

ERICKSON LUBIN VS. NATHANIEL GALLIMORE & ROBERT EASTER JR. VS. ADRIAN GRANADOS FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES

READING, Pa. (October 24, 2019) – Top super welterweight Erickson “Hammer” Lubin and all-action Nathaniel Gallimore went face to face two days before they square off in the main event this Saturday night live on SHOWTIME from Santander Arena in Reading, Pa., in an event presented by Premier Boxing Champions.

Thursday’s press conference also featured former world champion Robert Easter Jr. and veteran contender Adrian “El Tigre” Granados, who meet in the co-main event, and heavyweights Frank Sanchez and Jack Mulowayi, who battle in the SHOWTIME BOXING: SPECIAL EDITION opener at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT

Tickets for the event, which is promoted by TGB Promotions and King’s Promotions, are on sale now and can be purchased through Ticketmaster.com or at the Santander box office (Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.).

Here is what the fighters had to say Thursday from the Crowne Plaza Reading:

ERICKSON LUBIN

“It’s been a tremendous training camp with Kevin Cunningham. We worked on everything. It doesn’t matter who comes to the ring Saturday night. We’re definitely ready for anything.

“My plan is not to just take over the division. My plan is to take over boxing and it starts Saturday. I can’t wait to put

on a great performance for everyone to watch. I'm hungry, dedicated and I'm going to be at my best Saturday night.

"Gallimore comes to fight. He's a bigger puncher than Terrell Gausha and he takes risks. We're prepared for everything. It's my time for sure on Saturday.

"Gallimore is a power puncher and he relies on that throughout a fight. He's going to try to land the big shots. We're going to capitalize on the risks he takes.

"We're prepared for it all. We're the total package. Working with coach Cunningham has taken my game to a whole new level. You're going to see something special on Saturday night.

"Saturday night I'm going to walk out with another W. Gallimore is a stepping stone and he's in my way. I'm going to crush him.

"I believe I can stop Gallimore. They say he's a power puncher but so am I. I'm skilled, smart and I'm ready to go. It's going to be 'Hammer Time' on SHOWTIME."

NATHANIEL GALLIMORE

"It's been an amazing training camp. This is not a late replacement, because I've been training hard way before this fight. I knew this opportunity would present itself to me. Saturday night, you're not going to want to miss this legendary performance.

"Lubin should be expecting everything. I'm not a one-dimensional fighter. They can see my fights on tape, but when it comes to Saturday, I'm going to give everyone a memorable night.

"I have more dimensions to my game than what he thinks. He's only seen one side of me. I will show them the whole package on Saturday night.

"I'm feeling great right now. Saturday night is going to be something special for my career. It's going to take my career to a whole new level.

"This is going to be a heated atmosphere. The action is going to be electric. We've accomplished everything we need to in training camp. I'm going to show the world on Saturday all the work we put in.

"On Saturday I will be victorious. It doesn't matter what he brings to the table, I will have an answer for it.

"I can absolutely see myself stopping Lubin. Stay in your seat and don't miss a second. You don't want to miss what I do on Saturday."

ROBERT EASTER JR.

"It feels great to be back in the squared circle training hard for this fight. I'm looking to put on a great performance. Granados is a hell of a fighter and we know he's coming to fight.

"We trained hard for this fight just like every other fight we have. It's going to be action packed. I'm coming to bring the fireworks and I'll see you all on Saturday.

"I felt that it was time to move up in weight. Getting to 135 was cutting a lot of muscle. My body was getting tired so we made that move and this fight presented itself.

"The power is going to be there. My strength coach has worked me really hard and we're getting the feel for this weight class.

"Fighters fight different each time they're in the ring. I'm not only basing it off how he fought Adrien Broner. We have a game plan and we're going to execute it.

"I'm so hungry to get a great victory. I'm back where I belong

amongst the top fighters. I've put in the hard work and on Saturday night you'll see that.

"It's going to be a lot of excitement. I've been working and working and I'm definitely ready to show off these skills."

ADRIAN GRANADOS

"I want to thank everyone who helped me get this opportunity. This is a really good fight and I'm happy that Robert Easter took this fight. Our styles are going to mesh well and there's definitely going to be some fireworks.

"I have a statement to make. I'm going to re-establish myself and I'm more than ready to do just that. It's going to be a great night on Saturday.

"It's no secret that I made my name making a statement at 140. After that statement I never got an opportunity in that division. I was fortunate to share the ring with some of the best in the sport at welterweight, but I've always wanted to make a strong charge at becoming a champion at super lightweight.

"I know that Robert has a lot of talent and is a former champion for a reason. I'm coming in with a new slate, a new plan and I'm going to be ready for anything.

"Some people may see me as a stepping-stone and that's okay. I want people to write me off. I know that people say my back is against the wall. But if it is against the wall, I'm going to come out swinging and give it all I've got.

"You can definitely expect fireworks and the Adrian Granados that the boxing world knows. It's going to be a great fight and may the best man win. I'm more than ready to take home victory."

FRANK SANCHEZ

"I want to thank my whole team for getting this opportunity. I'm very happy to have this fight on Saturday night. I'm looking forward to getting the win on Saturday and moving forward.

"I'm always in shape. I was getting ready for a fight coming up when I got the call to step in to face Mulowayi. We kicked it into overdrive once the fight was set and we're ready for this fight.

"I'm ready to put on a spectacular performance. I know how my opponent moves and how he fights.

"I want to prove that I'm the future of this division. I want all the heavyweights who watch this fight to know that Frank Sanchez is here."

JACK MULOWAYI

"It feels good to be back in the states. I was last here playing basketball but I had to quit because of an injury. It feels great to be here for boxing.

"Training camp went very well. I was prepared to fight Efe Ajagba and I wish him all the best with his recovery. I hope I still get a chance to fight him too. I also want to thank Sanchez for taking this fight on short notice so that we can give the fans a great show.

"I know he's a Cuban fighter and they have a lot of skills. I'm ready for him and I'm here to make a statement."

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ABOUT LUBIN VS. GALLIMORE

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The three-fight SHOWTIME BOXING: SPECIAL EDITION begins live at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT and features former lightweight world champion Robert Easter Jr. making his super lightweight debut against battle-tested veteran Adrian “El Tigre” Granados in the 10-round co-featured attraction, plus unbeaten heavyweight sensation Frank Sanchez will enter the ring against once-beaten Jack Mulwayi in a ten-round bout.

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Robert Easter Jr. & Adrian Granados Preview Super Lightweight Showdown Taking Place this Saturday, October 26 Live On SHOWTIME® From Santander Arena in Reading, Pa.

READING, Pa. (October 22, 2019) – Former world champion Robert Easter Jr. and all-action veteran Adrian “El Tigre” Granados will go toe-to-toe this Saturday, October 26 in a crucial super lightweight showdown as both fighters look to insert themselves into the title picture with a win live on SHOWTIME

from Santander Arena in Reading, Pa.

"I want to be the top dog at 140 pounds," said Easter. "I have to go after those guys that have the belts in this division. It doesn't matter to me who I fight. I just have to fight the best and to me all the belts in the division are up for grabs."

"Beating Easter would definitely bring me back to championship contender status," said Granados. "I feel like everything is on the line in this fight. I'm treating this as if my back is against the wall. Easter being a former champ would elevate me for sure, and a win against him would go a long way."

The weight for this fight is of particular note for both fighters as Easter, a former lightweight champion, will make his super lightweight debut and Granados will move back down after suffering defeats to the 147-pound elite. Both believe big improvements could be in-store because of the weight.

"I'll be stronger at this weight and more dominant," said Granados. "I can do a lot more at this weight and it's more natural for me. I'm stricter on my diet and I have to push a little more in training for this weight. But I've had more success at this weight and my body is still geared towards fighting at this weight."

"Overall, this has been night and day from the training camp for my last fight compared to this camp. I was so sick during camp for my last fight that we were almost ready to cancel the fight. This camp has been totally different. I feel completely healthy now and can't wait to put on great performance on October 26."

"I felt it was time to make the move up and explore a higher weight class," said Easter. "Making 135 pounds wasn't that hard for me, but I was taking off too much muscle to make that weight. Now I'll definitely have more power and be better hydrated. I'll feel much more comfortable heading into the

fight and inside the ring.

"I know that the guys I'm facing in this weight class will be stronger too, so we've been working a lot with my strength and conditioning coach. We're doing lots of legs and upper body drills. I'm focusing on staying strong, as well as keeping the cardio up."

With Easter bringing his slick boxing style and top flight speed to the table, and Granados being known as a come-forward fighter who never lets his opponent rest, the winner could be determined by which fighter is able to impose their will and adjust as the fight progresses.

"Granados will come to fight," said Easter. "I know that. I'll try to use my boxing skills and not just stand there banging with him, but you never know how it'll play out until we actually get in the ring. You can't really put together a blueprint. I'll just have to adjust to whatever style he brings to the table on October 26."

"Granados is a tough fighter, and I've had a plenty of tough fights, but he's been in there with some great fighters. I know he'll test me, but I'm ready for whatever he throws at me. I'm training really hard for this one."

"I think this fight is a classic boxer versus puncher-brawler," said Granados. "I am going to apply the pressure and I'm going to come out to take this one from him. I think Robert is a tough, good fighter, but I've been in there with lots of elite fighters."

"I'm excited to be back at my natural weight. I know that he's the taller, longer fighter, but I'm not much shorter than him and I know that I have what it takes to beat him when I'm at my best."

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Top Super Welterweight Erickson Lubin Battles Former Title Challenger & U.S. Olympian Terrell Gausha in WBC Title Eliminator Saturday October 26 Live on SHOWTIME® from Santander Arena in Reading, PA

READING, PA. (September 23, 2019) – Top super welterweight contender Erickson “Hammer” Lubin returns to take on former world title challenger and U.S. Olympian Terrell Gausha in a 12-round WBC title eliminator on Saturday, October 26 live on SHOWTIME from Santander Arena in Reading, Pa., in an event presented by Premier Boxing Champions.

SHOWTIME BOXING: SPECIAL EDITION coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT and features former lightweight world champion Robert Easter Jr. making his super lightweight debut against battle-tested veteran Adrian “El Tigre” Granados in the 10-round co-featured attraction. The televised opener will see former world champions collide as Rau’shee Warren takes on Emmanuel Rodriguez in a 12-round WBC bantamweight title eliminator.

Tickets for the event, which is promoted by TGB Promotions and King’s Promotions, are on sale now and can be purchased through [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or at the Santander box office (Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.).

“Top to bottom this is a card that guarantees action featuring

fighters highly motivated to make statement victories,” said Tom Brown, President of TGB Promotions. “Erickson Lubin is fast on the track to another world title opportunity, but he’ll have to get through a veteran with a tremendous pedigree in Terrell Gausha. With exciting former champion Robert Easter making his 140-pound debut against all-action Adrian Granados, and a bantamweight duel between former world champions Rau’shee Warren and Emmanuel Rodriguez, the fans in Reading and watching in SHOWTIME are going to get their money’s worth Saturday, October 26.”

Orlando, Florida’s Lubin (21-1, 16 KOs) was one of the fastest rising contenders in boxing as he quickly raced to the top of the ladder to challenge Jermell Charlo for the WBC 154-pound championship in 2017. Since the setback against Charlo, the 23-year-old has scored three straight stoppage victories to regain his momentum toward a championship run. In February, Lubin became the first boxer to stop former champion Ishe Smith and is coming off a TKO victory over Zaharia Attou in his last fight on June 29 on SHOWTIME

“I’m extremely excited for the opportunity to showcase my talents once again on SHOWTIME,” said Lubin. “I’m focused on the task at hand, and that’s beating a world class opponent in Terrell Gausha. My plan is to put all of the belt holders in my division on notice with a victory. I’ve been in camp for five weeks with five weeks to go. I’ll be supremely conditioned and fundamentally sound on October 26. You’re definitely not going to want to miss it.”

The 31-year-old Gausha (21-1-1, 10 KOs) is a brilliant ring tactician with an impressive boxing pedigree that included representing the United States at the 2012 Olympics. Born in Cleveland and now living in Encino, Calif., Gausha suffered the only loss on his record when he dropped a unanimous decision to long-reigning WBA Super Welterweight Champion Erislandy Lara in 2017. He most recently fought to a disputed split draw against former super welterweight champion Austin

Trout on May 25.

"This is going to be an action-packed fight with me and a strong young fighter like Lubin," said Gausha. "He's a good test for me. Lubin will be the fourth southpaw in a row that I've faced and I'm ready to go again. I'm just at a point where I want to fight the best and most challenging fights possible. He called me out and I'm definitely going to be ready for him on October 26. The fans won't want to miss it."

A former IBF Lightweight World Champion, Easter (21-1-1, 14 KOs) won the belt with a split decision victory over current champion Richard Commey in 2016 at Santander Arena in Reading. The 28-year-old from Toledo, Ohio successfully defended the title three times before losing it to four-division world champion Mikey Garcia in a 2018 unification clash on SHOWTIME. He is coming off a split draw against Rances Barthelemy in his last fight on April 27 and will be making his super lightweight debut when he steps in against Granados at the site of his first world championship fight.

"I'm moving up to 140 pounds and I've been preparing really hard for this fight," said Easter. "Expect me to come out and be very explosive on October 26. I anticipate Granados coming to fight like he always does. He's a fighter who always comes prepared and puts his heart into it, but I'm going to do the same thing and show that I'm ready to make a statement in this division."

The 30-year-old Granados (20-7-2, 14 KOs) has battled a slew of accomplished junior welterweights and welterweights over the course of his career including Shawn Porter, Adrien Broner and most recently Danny Garcia in April. The 30-year-old from Chicago will return to 140-pounds where he's had most of the success in his career, including his 2015 stoppage of a then-unbeaten Amir Imam.

"I'm expecting a tough fight against Robert Easter Jr. on

October 26," said Granados. "Our styles mesh well. Easter is a sharp fighter and that's why I'm giving it everything I have in training camp. I'm looking to bounce back from my last fight and show everyone that I still have a lot to give the sport of boxing. Easter is a technician in the ring but I'm a warrior and I'm going to come with everything that I have."

Fighting out of his hometown of Cincinnati, Ohio, Warren (16-3, 4 KOs) is looking to climb back into the championship ranks, having won the WBA bantamweight title with a majority decision over Juan Carlos Payano in 2016. The 32-year-old lost the title to Zhanat Zhakiyanov by majority decision in 2017 and is coming off a decision loss to Nordine Oubaali in a January title clash. Warren won his first 13 pro fights after an amateur career that saw him represent the U.S. at the 2004, 2008 and 2012 Olympics.

"I'm ready to bounce back and prove I'm still one of the best bantamweights in the world," said Warren. "This is a great fight for me to do that. After this fight I'm ready to get that belt back again because I miss it. I know these fighters can't beat me when I'm at my best."

The 27-year-old Rodriguez (19-1, 12 KOs) will also look to put himself back in position to reclaim a 118-pound belt with a win on October 26. Fighting out of Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, Rodriguez won the IBF Bantamweight World Title with a unanimous decision victory over Paul Butler in 2018 and defended it successfully against then-unbeaten Jason Moloney. He most recently was stopped by unbeaten champion Naoya Inoue in their May title bout.

"I'm super excited to return in a great fight like this," said Rodriguez. "Warren is a very good fighter and a victory over him will put me where I want to be. I'm thankful for the opportunity to get closer to reaching my goal of becoming a world champion again in 2020. I have learned from the mistakes of my loss and I'm confident everyone is going to be talking

about my performance on October 26.”

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Daniel Jacobs Retains Middleweight World Title by Dominant Seventh Round TKO Victory Over Former World Champion Sergio Mora In Main Event of Premier Boxing Champions On Spike Friday Night from Santander Arena in Reading, Pa.

READING, PA. (September 10, 2016) – Middleweight world champion Daniel “The Miracle Man” Jacobs (32-1, 29 KOs) retained his title and knocked down former world champion Sergio “The Latin Snake” Mora (28-5-2, 9 KOs) five times on his way to a seventh-round TKO in the main event of Premier Boxing Champions on Spike Friday night from Santander Arena in Reading, Pa.

The bout was a rematch of their championship fight last August that saw Jacobs win by TKO despite being dropped in the first round. Mora suffered an ankle injury on the punch that ended the last fight but he was not able to capitalize on his second chance.

Jacobs was in control early and often, attacking the body of Mora and switching between orthodox and southpaw styles to stay in control throughout. Mora was evasive and used good head movement to frustrate Jacobs early but could never get his own offense going.

The champion from Brooklyn stayed the course and in round four he broke through with a left hook to the head that sent Mora crumpling to the mat. Mora recovered but again had a knockdown scored against him in round five.

Sensing his moment, Jacobs came out aggressive in the seventh round as he clearly sought an end to the fight. A left right combo dropped Mora in the corner early in the round before he was dropped from a body shot moments after getting back on his feet.

Referee Gary Rosato let the fight continue but Jacobs put a quick end to the night by smothering Mora and dropping him for the fifth and final time, forcing the referee to stop the bout at 2:08 into the round.

In front of a raucous and supportive crowd, undefeated rising star Robert Easter (18-0, 14 KOs) earned a narrow split-decision victory over previously unbeaten Richard Commey (24-1, 22 KOs) in a thrilling contest that saw both men grab momentum at different points throughout the 12-round bout.

Easter used his jab and length advantage in round one and appeared to have more success throughout the night when he fought from a distance. The fight vacillated between a tactical battle and a toe-to-toe war by the round and even by the minute.

The Ghanaian Commey was aggressive throughout the fight and had success pushing Easter to the ropes and catching him with big right hands. In round eight, Commey scored a knockdown on one of those right hands, as referee Benjy Esteves ruled that Easter's glove hit the canvas as a result of the punch.

Easter and Commey both came out firing in round nine, engaging in one of the many exchanges that put the lively crowd on its feet. Easter had great success throughout the night with his right uppercut that consistently caught Commey coming in, but never deterred him completely.

Both men reached the 12-round limit for the first time in their careers but it was Easter who took advantage of the final stanza by rocking and wobbling Commey with a big overhand right just seconds into the round.

Commey was able to survive on the ropes and by consistently wrapping up his opponent. Both men were lifted to the air in triumph by their trainers after the final bell rang as the crowd cheered the two combatants. In the end the judges scored the fight 114-113 for Commey and 115-112 and 114-113 for Easter.

Here is what the fighters had to say Friday night:

DANIEL JACOBS

"I have to take my hat off to Sergio Mora. There was a lot of talking before this fight, but this is boxing. I respect any man who gets inside of this ring.

"I want to prove to the world that I'm the best middleweight. If GGG gets the victory tomorrow, that's who we want.

"I wanted to go in there to hurt him and keep my knockout streak alive. I did what I said I would.

"I didn't expect to knock him down as much, but I did see the fight ending in a knockout. It took a while because he's so

tricky. I wasn't able to jab the way I wanted to. That's what happens when you fight guys who have been in the game for a long time.

"The support of my city means a lot. There are guys here that I've known since kindergarten. People showed me love across the board and it was tremendous. For them to be on this journey with me, it means everything. I'm living my dream.

"This one's for Brooklyn. We have to spread the love around but I'll be back home in December headlining at Barclays Center."

SERGIO MORA

"The guy punches really hard. I was trying to catch him like I did in the first fight but I couldn't do it today.

"We expected him to fight the way he did. He's big and powerful. I knew I would have to catch him with a few shots and take him into the later rounds. I think I was doing that until my legs couldn't recover.

"I'm not going to take anything away from his victory, but I never recovered from a shot to the back of the head. They counted it as a knockdown so I'll have to take a look at the video, but it felt like the back of the head.

"This guy is a big overwhelming figure. When he got on top of me I could feel his weight. You really need those legs to wake up when you get buzzed.

"The fight was close in my heart. Daniel finally gave me credit. I didn't feel like I got beat up, he just caught me with good shots. I have a lot left in me. I'm going to look at the tape and see where I'm at."

ROBERT EASTER

"It's been a long training camp. We had an amazing training

camp. This fight wasn't easy at all. We knew it wasn't going to be easy. Richard Commey is a tough, tough competitor. He made me fight each and every round, but we did it.

"The game plan was to go out there and box him and use my length and reach. I made a few mistakes tonight. One of them was not fighting him early enough. It wouldn't have been close. In the last round, when I needed the round, I went out and got it.

"I took everything that I had, all 16 years in the sport, and I used it to go get that belt.

"You always have to stay composed as a professional. I wasn't hurt at all on the knockdown. I know what happened in there. He threw a shorter right hand and I stumbled. I finished the round tough.

"Early in the fight I thought I hurt him with a hook and right hand combo. In the last round I caught him right on the chin. That wobbled him. He held on for dear life.

"I knew it was going to come down to a split decision. I felt in my heart that I did enough. He missed a lot of shots.

"I want more straps. I want belts. This is huge for my city. It means a lot. It's bigger than me. I wanted to give them something to believe in.

"All this hard work we had to put in for this fight, we had to dig in deep. I did this for my city and Toledo came out for me tonight."

RICHARD COMMEY

"I feel like I won this fight. I did everything that I could. I landed the more accurate shots. I come from very far and it's hard to win here versus an American. I deserve a rematch.

"I was very devastated when I heard the scores. I knew it was

a close fight. He went down and I didn't.

"I want to be a world champion. Even if he doesn't want to fight me, I want another opportunity. I can fight at the highest level in the world. We worked so hard to get to this stage. I want to stay at this level. I'll keep improving."

In OFF TV-action:

Heavyweight contender Travis Kauffman tuned up for a big opportunity by stopping Josh Dempsey in the 2nd round of their scheduled ten-round bout.

Kauffman registered two knockdowns and Dempsey retired from the fight with an injury to his right shoulder at 47 seconds of round two.

Kauffman of Reading is now 31-1 with 23 knockouts. Dempsey of Torrance, Californis is 22-6.

Christopher Brooker won a eight-round majority decision over former world title challenger Elvin Ayala in a super middleweight bout.

Brooker of Philadelphia won by scores of 79-73 and 77-74 while a card read even at 76-76.

Brooker is now 11-1. Ayala of New Haven, Connecticut is 28-8-1.

WBC number-one ranked middleweight Jorge Sebastian Heiland dropped Angel Hernandez three times en-route to a second round stoppage in their scheduled eight round bout.

Heiland of Buenos Aires, Argentina dropped Hernandez twice in round two and one in round two and the bout was stopped at 46 seconds of round two.

Heiland is 28-4-2 with 15 knockouts. Hernandez, of Gary, Indiana is 17-19-1.

Former world champion Kermit Cintron stopped Manny Woods in round seven of their scheduled eight round super welterweight bout.

The time of the stoppage was 2:28.

Cintron of Reading, PA is 38-5-2 with 29 knockouts. Woods of St. Petersburg, Florida is 15-6-1.

Frank De Alba scored a sensational 2nd round stoppage over Kiun Evans in a scheduled eight-round junior lightweight bout.

De Alba thrilled the crowd with a thudding left hook to the jaw and the fight was over at 3:04 of round two.

De Alba of Reading is 20-2-2 with nine knockouts. Evans of Little Rock, Arkansas is 12-3-1.

Earl Newman remained undefeated with a six-round unanimous decision over Leo Hall in a light heavyweight bout.

Newman of Brooklyn won by scores of 60-53, 59-54 and 58-54 and is now 10-0. Hall of Detroit is 8-2.

Erik Spring won a six-round majority decision over previously undefeated Simon Henriksson in a junior middleweight bout.

Spring of Reading won by scores of 58-56 twice and 57-57 and is now 8-1-1. Henriksson of Ystad, Sweden is 4-1.

Nicholas Hernandez won a four-round unanimous decision over Randy Hedderick in a junior middleweight bout.

Hernandez of Lebabon, PA won by scores of 40-36 on all cards and is now 5-1. Hedderick of Gulfport, Mississippi is now 1-6.

Kashon Hutchinson won a four-round unanimous decision over Jordan Morales in a junior welterweight bout.

Hutchinson of Reading won by scores of 39-37 on all cards and is now 2-0. Morales of Bethlehem. PA is 1-2.

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Daniel Jacobs vs. Sergio Mora & Robert Easter vs. Richard Commey Final Press Conference Quotes & Photos

READING, PA. (September 8, 2016) – Middleweight world champion Daniel “The Miracle Man” Jacobs and former champion Sergio “The Latin Snake” Mora went face-to-face at the final press conference Wednesday before their world championship rematch that headlines Premier Boxing Champions on Spike Friday, September 9 from Santander Arena in Reading, Pa.

Also in attendance at Wednesday’s event were undefeated lightweights Robert Easter and Richard Commey, who fight for a vacant world title Friday night on Spike. Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/8 p.m. CT and features local contender Travis “My Time” Kauffman in a 10-round heavyweight bout.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King’s Promotions, start at \$20 and are on sale now via Ticketmaster.

Here is what the fighters had to say Wednesday:

DANIEL JACOBS

"It's an honor to be up here as the main event with these young fighters and future champions. I'm excited to be back in the ring. It's been too long but I've been training hard and I feel great.

"I'm going to do what I do best. People talk about my power, but I get my skills from the amateur system and from proving that I have the goods. I have the power in addition to the skill set. I'm planning on proving that Friday night.

"I'll be ready every round to give it my best and he better come in ready to fight. I'm excited to be here and display my skills in a new place.

"The fans are looking forward to a good fight so I hope Sergio is ready to make this an exciting battle. I'm going to show everybody my full arsenal."

SERGIO MORA

"Our last fight was on the way to being a 'Fight of the Year,' but I busted my ankle in the second round and I couldn't continue. I've been waiting 13 months for this opportunity and I'm completely ready. This has been a fantastic training camp.

"It's time for business. People don't know what's going to happen. He has big power and I have a lot of experience and tricks up my sleeve. The later the fight goes, the better off for me.

"I'm ready for any way this fight can go. I'm excited about this fight and the fans should be excited about this fight. We're proud fighters and I can't wait to get in there."

ROBERT EASTER

"This is a big opportunity and something I've wanted for my whole life. Ever since I was nine-years-old. All the hard work

I've put in since I was a kid, everyone will see. I will put on a great performance

"We already were working hard before we knew we had this title shot. Someone has to pay for the work I've been putting in for 16 years in this business. On Friday night it will be another victory and another man down."

RICHARD COMMEY

"I'm very happy to be here and I'm thankful for this opportunity. When I first started boxing this is what I hoped for.

"This is all that I have had on my mind. This is what has motivated me for many years.

"Come Friday night I'm going to be ready to fight and I'm going to be a world champion."

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DANIEL JACOBS vs. SERGIO MORA FIGHT WEEK MEDIA SCHEDULE

All Times Are Eastern

Thursday, September 8

6:00 p.m. OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN

Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Reading –
Callowhill Ballroom

701 Penn St.; Reading, PA 19601

5:30 p.m. – Media Arrival

6:00 p.m. – Fighters to scales

Friday, September 9

6:00 p.m. SANTANDER ARENA DOORS OPEN & FIRST BOUT

Location: 700 Penn Street; Reading, PA 19601

9:00 p.m. SPIKE BROADCAST BEGINS

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Daniel Jacobs, Sergio Mora, Robert Easter & Richard Commey Media Conference Call Transcript

Marc Abrams

Okay. Welcome to the Daniel Jacobs/Sergio Mora conference call. The rematch will take place Friday night, September 9th, at the Santander Arena in Reading, Pennsylvania, and live on Spike TV. It's a championship double header, a great show that will also feature the IBF lightweight championship of the

world between undefeated Robert Easter and undefeated Richard Commey of Accra, Ghana. The show is promoted by Kings Boxing. And to make some opening statements, the President of Kings Boxing Mr. Marshall Kauffman. Marshall?

Marshall Kauffman

Hello, everybody. It's a pleasure to be able to host such an exciting fight come September 9th. I'm looking forward to fireworks between both these—with both of these bouts. You have—with Richard Commey and Robert Easter, Jr., and of course, Daniel Jacobs and Sergio Mora, it's going to be an exciting night. I'm really looking forward to it. And the [unintelligible] town of Reading as well is really excited about such a big event coming to our town.

Abrams

Well, we'll start with Robert Easter—would like to make an opening comment.

Robert Easter

Yeah, I'll all very excited to come to Reading, PA, and fight for the IBF world title. Hopefully, Richard Commey will bring his A game to the table because I'm definitely bringing my A-plus game to the table.

Abrams

And, Richard, would you like to make an opening statement?

Richard Commey

Oh, yeah, I'm very excited to have this opportunity to fight for the IBF lightweight world title. I've worked so hard to get this opportunity. And I know Robert Easter, Jr., has also. So, it's going to be a great fight.

Q

Robert, basically, he hasn't faced anyone with your height, reach, power, and speed. Is that accurate? Can you give an assessment of your thoughts on that?

Easter

Yes, no, he hasn't faced anyone like me and my agility, my power, my length, my reach. He hasn't faced a guy like me. So, that's where I come in and take over this fight.

Q

On the other hand, who would you say that you have faced that is either comparable or better than him in ways that you think he need—he would need to be able to compete against you?

Easter

It was—Mendez, he was a speedy, speedy guy, fast, and could move a lot. But, what I'm hearing, Commey brings pressure I guess. That's probably the only thing Mendez didn't have. He came—he definitely came to fight, though, but he was a speedy guy, a slick guy, to move his hands.

Q

I guess the last question, is there anything that is different or unique about Richard that you haven't seen in an actual fight? I know you've been in sparring with guys like [Lamont Peterson] and Anthony Peterson, Adrian Broner, guys like that. But, in an actual fight, is there anything about him that you respect to the level that you're really going to have to be on your P's and Q's about?

Easter

Every opponent you step in the ring with you have to respect. But, it's nothing unique I see coming from him. It's nothing I haven't seen or faced. So, like I said, this should be a walk in the park for me, and I say that with confidence.

Q

Okay. Richard, I wonder what tradition you know when you talk about Azumah Nelson Have you talked to any of those guys or heard from any of those guys ?

Commey

Yes. And I'm going to use the advice Azumah gave me over the

last few weeks here in Ghana.

Q

Richard, how does Robert stack up to left hander went the distance with both those guys. Have you seen anything like what you're going to see out of Robert in terms of reach and—?

Commey

I've inspired a lot of people with a lot of heart. I need this opportunity. His height really won't matter. I'm coming there to win and that's what I'm coming to do.

Q

The last question, what do you think you've—that he hasn't fought anyone like? What do you think is unique about you that he hasn't seen before?

Commey

Well, I'm a tall guy. And no matter what he does, I can win. I'm strong. And I can take punches and I can punch as well. I can do all that. If he can't—he will lose. I respect the height and his reach and his skills as a boxer.

Q

I'll start with you, Easter. Welcome to the fight, and good luck to you. You mentioned that you're ready, and Commey has not fought anybody of your caliber. But, if you look at both records, you guys are both undefeated with a nice double figure of knockouts. And he's already a champion in his country and all that. Now, and you are an ex-Olympian. Are you telling me, or as I understand, that you're minimizing what he has, taking in consideration that he is undefeated, just like you, and somebody's always got to go? So, what do you—how do you assess that?

Easter

Seeing the few rounds I did watch is the skills, and I wouldn't say they were that good, but he—like I said, he's just very strong. They say he's strong. But, you're only

strong to somebody you can hit.

When you got to—boxing out there, like me, I'm using my rank, my length, and what I'm throwing [can be] hard as well, how you going to be able to get past that? So, like I said, the skills are not much there. But, I don't like to get hit that much. I won't get hit that much. So, I'm going to take all that away, and then whatever he's bringing and adjust to have him adjust to me. Once I get him in my game plan, the fight is going to go my way the whole few rounds it's going to last.

Q

Do you feel that your Olympic experience is an advantage over him because, after all, when you get to the high heights of Olympic experience and international amateur fighting, you're almost like a pro? It's almost like stepping into the living room when you turn pro. So, that has—you have an edge on that?

Easter

I wouldn't pretty much focus on the amateur side because the transition from the amateur to pro is way different. You know patience. So, I'll transition pretty quickly like Lamont Peterson, Anthony Peterson, Adrien Broner, guys like that..

Q

Are you hoping to—just to name two guys to follow the tradition of African champions, like Ike Quartey and the great Azumah Nelson, to bring another title back to Africa? Is this what—not only to win, of course, but is—this is your direction, your crusade, when you were saying that, “Finally, I got a chance at a world title,” and your heart of hearts, this is what you want to do, to bring another title to Africa?

Commey

Yes, that's exactly what I want to do. Like you said, the likes of Ike Quartey, Azumah Nelson, to bring a championship back to my country.

Q

Knowing that this is for the vacant IBF world title, of course, what have you—without giving out trade secrets, what have you done in camp to—different or with a high acceleration to make sure that your hand is raised in victory over Easter?

Commeey

Well, of course, I spar a lot of big guys like Joshua Clottey, and I have the kind of power to excel in the gym and on fight night. I want to follow the tradition of Ghanaian boxing. So, I'm coming there to make sure, once I get my game plan underway, then I'll victorious.

Q

Do you run at all the risk of being a little overconfident against another opponent who is also undefeated and has traveled all over, fought a lot of different type of fighters in all different countries and certainly has no fear of coming here? Are you a little overconfident in those remarks?

Easter

No, not at all. Not at all. I believe in my skill. And I know what I'll come and do, just like my last fight and fight before that and a few fights before that. Once I got my game plan, when I come in the ring, I know how to make the fighter try to adjust to me. Once I get a fighter try and adjust to me, then the fight is already won.

The skills, you can see the skills, mine and his. He's a straight coming-forth fighter, try to hard punch and all that. But, when got boxing and you can punch as well and you can move, don't matter. It speaks for itself.

Q

So, how surprised were you that Barthelemy did give up the title and that you ended up getting this title shot? Seems to me probably about maybe around a year or so or at least in the IBF 9 or 10 months sooner than maybe you had expected.

Easter

I knew after the Mendez fight I was going to have a big fight coming up. So, either way, I was going to train like it was a championship fight, like I do always. So, it is surprising that it came up this soon.

Q

Do you think, when you face him, you're going to have to use your height and length and box him because you mentioned how aggressive he is, or is this going to be similar to Argenis Mendez, where you can drop that big shot at any moment and knock the guy out?

Easter

Yeah, I'm going to and I will have to box. That's the plan for every opponent I fight. I box and use my length. So, as long as I do that and see a weakness—wherever I see a weakness, that's when I go for it.

Q

I count six different countries that you've fought in between your home country, United States, throughout Europe. Can you talk about what that experience has done in terms of giving you confidence to come again to the United States and take on an American fighter in a pretty significant fight for a world title?

Comme

Like you said, I've been fighting all over the world. I'm very comfortable fighting in the U.S. I don't really think about where I'm going to fight, just do my best, and whatever happens, I take it because, as a boxer, I need to prepare. I need to be ready to go wherever to fight. I'm ready to go anywhere to fight to so wherever I go as a boxer. So, I'm all good

Q

Richard, can you just give me your opinion about the kind of fighter and what you think about the style of Robert Easter,

if you've seen him fight?

Comme

What I've seen of him, I know he's a great boxer, a skilled boxer, and he tries to move a lot. But, likewise, I can box. I can come forward. So, on the night of the fight, definitely, I know what I'm going to do.

Q

Did you have a preference of fighting Barthelemy, who was the reigning champion, or taking on another undefeated fighter for the vacant title, or did it not make a difference to you?

Comme

Well, at the end of the day, that's you want. Once you got a chance to fight for it, whatever comes, it doesn't really matter who you're supposed to fight. It's the title I want. So, for me, I don't really feel much disappointed. I'm there to fight for the title. That's what I want. So, I'm not disappointed. It's all good as I'm really looking forward for the title. And once I'm fighting for the title, I don't mind.

Abrams

Okay. We're going to wrap up this part of the call. I know we've got-Sergio is on the line. And I think Daniel will be on the line in a second. Just a quick final comment from both, we'll start with Robert.

Easter

Just be ready September 9th. I'll come bring a lot of fireworks and a lot of action and another short bout, September 9th, and will be the IBF champion.

Comme

Come on the 9th of September. I'm coming to put my life on the line. And I'm going to be the world champion, IBF lightweight world champion.

Abrams

Thank you, guys. We'll see you in Reading September 9th. And, Danielle, I think we're ready now with the—I believe Sergio is on the line. I know Daniel going to be in, in a second. I guess, while we wait for Daniel, Marshall, I don't know if you want to introduce Sergio?

Kauffman

Sergio Mora, a very exciting fighter. His last fight was fireworks. And I'm looking forward to fireworks once again. Danny Jacobs dropped him first, and Sergio came back and took advantage of Danny's mistakes. And then the third knockdown was something that's still a question mark, whether it was from a knockdown or a twisted ankle. So, there are question marks—there are questions that are left to be spoken for. And I believe Sergio is in shape. And we'll see, come September 9th. How about it, Sergio?

Sergio Mora

It was no knockdown. I always—I'm the one getting punched, by the way. So, I didn't feel the punch, and it was definitely just me twisting my ankle. It was Jacobs pushing me down as well. Yeah, the referee kept warning Jacobs also that he was pushing me down with his elbow. I normally go down low like that. So, it's not the first time it happened. So, it's a mix of a lot of things. But, it wasn't a punch to knock me down. It was all my ankle. And if was a punch, then why didn't I stay down? I was up at the count of two or three on one foot. So, it definitely wasn't a punch.

Abrams

And I believe the WBA middleweight champion Daniel Jacob on the line. Daniel, you want opening statements and maybe a response to that?

Daniel Jacobs

Well, I came in briefly. And from what I hear, he's saying that that last shot wasn't a punch that put him down. I don't know what my eyes were seeing, or I don't know what my fists

felt, but in my opinion, and I think, if you clearly go to the video, the replay, it was a punch that put him down. It was the uppercut that started—which had him back—withdraw and back up. And then it was the overhand right that put him down. So—.

Mora

The overhand right grazed the back of my head. Yeah, the overhand right grazed the back of my head, but my ankle was already twisted. It was a tricky shot.

Jacobs

It could be a graze. It could be whatever you want to say it could be, but it put you down. Listen, let me give my opening statement, please. I just got on the line.

Mora

But, it didn't keep me down. If I was hurt, —I wouldn't have gotten up.

Jacobs

Okay. Allow me to have my opening statement, Sergio, please. I just got on the line, brother. Show some respect. I just got on the line. So, my opening statement, ladies and gentlemen, it is the honor to be back into the ring. I've been out for quite some time. The reason we've actually been out for so long was because we were trying to get a better opportunity at fighting B.J. Saunders. Obviously, that fight took a little longer than anticipated. And this is the reason why this fight is happening. It isn't because I've been avoiding Sergio Mora. I just understand that this fight for my career at this particular point isn't really going to do anything for me. It's more going to do anything—more for Sergio than it would do for me. But, me and him have the same management in Al Haymon. So, I can understand why this fight is being made.

But, the reasons why he's saying this fight is being made as far as me ducking him and not wanting to fight him, I mean, that's absurd. That's absurd. But, I'm just excited

nevertheless to be back into the ring. It's a good time for me to be able to get back in there and have some fun again. I look forward to a very good matchup again I hope. But, one question that I do have for Sergio is, in previous interviews, he said that he was going to have a more exciting style and he was tired of being the born fighter he used to be that wasn't appealing to fans, and he wasn't going to do much running, this other stuff, stuff that he's been getting criticized before, he wasn't going to do that. And now that he says he's felt the power of myself, he says he's going to completely switch the game plan. So, my question is, what—why the sudden change? I mean, what's the difference now? Why are you not going to be more exciting and more appealing now, like you said before?

Mora

I said I was going to be exciting and more aggressive. I didn't say I was going to be stupid.

Jacobs

Oh, yeah, that is stupid to come and—that will be stupid to come and actually go toe to toe and bang with me. You're absolutely right. So it'll be interesting to see the game plan that you have for this coming fight because I just hope it's not a stinker, man. You're getting a second opportunity at a world—at my world title shot. Please let's not make it a snoozer. It's bad enough we're both receiving a lot of criticism for this fight, but dude, please let's just make it exciting.

Mora

Hey, listen, I'm the king of criticism. If you can't take criticism, you don't belong to be a champion. You don't belong in the top like that. That's part of being a world champion is taking all the bullshit from critics and media and everyone else. And if you're thin-skinned, then you're not going to hang very much as the world champion.

Jacobs

Okay. Yes, sir. Ready for some questions.

Q

Sergio, after that first fight, you said that you felt that, because it was so early in the fight, it was going to be called-be a no contest. Turns out it ultimately ended up being a loss on your record. Do you feel like the fact that it's been so-that the fight ended in that way, do you feel like an extra layer of motivation to try to win this second fight?

Mora

No, that blemish on my career is-it's already there. I tried to contest it with the New York Commission. But, it got me nowhere. The New York Commission is a mess as we're all finding out when it comes to the fights and boxing and MMA and everything else. So, I went that route. It didn't go anywhere. So, I'm going to have that TKO on my record for the rest of my career and the rest of my life. And it's sad because I don't want it to be on a technicality. So, does it irk me? Absolutely. But, am I past it? Yes. I just want an opportunity to clear whatever happened. Jacobs said that he dropped me twice. I only fell once. I dropped him once. Round of the year, Sports Illustrated. Second round, I feel I was in control and winning. With 5 or 10 seconds left, the injury happens, and I bust my ankle. So, there's a lot of unanswered questions. And for whatever reason this fight is happening again, I'm going to-I'm fully prepared for whatever comes. And I just want to-I just want my opportunity. And I'm thankful that I got it.

Q

Daniel, in that-in the first round, Sergio did knock you down. You said after the fight ended that you were a little bit careless in that first round. Are you taking a more conservative approach, or are you being a little more careful knowing that Sergio has the capabilities of knocking you down?

Jacobs

Listen, there's always opportunities to learn and grow in the sport of boxing. Even with a light-punching guy like Sergio Mora, I learned a valuable lesson that, after I knocked him down and I was going in for the kill, that you still have to be defensive minded, even when you have a guy hurt because I was on the verge of stopping this man. There's no way around that. I was definitely on the verge of stopping him. But, in my mind, I got a little careless. And the way I had my feet spread, I mean, I just got caught with a real clean shot. It's nothing I can take away from him. He definitely earned that. But, it was a valuable lesson to me and a lesson that I'm sure I won't make again.

Q

Sergio, how was the rehab in trying to get back and healthy? Was there anything that, during that time, you looked at yourself as a fighter and wanted to improve upon for this rematch?

Mora

No, not as a fighter. The only thing I had in mind was to heal up 100 percent. I did everything in my power, in my capability to heal up properly. I did all the—I got the best treatment. I tried to go with the best physical therapist and with ice and do all the remedies, all the Mexican remedies that my mom would tell me to do. And I tried to do everything possible to do it. So, finally, I—after 6 to 7 months, I started—little by little started putting pressure on it. And I started feeling good and taking it—taking Aleve. And sometimes, I have to take cortisone shots in order for me to go harder and faster. So, I just did everything in my ability, plus prayer. And thank God I'm back.

Q

I don't know who's best fit to answer this question, but is there a rubber match clause in the event that Sergio pulls the upset?

Mora

I'm the king of rematches. So, I'll answer that. I've had four rematches. This is going to be my fifth. And I've never had a rubber match. I probably deserved a rubber match with Brian Vera. But, Texas is just too big and strong for me to beat. So, rubber matches, I don't know. We'll see. I got to get the win first.

Q

Are you confident, Sergio, in your ability to plant on your ankle?

Mora

Absolutely. Now, I am. There were times within the year that I've been off that I questioned it. And I'm 35 years old now. So, everything heals up slower. I can't fool myself. So, sometimes, I question it. But, now, I'm not anymore. I did everything. I put all the pressure, sprinting uphill, sprinting downhill, stopping on a dime, pivoting, twisting. And I feel an ache here and there. But, as far as me doing, I've done it. So, mentally, I'm there. I'm ready.

Q

Daniel, do you feel this fight is a backwards step?

Jacobs

I absolutely do. I mean, I think it's just—to me, this is kind of like a just-stay-busy fight because we weren't able to get the fight that we actually wanted, for whatever reason. But, to me, I don't think this does anything for my career. Like I said before, we've always wanted to move up to bigger and better opposition each time out. This is kind of a step back. And I understand that it left a bitter taste in certain people's mouths because of the way Sergio Mora lost. But, in my opinion, he was on the verge anyway. So, that's how I look at it. But, this is for me an opportunity to kind of quiet the critics and just make the final statement once and for all that I am the better fighter, better boxer.

Hell, I'm better in general inside that square ring. Sergio Mora has nothing in there to stop me, especially come September 9th. I'm in the best shape that I've ever been in my life. And he said before that I don't like to go 12 rounds. I mean, I've never said that. I mean, just because I've knocked guys out doesn't mean I don't like to go 12 rounds. With the Caleb Truax fight, I wanted to go 12 rounds, and I did, and then I stopped him in the 12th round. So, it's not like I'd just like to go out there and have this false identity like I'm this super big knockout artist. I'm a superb boxer. I learned the fundamentals from the amateur USA boxing. I've gone internationally and performed on an international level. I know how to box. Sergio Mora is extremely awkward. That's what allowed him to get where he is now. Take nothing away from him being a world champion. Yeah, I have to give him credit for that. But, as a—.

Mora

About time you give me some credit. And guess what? I—and hey, listen, man. Sorry to interrupt you, but that's the first time you've ever given me credit.

Jacobs

Oh, I'm sorry. I thought I was answering the question. Okay. I'm going to let you go ahead.

Mora

That's the first time you've ever given me credit, man. Thank you very much. Thank you, Danny. Thank you.

Jacobs

Oh, okay. You're very welcome. But, as I was saying, yes, this is definitely a setback.

Q

It didn't take long for you to get acquainted the first time around. What are your mindsets? Are you looking to pick up where you left off, or you taking a completely different

approach this time around?

Mora

I'm still in shock that he gave me credit. Look, the first time around, he downplayed and downgraded me as a former world champion. And he said that he wanted to move onto bigger and better things. I just want to touch on something. I'm the best name on Daniel Jacobs—no, let me take that back. I'm the most accomplished name on Daniel Jacobs's record.

So, how is he down—how is he going backwards? How is he regressing by fighting me? I'm the best—I'm the most accomplished on his resume. He's not even top three on mine. I've got hall of famers on my resume. I had to beat a world champion, a five-time world champion to become champion. He had to beat a guy Jarrod Fletcher Jacob—I don't even know what the hell his name is, Fletcher Jones or whatever it is. So, the bottom line is you've got to give me my credit, man. So, thank you for giving me that credit. Now, what was your question, again? I'm sorry.

Q

Are you looking to pick up where you left off, or are you coming in with a totally different mindset?

Mora

Well, look, I know that I got dropped. I've been dropped before. I can get up, and I'm pretty resilient that way. Jacobs took a little longer to get the cobwebs off. So, he—now, he knows that I can punch. I don't think he's going to come in as aggressive as he was the first time. If he does, maybe we'll leave off. That's going to be up to the champ. The champ wants to start if off, I'm good. If not, if I see him—fighting behind a jab, then I'm going to have to go and put the pressure on a little bit.

Q

And, Daniel?

Jacobs

So, I just—I totally feel like he's just full of it right now. I don't think he's going to come forward. He's even said it in the interview. Now, he understands and he knows how much power I possess. He's going to change the game plan. And he's going to try to take me into what he quotes are deep waters. So, he's going to try to take me in later rounds, which in my opinion, he has to box, and he has to be on the back foot to do so.

So, in my opinion, I think he's going to try to make it a snoozer. He's not going to try to make it exciting and come forward. And it's just my—it's just up to me to make it an exciting. And I'm going to do what I've always done. I'm going to come forward, and I'm going to adjust if I need to make adjustments. And that's simple. I want to hurt this man. There's no way around it. I want him to feel and eat his words, clearly. So, I'm going to come in there, and I'm going to try and punch you in your face. It's plain and simple, Sergio. That's my game approach. But, if you want to box—.

Mora

That's all good. You try to reach my—.

Jacobs

If you want to go on the back foot—.

Mora

I'm going to be touching that body.

Jacobs

Hold on, sir. Hold on, baby. Hold on, baby. I'll let you answer your question. Hold on now. Be respectful. If you wanted to be on the back foot, that's the game that I can play, too. I have an extreme amateur and professional boxing resume, brother. Like, we can do this. But, the game plan for me, to answer your question, is to go in there and hurt this man, period.

Q

Sergio, given the fact that Danny has said that this is a backwards step for him, he looks at it as a tune-up fight, didn't really want to have the rematch, why—what do you think it was that actually got you this rematch and I know you wanted very badly?

Mora

Al Haymon, plain and simple, Al Haymon. I think no one was campaigning for this rematch, Dan. And I think a lot of people were surprised that it happened. I certainly was surprised that I got the phone call because, even though I was promised by Al a big fight my first fight back, I didn't expect it to be for world title versus Daniel Jacobs in a rematch. So, I'm very, very thankful to Al Haymon. And honestly, just to—I mean, not to be funny or anything, but if I really have to thank another person, another thing, it's Twitter because it gives me a voice when I was injured. And I never had that before. I just wish I would've started it earlier and had more of a following. So, yeah, I've got to thank Twitter, too.

Q

Do you think—I mean, you've had your ups and downs. You fought a lot of good names. But, you mentioned a little earlier 35 years old. Do you think this maybe this could be your last chance at a world title?

Mora

Yeah, probably. I mean, I can't be foolish and say that I can move—I can beat Bernard Hopkins. I can't. I'm not Bernard Hopkins. There's only special people that could fight in their mid-30s and so on and still be fighting the best. So, even though, if my body hasn't taken a beating, I've been in the game a long time. And the wear and tear from sparring and from running and from the dieting and from all the other stuff, all that takes effect.

But, even though I am well preserved, I'm still the age that I

am. And the hunger's still there. So, number one, if the hunger's still there, everything else falls into place. So, we're going to find out in two weeks exactly if the hunger and my body is at the same level.

Q

Were you anxious to just go right back in with Danny in a second fight if you could get the fight, or did you consider a tune-up?

Mora

No, no. Great question, Dan. Me and my team did have that discussion. And we did think about fighting someone else. And I think Alfredo Angulo was a name they offered and were considering. But, we know Angulo very well. And we just didn't feel right taking that fight, especially watching the fight—his last fight. But, the ankle feels good. And we decided to go straight into this title fight because we weren't sure we were going to get it again. I think the stars lined up perfectly for it to happen. And Jacobs admits that, too, that he didn't want to fight me for whatever reasons, and I got this fight thanks to Al Haymon. And that's it.

Q

What was it that made you decide that, ultimately, you would in fact give him the rematch, even though it's clear that it's not a fight that you want?

Jacobs

It's just I understand how it left a bad taste in people's mouths. So, with the options that we were given, with talking to Al and talking with my team, I guess it just kind of made—not sense, but it just was the right thing to do at the very—at that moment. And I won't say we looked at it as, like, hey, this is an easy win or this is an opportunity to make easy money.

Like, we don't look at it like that. But, we kind of just—and

we definitely wasn't forced into the fight. So, that's another thing that I want to make clear. Al Haymon didn't say, "Hey, this is going to be what you're going to do." So, me and my team came together. And for whatever reasons, we allowed this fight to happen, but we definitely wasn't forced into it.

Q

So, you mentioned you had some other options that were brought to your attention. What were those other options?

Jacobs

They just wasn't—like, it wasn't guys in my opinion at that level that were bigger and better. Like I said before, we looked at the whole scene of the middleweight division, and Andy Lee and a couple other guys that names were thrown out there. We were trying to make that fight happen with Lee. I think that fight kind of fell through maybe once or twice. So, we were just like, "Hey, let's just go with Sergio Mora." The way we—the way it looked and the way we won kind of left a little bit bad taste in people's mouths. So, it just makes sense to do it.

Q

What is the big fight out there? You are—as the WBA's regular champion, you are the mandatory for Gennady Golovkin. I want to know if that's a fight that you'll consider after this?

Jacobs

Absolutely. That's the fight that I want. I want the best out there. We tried to make the fight with B.J. Saunders. We tried to make the fight with a couple other guys. But, it just didn't work. Chris Eubank, Jr., was another opportunity for us to fight. But, he didn't want no part. So, even after winning the—forgot what title he won because I know I was his mandatory at some point, and he declined. And so, we want to fight the best, point blank, period. Triple G is the best, and that's the guy that we want.

Q

What kind of particular stylistic problems you think you'd give Golovkin that he hasn't seen yet?

Jacobs

I definitely believe I would be the toughest test because I believe I would be the victor in that fight. I definitely believe in my skills and my ability. At one point in my career, the only reason why I said I wanted to wait was so I could get 12 rounds so we can go the full distance and know how we can actually feel in a tough fight for 12 rounds. I've accomplished that. And then the only thing that was kind of keeping me from making this fight happen earlier was the finance. So, people saying I was ducking or I was doing a whole bunch of this and a whole bunch of that, that's far from the truth. I just wanted to be compensated accordingly. And that was it. If we can make these fights happen sooner than later, I'm all for it. But, in the same token, I still would like to be compensated accordingly.

Q

Are you confident that you could get a deal done that would be good for the finances?

Jacobs

I don't really know too much about that. I mean, I have a great team. And I leave all those things up to my team. My thing is to stay ready, to be ready, and to perform at my best when I'm inside the ring. So, whatever the logistics is outside the ring, all I have to do is say, "Yes, I'm comfortable with that. And let's make the fight."

Q

Now, I know you're a pretty even-keeled guy, but has Sergio got under your skin with all the trash talk?

Jacobs

Oh, hell yeah. I mean, not under my skin to where it would

affect my game plan or it'll affect me inside the ring. No, it's just some of the things that he's said or from the pictures that he's posted, and that's what he's supposed to do. And he's landed an opportunity at fighting me again. But, this is an opportunity that I'm looking forward to. And this is probably for me the first personal fight that I'm entering in with mean intention.

Q –

And a question for Sergio. You've been around for a long time. You've fought a lot of top guys, like Sugar Shane and so forth. Where—how would you compare Danny to those guys? And how do you think you'll—a guy like you who has such a high boxing IQ, how do you think a rematch would help you?

Mora

Sugar Shane and so forth, and Vernon Forrest, two great fighters. Look, Danny has his amateur pedigree. And he can fight behind the jab, like he says. And he could be—and he can fight on his back foot, as he claims. He says he's gone 12 tough rounds. I only seen him go 12 one-sided rounds against a guy named Caleb Truax. Those weren't tough. He doesn't know what tough is yet. And he isn't really—he hasn't experienced what it is to be in there with an all-around championship caliber fighter for 12 rounds. I have. That's the difference. That's the difference.

And I feel that, until he experiences that, he still doesn't know what it is to be an all-around champion, a champion that's had to deal with getting knocked down, getting up, bad cuts, being down behind them cards, losing on cards going through the final championship round. These are the experiences you can only dream of and hope of. So, until you experience that, you can't really say he's done that. Right now, he still needs to learn.

Q

Sergio, do you relish having the kind of opportunity to, as

you said, teach somebody to be a fighter?

Mora

Absolutely. I relish the opportunity to do great things, man. And I think that, if you look back at my career, every time I get a big opportunity, I conquer it, or something like the Shane Mosley thing happens where, actually, I won, and it was a draw. But, the big opportunities, I shine, man. And this is just something that always needs to happen, always have to take the hard route. That's been my career, man. I've never been the A side. I've always been the B side that could compete with the A side.

And this is just another example of that. Danny, the young champion looking down on me, subordinating me, making me feel like I'm lucky to get this opportunity, I've dealt with that my entire career, man. It's nothing new. I know I'm here over and over, time after time for a reason because I'm that fucking good. And so, people recognize and realize that. I'll never get the credit for it. And that's fine, as long as I keep getting the opportunities and as long as I become a three-time two-division champ.

Q

Tell us about that, how you approach the fight, what you expect to take place, especially in light of the last two fights ending quickly.

Jacobs

Well, I don't really anticipate or expect anything. Boxing is one of those things where anything can happen at any given moment. My thing is I just want to be ready. And when I prepare inside the gym and I'm in tip-top shape, I'm prepared and ready for anything that will come my way inside that ring, whether it's the first round or whether it's the last round. It just so happens that these last couple of fights I've had been very exciting first rounders. So, my thing is, as long as I'm able to adjust, I can come and be prepared for anything

that comes my way.

Q

What was key in those two fights—to both of those fights starting off with so much activity and so much action?

Jacobs

I think just getting warmed up properly and the backstage, making sure that the flow was going and that you don't have to kind of warm up in those first couple rounds. Me and my team do a great job—and shout out to my team, by the way, who do such a great job with making sure that we're prepared and ready for each round from the very first to the very end.

Q

And is that going to affect at all your game plan because people have seen those two previous fights, and they're talking about it. They say, "Maybe this is a guy who is just going to destroy people in the beginning." Is that weighing on your approach at all for this rematch?

Jacobs

Absolutely not. My MO as a fighter is to be a fluent boxer first. It just so happened that the speed and the power that I possess as well kind of hurt guys, and I'm a really great finisher, where actually, my mentality is to go in there and show my skills. That's what I love about the [sweet science]. I actually love to get behind my jab and put my combinations together and start to get good movements and good angles. Like, I love that stuff.

But, it just so happens that, when I'm in there with guys and I'm starting to land good shots, and they get hurt, we just have rounds of the year and first round stoppages and early stoppages, so on and so forth. So, I'm just happy I'm able to get the victory and finish strong.

Q

And, Sergio, what do you expect? Do you expect this rematch to

have this same type of electric start, or how do you prepare for this?

Mora

Well, we're going to go back to Danny's power. He does have power. And you're born with power. You can't teach power. You can't go in the gym and work on power, or else I would've done that 20 years. So, he's blessed with an ability to punch hard with both hands. And he's always going to make for exciting fights. Now, he's also vulnerable because he's been dropped before. And that's also on the exciting side. So, whenever it comes to a guy like Danny Jacobs, you never know what you're going to get. It's kind of like fighting a guy like Victor Ortiz, even though I think he's better all around than Victor. Victor's exciting. He's a former champion. He's a power puncher. But, you never know what Victor you're going to get.

So, I think that's the same thing with Danny, only Victor's fought better opposition than Danny. So, that's the difference. I think, for this fight, I don't know, man. I really don't know what I'm going to expect. I didn't expect to go down in the first round. I was surprised by the punch. It was an awkward punch in from a southpaw angle. I believe his right foot was in front. I took a picture a little too long and held the position, expecting a left hook to come, and instead a right uppercut came, which is awkward. And he calls me awkward. That was an awkward punch. So, yeah, you know what? He stunned me. I got up. I shook it off. And he came for the kill, like I knew he would. And I was able to catch him. I think we both learned that we can hurt each other, and we both learned that we both can be sneaky from certain sneaky positions. So, I don't think it's going to start off with fireworks, like it did the first time. But, I think it's going to end up fireworks. I don't know if it's the second, third, or further down the fight. But, that's what I'm expecting.

Q

And would anybody like to make a prediction for this fight,

Danny?

Jacobs

I don't make predictions. I don't like to go in there and have any type of thing going in my head where I have to live up to it. I just like to win. And however I win, however it comes, I'm grateful for it.

Mora

If I'm ready, I go in there to win. And I'm ready for this fight. I'm confident. I expect a great performance from both of us. And I expect to become a world champion, a two-time world division champion by the end of this fight. So, I'm expecting to win. I don't know. But, I'm going to win.

Marc Abrams – Okay. Well, that's going to wrap it up. I just want to get every–Daniel and Sergio, just a quick final comment. And after that, we'll see you on fight week. Daniel?

Jacobs

I just have a lot of people to thank that I would take this time to thank. First off, I would like to thank my team and everyone involved for allowing me to have such a great camp. They've put in the necessary work, everyone, team Jacobs, the necessary work that we need to be 100 percent prepared for this fight come September 9th. I will be proudly representing my Brooklyn Boxing apparel as I'm sporting my trunks and finessing my moves inside the ring.

I want to give a big shout out to Brooklyn Boxing, have been supportive of my whole career. And me being an ambassador, I definitely have to big them up. And Al Haymon, most importantly, Al has been taking care of me. I've been the first guy that Al has had directly out of the amateurs to a world championship. So, I have to give my hat–take my hat off to Al and everyone in our team Haymon. And that's pretty much it, all the promoters and managers involved with this as well, everyone who has made this possible, and thanks for all the

fans for all the continued support. Thank you very much.

Abrams

And, Sergio?

Mora

I got to start with Al Haymon because he's given me not only a second opportunity, third, I've already had four opportunities to come back and reinvent myself. And Al Haymon gave me that opportunity. So, I thank Al Haymon. I've got to thank my loyal team, my trainer Dean Campos, who's been with me since the amateurs, [John Montillado], the rest of my team, my cut man Carlos, and [Panda Martinez]. And I want to thank my sponsors, [Snac]. Victor Conte's onboard for this fight. And I've never been a fighter that takes supplement. I'm a guy that just tries to eat right and hydrate. And I notice a difference with supplements. And I do it the scientific way. So, I want to thank the Snac System and Victor Conte. And I want to thank my sponsor Spy Optics. And that's about it. I want to thank the fans as well for—my day-one fans and even my critics, they keep me alive, so thank them, too.

Jacobs

Yeah, you forgot one more person, brother. You forgot one more person, Sergio.

Mora

I want thank, what, Danny Jacobs?

Jacobs

That's it. That's my man. That's my man.

Mora

Go fuck yourself. I see you in two weeks, old boy.

Jacobs

Well, let's do it on September 9th. You already know, Sergio, I'm coming for you, brother. I'm coming for you.

TICKETS: Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King's Promotions, start at \$20 and are on sale now via Ticketmaster.

Middleweight World Champion Daniel Jacobs Takes On Former World Champion Sergio Mora in Rematch That Headlines Premier Boxing Champions on Spike Friday, September 9 From Santander Arena in Reading, Pa. (9 p.m. ET/8 p.m. CT)

SANTANDER, PA. (August 4, 2016) – Middleweight world champion Daniel “The Miracle Man” Jacobs (31-1, 28 KOs) will defend his title in a rematch against former world champion Sergio “The Latin Snake” Mora (28-4-2, 9 KOs) that headlines Premier Boxing Champions on Spike, Friday, September 9 from Santander Arena, in Reading, Pa.

Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/8 p.m. CT and features undefeated lightweights colliding for a vacant world title as Robert Easter Jr. (17-0, 14 KOs) takes on Richard Commey (24-0, 22 KOs). Also on the card, heavyweight contender Travis “My Time” Kauffman (30-1, 22 KOs) will be featured in a 10-

round fight.

Jacobs and Mora met in an August 2015 firefight that saw both men hit the canvas in round one. Mora was floored by a Jacobs right hand but the tricky veteran recovered and caught Jacobs with a clean left that put Jacobs on the ground. The action was halted in round two after Jacobs knocked Mora down again, rendering him unable to continue after fracturing his ankle on his way to the mat.

"This is business for me, but it is also more personal than any fight I have ever had," said Jacobs. "Sergio has been using these antics online to get this rematch and he has gotten under my skin. There has been a lot of back and forth as far as people's opinions as to who would have won the fight had he not gotten hurt. I am looking at this as an opportunity to clarify that I am the real champion. I want to shut his trap in primetime."

"I don't think Jacobs wanted this rematch, but it was destined to happen and now he has to deal with it," said Mora. "I thought the first fight was going my way. I knocked him down in the first round and was out boxing him in the second round. He knows that I have enough power to hurt him. He has more to worry about going into this fight than in the first fight. Look at my resume, I have fought solid opposition. Jacobs doesn't have that type of resume."

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"This is going to be one of the best cards of the year," said Marshall Kauffman of King's Promotions. "There are two great world title fights with Jacobs and Mora plus Easter and Commey. The first Jacobs – Mora fight was headed to be a shootout before Mora got injured. Easter and Commey has all the makings of a war. Add that to Travis Kauffman continuing his road to the heavyweight title plus the best fighters from

Reading on the card, The Santander Arena will be electric both inside the ring and in the building on September 9."

The 29-year-old Jacobs followed up his victory over Mora with a sensational first round knockout of previously unbeaten former champion Peter Quillin in their highly anticipated December showdown. An inspirational figure representing Brooklyn, New York, Jacobs completed his road from cancer survivor to champion when he defeated Jarrod Fletcher for the middleweight title in 2014.

The winner of NBC's "The Contender" series, the 35-year-old Mora is a former world champion at super welterweight and looking to add a middleweight crown to his name as he returns to the ring for the first time since the injury suffered in the first Jacobs fight. The Los Angeles native owns victories over Ishe Smith, Peter Manfredo Jr. and Vernon Forrest.

An accomplished amateur who was a 2012 U.S. Olympic alternate, the 25-year-old Easter Jr. picked up four victories in 2015 including knockouts over Osumanu Akaba, Miguel Mendoza, Alejandro Rodriguez and Juan Ramon Solis. Unbeaten since turning pro in 2012, the Toledo, Ohio-born prospect faced the toughest challenge of his career in April when he impressively stopped former world champion Algenis Mendez also on Spike.

Representing Accra, Ghana, Commey has climbed the ranks since turning pro in 2011 and has yet to be defeated. The 29-year-old won his first 11 bouts fighting out of Ghana before going to London, Denmark, South Africa and Germany to improve his record to 24-0. Commey fought in the U.S. as well, stopping Bahodir Mamadjonov in the eighth round last May.

A local attraction fighting out of Reading, Kauffman is the son of longtime trainer and promoter Marshall Kauffman. Kauffman won his first 18 pro fights and entered his last bout on a 12-fight winning streak. The 30-year-old dropped Chris Arreola in his last outing before losing a majority decision

that was later changed to a no decision. Now, Kauffman looks to impress in his hometown as he returns to the ring.

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