHILADELPHIA (August 6, 2016) – Undefeated rising contender David “El Bandera Roja” Benavidez (16-0, 15 KOs) knocked out Denis Douglin (20-5, 13 KOs) in the 10-round main event of Premier Boxing Champions on ESPN and ESPN Deportes from the 2300 Arena in Philadelphia.

Douglin, who is trained by his mother Saphya, opened the fight very aggressive, stealing the first round on all three judges' scorecards. Douglin continued to press the action, also winning the second round battle with two of the three judges, but Benavidez would soon settle in and take control of the war.

“I knew it was going to be a tough fight. I knew Douglin wasn't going to go out without a fight,” said Benavidez. “So I came in here and started slower than I usually do, just using my jab a little bit more.”

The 19-year-old Benavidez made the necessary corrections in round three and never looked back, chipping away throughout the fourth and fifth rounds. In the sixth, Benavidez teed off on Douglin with damaging punches to both Douglin's body and head.

In the seventh round, Benavidez was still having his way when one of the top turnbuckles gave out, causing the ropes on one side of the ring to collapse, and stopping the fight momentarily. When the action resumed, Douglin came forward with a flurry, but that burst of energy was short-lived.

Benavidez regained control in the eighth round, and in the ninth he scored the only knockdown of the fight. In the tenth and final frame, Benavidez threw a barrage of punches, several of which buckled Douglin, causing referee Gary Rosato to

intervene and stop the fight at :35 into the round.

When asked about Douglin's resilience, Benavidez said, "I hurt him a lot of times, but I kept my cool. I knew I was going to get him out of there sooner or later and that's exactly what I did tonight. This is a good victory for me. Douglin is a tough veteran. He started fast and swinging wildly, and his offense probably looked better on-camera than it was, but he did what he had to do to survive until the final round."

Benavidez continued, "It was important to me to get the stoppage and show everybody that I am just as strong in the late rounds as I am early on. I love this. This is what I signed up for. I want tough fights."

A disappointed Douglin said, "I was in this fight, I just got winded. I was in great shape and everything, but I got winded there towards the end. Benavidez is a tough, young fighter. He was able to make me stay in there longer than I wanted to, but I feel good and I'll be back."

Benavidez concluded, "Right now, I would like to say that I don't think about that. I'm just trying to progress in my career and I'm not trying to call anybody out. But if I do dream about fighting anybody, it would be whoever is the champion at that weight. I'm going to work hard to get to that spot."

Televised coverage began with exciting undefeated contender Alejandro "El Charro" Luna (21-0, 15 KOs) defeating Philadelphia prospect Naim Nelson (13-2, 1 KO) by unanimous decision (99-91, 98-92, 97-93) in a ten-round bout fought at a catch weight of 144 lbs.

Nelson, who stepped up to face Luna on only 24-hours notice, tried to bring the fight to Luna in the early rounds and make it a physical contest on the inside.

Despite Luna landing a couple of blistering uppercuts in the

second and third rounds, Nelson still came forward. Luna later said, "Nelson was a tough guy and could bang a little bit."

By the close of the third round, Luna's left eye appeared to be swelling badly, but luckily for Luna Nelson's gas tank appeared to drain just in time. Although Nelson was all aggression and wanted to fight in a phone booth early on, he found himself landing fewer punches and looking to create distance in the middle rounds.

Luna soon took over of the action, and in the seventh round a cut opened on Nelson's forehead, but was quickly controlled by his corner. Nevertheless, Luna had done enough damage in the middle stages of the scrap and was able coast to a unanimous victory on the scorecards.

"Obviously we prepared for another opponent, but I felt I had a solid performance against him," said Luna. "Nelson came to fight and was in shape, and I thought I handled him pretty well, but I know I can still do better."

When asked about taking the fight on short notice Nelson said, "I make no excuses, but we took this fight at 9 p.m. last night and I knew I was stepping up to face a tough opponent. I didn't get the decision, but I felt good in there tonight, and I proved I can compete with a world class fighter."

Nelson added, "Luna is a good puncher and he's strong. I won't take anything away from him. We fought a hell of a fight, and I look forward to being back soon."

Luna summed up the night adding, "I'm looking to build on what I did here tonight and get back in the ring soon for another good fight."

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In off-television bouts:

Tyrone Brunson came off the deck twice to score a thrilling

fourth round stoppage over Carlos Garcia in a scheduled eight round junior middleweight bout.

Brunson dropped Garcia in round one with a left hook. Garcia returned the favor in round two as he sent Brunson to the deck with a right hand.. Later in the round, Garcia sent Brunson down for a second time with another straight right hand. In round four, Brunson drilled Garcia with a body shot that sent him to the canvas. Garcia could not beat referee Shawn Clark's count and the fight was over at 25 seconds.

Brunson of Philadelphia, PA is 23-6-1 with 22 knockouts. Garcia of Aguada, Puerto Rico is 10-17-1.

Darryl Bunting and Edward Jeramie Ortiz fought to a four-round draw in a super middleweight bout.

Scores were 39-37 for Bunting and 38-38 twice.

Bunting of Asbury Park, NJ is 2-0-2. Ortiz of San Antonio, TX is 1-0-1.

Kieran Hooks won a 4-round unanimous decision over Miguel Martinez in a junior middleweight bout.

Martinez dropped Hooks in the first round with a powerful right, but he came back to win the next three rounds.

Hooks of Philadelphia is 1-0. Martinez of Reading, PA is 2-2.

Jeffery Torres stopped Mariano Rolon in the first round of a scheduled four-round bout of debuting lightweights.

Torres scored two knockdowns and the bout was stopped at 2:23.

Torres of Philadelphia is 1-0 with one knockout. Rolon of Reading, PA is 0-1.

Victor Vasquez (6-2) scored a four round unanimous decision over Jerome Conquest (6-2) in a lightweight bout

The card was promoted by King's Promotions.

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## **KING'S PROMOTIONS WEIGH IN TONIGHT!!! AT 6 PM AT CHICKIE'S & PETE'S IN SOUTH PHILADELPHIA**

Philadelphia, PA (May 5, 2016)—TONIGHT AT 6 PM AT CHICKIE'S & PETE'S IN SOUTH PHILADELPHIA, King's Promotions will stage the weigh in advance of a big 10-bout card that will take place Friday night at the 2300 Arena.

Chickie's & Pete's is located at 1526 Packer Ave

In the main event, rising super middleweight Christopher Brooker (8-1, 5 KOs) takes on Antowyan Aikens (10-1-1, 1 KO) in a bout scheduled for eight-rounds.

In the six-round co-feature, former IBF Welterweight champion, Kermit Cintron (35-5-2, 28 KO's) is coming full circle when he takes on Eduardo Flores (23-20-3, 15 KO's) in a junior middleweight bout.

In a six-round super lightweight bout, Naim Nelson (12-1, 1 NC, 1 KO) battles Carlos Velasquez (24-23-2, 15 KO's) of

Managua, Nicaragua.

In a six-round super welterweight bout, Erik Spring (6-1,1 K0) of Reading, PA will fight Justin Johnson (6-11-4) of Pittsburgh, PA.

In four-round bouts:

Scott Kelleher (4-0, 2 K0's) of Philadelphia will fight Terrell James (1-3-1) of Philadelphia, PA. in a super lightweight fight.

Tyrone Crawley Jr. (4-0) of Philadelphia will square off with Korey Sloane (2-8-2) of Philadelphia in lightweight bout.

Amir Shabazz (3-0, 1 K0) of Philadelphia fights Tahlik Taylor (1-3) of Freeport, NY. in a light heavyweight affair.

Aaron Brooks of Philadelphia will make his pro debut against Ryan Bivins (0-1-1) of Philadelphia in super middleweight bout.

Thomas Velasquez (4-0, 3 K0's) of Philadelphia, PA will fight Grashino Yancy (1-0) of Staten Island, New York in a super featherweight bout.

Emmanuel Folly (6-0, 4 K0's) of Philadelphia, PA will take Bryan Perez Nevarez (2-3-1, 1 K0) of Carolina, PR in a bantamweight contest.

Tickets for this great evening of boxing are priced at \$100 for Ringside, \$75 for Premium, \$50 for Reserved and \$35 for Standing room and can be purchased BY [CLICKING HERE](#)