

After three year absence, Chuck Mussachio returns in in rematch against Willis Lockett, Next Friday night at the Claridge in Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (May 3-, 2016)—On Friday night, May 27th, a big night of boxing will kick off a holiday weekend at The Claridge in Atlantic City as Rising Promotions will present a terrific card of boxing.

In the main event, It will be about New Jersey bragging rights as Isiah Seldon will take on Eddie Edmond in a bout scheduled for six-rounds.

In a six-round co-feature, one of the most popular fighter's from the shore area, Light Heavyweight Chuck Mussachio will be back in the ring after a 39-month lay off when he takes on Willis Lockett in a rematch of a bout that that ended in a draw on September 19, 2008.

Mussachio of Wildwood, New Jersey has a record of 18-3-2 with five knockouts and will be looking to get back to winning ways that made him a contender.

He will be marking his ring return in a familiar town where he has performed 17 times.

"Everything is going well. I am back in the swing of things and getting good sparring three days a week," said Mussachio. "I started getting the itch again when I was helping Isiah Seldon ready for his fight in March. I am not worried about the layoff. I got that ring rust off in February. That wore off quickly and that motivated me to get back in the room

quickly. I have been in the gym the whole time, sparring. I was in Bernard Hopkins last two camps, so I have been in good shape this whole time.”

Lockett of Takoma Park, Maryland has a record of 14-16-5 with five knockouts.

His record does not tell the story as Lockett has faced the “Whose-Who” of fighters between Super Middleweight and Heavyweight.

He has quality wins over Tyrone Tate (5-1), Calvin Riley (1-0), Willie Williams (6-1), former world title challenger Larry Marks, Joe McCreedy (10-2-1) & John Lennox (13-3). The winner of Lennox was part of Rising Promotions maiden card on December 5, 2015.

Lockett has faced eight undefeated fighters. Lockett will look to break a two-fight losing streak. In his last bout, Lockett was disqualified against Jordan Shimmell (19-1) on February 27 in Washington, DC.

“When we fought before,” said Mussachio, “I won that fight. I can’t believe they ruled that a draw. I have something to prove, because I took every round in that fight. Looking back, I couldn’t even tell you how he is. He never hit me. I am just going to do what I did last time, but this time, I have to do more.”

Mussachio, who is a guidance counselor by day, isn’t just coming back for one fight. He wants to get back to the status that got him to a 17-1-2 record and came within seconds of becoming USBA Cruiserweight champion before getting stopped by Garrett Wilson in 2011.

“The goal is to take this as far as I can. I have my rhythm back. This is not just one fight. I want to get a big opportunity. I already have the record for that.”

"I feel rejuvenated. I haven't took a pounding and I still have good legs."

Mussachio would not have his comeback fight anywhere else and is impressed by the way Rising Boxing Promotions has handled business leading up to the fight.

"I don't like fighting anywhere else but Atlantic City. This is my 2nd home and it means a lot. After all this time, the interest is still there for me and my fans are coming out. It is like the old days. I want to thank everyone for their continued support of my career which is now going on 12 years. Debbie and Thomas LaManna have been great with Rising Promotions. They are very professional and great to work with."

In an eight-round Cruiserweight bout, Nick Kisner (16-2-1, 6 KO's) of Baltimore, MD will take on Lamont Capers (5-8-2) of Hawley, PA.

In a 6-round Heavyweight bout, Fred Latham (9-0-1, 5 KO's) of Pittsburgh, PA will fight Jon Bolden (8-10-1, 6 KO's) of New York.

In four round bouts:

In a four round Welterweight bout, Adrian Wilson (0-2) of Atlantic City will take on pro debuting DaQuan Johnson of Pennsauken, New Jersey

Quian Davis (2-0-1, 1KO) of Mays Landing, NJ will fight Soloman Maye (1-6-1, 1 KO) of New Haven, CT in a Heavyweight out.

Lightweight Anthony Burgin (9-1, 2 KO's) of Philadelphia will fight Curtis Morton (4-5-3) of Harlem, NY.

Also on the card will be the pro debut of Bantamweight Leroy Davila of New Brunswick, New Jersey battling fellow pro debuter Dominic Whitehurst of Chillicothe, OH.

Davila, who had over 60 amateur fights was ranked second in the United States in his weight class.

Lawrence Newton (3-0, 3 K0's) of Florida battles Julio Crespo (0-1) of Puerto Rico in a Bantamweight bout

Tickets are \$125 for premium, \$77 Ringside stage and \$52 reserved and are available at www.risingboxingpromotions.com or 609-487-4444