

# BOXING SUPERSTAR GERVONTA "TANK" DAVIS RETURNS TO DEFEND WBA LIGHTWEIGHT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AGAINST WBA SUPER FEATHERWEIGHT WORLD CHAMPION LAMONT ROACH

## Battle of World Champions Headlines PBC Pay-Per-View Event On Prime Video Saturday, March 1 From Barclays Center In Brooklyn

# Tickets Go On Sale Thursday, December 5 at 10 a.m. ET

### Pre-Sale Tickets AVAILABLE NOW Until Thursday, December 5 at 9 a.m. ET with Code: PBC

**BROOKLYN – December 3, 2024 –** Boxing superstar and reigning WBA Lightweight World Champion **Gervonta "Tank" Davis** will put his world title on the line against the red-hot WBA Super Featherweight World Champion **Lamont Roach** headlining a PBC Pay-Per-View event available on Prime Video on Saturday, March 1 from Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

A five-time, three-division world champion, Davis returns to Barclays Center where he set the building's record for the highest-grossing and most-attended boxing event when he scored a highlight-reel KO of Rolando Romero in May 2022. He'll now step into the ring looking to stop the fast-rising reigning world champion Roach, who enters this fight on a six-bout winning streak.

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In addition to the PPV being available for purchase on Prime Video, regardless of Prime membership, fans will also be able to continue to access the telecast through traditional cable and satellite outlets as well as PPV.com.

The event is promoted by GTD Promotions and TGB Promotions.

"Gervonta Davis is one of boxing's most exciting champions and a crossover star that will bring a memorable night to Brooklyn's Barclays Center once again as he faces another high-level opponent in the streaking world champion Lamont Roach," said Tom Brown, President of TGB Promotions. "Tank' always gives his fans a show, including his unforgettable knockout of 'Rolly' Romero in his last fight at Barclays Center, and his last time headlining a PBC Pay-Per-View event on Prime Video, when he stopped the previously unbeaten Frank Martin in spectacular fashion in June. Fans know what they get when it's a 'Tank' Davis fight night and they should expect more of the same on March 1 in Brooklyn."

#### \*\*GERVONTA DAVIS VS. LAMONT ROACH\*\*

Baltimore's **Gervonta "Tank" Davis** and Washington, D.C.'s **Lamont Roach** have circled each other for years dating back to a pair of amateur showdowns won by Davis during their teenage years and will now go toe-to-toe as pros in a 12-round 135-pound main event with each reigning as world champion.

Davis (30-0, 28 KOs) has held the lightweight title since 2019 and has also won world titles at 130 and 140 pounds during his spectacular career. He returns to the ring after most recently scoring a highlight-reel knockout of the previously unbeaten Frank Martin in June. The Baltimore-native put an emphatic end to a years-long rivalry with Ryan Garcia last year in a crossover fight that gripped the sports world, dropping him in round two before ending the action with a vicious body shot in round seven.

The 30-year-old is riding a four-fight KO streak into March 1, with 20 of his last 21 victories overall coming inside the distance. His current streak includes a ninth-round stoppage of the previously unbeaten super featherweight world champion Hector Luis Garcia at Capital One Arena in Washington, D.C. in January 2023, an event that set a new record for the highest-gate at the venue. He also owns the distinction as the only fighter to stop reigning WBC Welterweight World Champion Mario Barrios and former three-division champion Leo Santa Cruz. Davis burst onto the scene with an explosive knockout of Jose Pedraza in 2017 to capture his first world title and won the lightweight strap he currently holds with a 12<sup>th</sup>-round KO of former unified champion Yuriorkis Gamboa in 2019.

"I'm excited to come back to Brooklyn and start 2025 ready for the biggest fights in the sport," said Davis. "Barclays Center is where I won my first world title and it has always been a special place for me and my fans. I've had a lot of history with Lamont Roach going back to the amateurs. He's worked hard to become a world champion and deserves this opportunity. Just like everyone else I've fought, he will find out that there are levels to this boxing game. I'm thankful to my team for the opportunity and can't wait to be back in the ring."

Washington, D.C.'s Roach (25-1-1, 10 KOs) earned his world championship in November 2023, dethroning Hector Luis Garcia by decision, scoring a clutch knockdown in the final round to wrest the title away. He returned to defend his belt in June as he dominated the previously unbeaten Feargal McCrory on his way to an eighth-round TKO, dropping the Irishman in round three and twice in round four. He'll now step up looking to become a two-division with a 135-pound title, the weight class he debuted as a pro at before seeking a championship at 130-pounds.

The 28-year-old Roach earned his position at 130 pounds by defeating Angel Rodriguez via unanimous decision in their 12-round July 2022 title eliminator. Roach's current run comes after he dropped a November 2019 super featherweight world title fight via decision against Jamel Herring. Roach began his pro career with 16-straight victories following an impressive amateur run that included 11 national titles, highlighted by a 2013 National Golden Gloves Championship that led to the honor of being named USA Boxing's Most Outstanding Boxer.

"Don't be surprised when they say 'and the new!' on March 1, because I've tried to tell y'all this is my time," said Roach. "Fight fans have to tune into this one, because I'm coming to make this the Fight of the Year. We're two of the best fighters in this sport, both in our prime, going head-to-head on the biggest stage. You don't want to miss this one."

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