



RISING STAR AND 2012 U.S. OLYMPIAN ERROL SPENCE JR. MEETS FORMER WORLD CHAMPION CHRIS ALGIERI AS PREMIER BOXING CHAMPIONS RETURNS TO NBC IN PRIMETIME ON SAT., APRIL 16 AT BROOKLYN'S BARCLAYS CENTER

PLUS! CRUISERWEIGHT WORLD CHAMPION KRZYSZTOF GLOWACKI TAKES ON FORMER CRUISERWEIGHT WORLD CHAMPION STEVE CUNNINGHAM

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UNDEFEATED 2012 U.S. OLYMPIAN MARCUS BROWNE TAKES ON UNBEATEN RADIVOJE KALAJDZIC TO ROUND OUT STACKED NIGHT OF EXCITING FIGHTS

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BROOKLYN (February 23, 2016) – Rising star and 2012 U.S. Olympian **Errol “The Truth” Spence Jr.** (19-0, 16 KOs) will take on former world champion **Chris Algieri** (21-2, 8 KOs) in a 10-round welterweight showdown headlining an exciting night of matchups on **Premier Boxing Champions (PBC)** on **NBC** in primetime on Saturday, April 16 from **Barclays Center** in Brooklyn.

The NBC coverage begins at 8:30 p.m. ET/5:30 p.m. PT and will see unbeaten world champion **Krzysztof Glowacki** (25-0, 16 KOs) of Poland squaring-off against former two-time cruiserweight world champion **Steve “U.S.S.” Cunningham** (28-7, 13 KOs) plus 2012 U.S. Olympian and unbeaten light heavyweight **“Sir” Marcus Browne** (17-0, 13 KOs) of Staten Island takes on undefeated **Radivoje “Hot Rod” Kalajdzic** (21-0, 14 KOs) in a 10-round battle.

PBC on NBC kicks off 2016 with the consensus Prospect of the Year, Spence, Jr. taking a serious step up in competition by going in against popular Long Island-native and former world champion Algieri.

Plus, the first world title defense of Poland’s Glowacki, fresh of a Fight of the Year upset over Marco Huck, against former U.S. Naval officer and former cruiserweight champion Cunningham in a battle that is sure to thrill those watching on NBC and at Barclays Center. For the light heavyweight rising star Browne, this represents a step up in

platform and competition as he is featured in a primetime telecast for the first time and will no doubt look for an emphatic victory in his record 11th appearance at Barclays Center.

"I'm excited to be back again, fighting on NBC. This is a huge opportunity for me, to be this young and early in my career and headlining a primetime event, just the exposure alone," said Spence. "Of course, I'm happy to be fighting in Brooklyn at Barclays Center. New York City is known for putting on great fights, and this is going to be a big event with a big-name fighter. Chris Algieri has been in the ring with Amir Khan, Manny Pacquiao and Ruslan Provodnikov and he's a former world champ. This is a big fight for me and a step up, but I plan to rise to the occasion. I'm going to handle him like I've handled all of my past opponents."

"I am so excited to come back to the US for a major fight," said Glowacki. "I respect Steve Cunningham as a sportsman and as a man. He is a world class fighter and I know that he will be well prepared against me. I would like to thank my Polish promoters, my coaches, Al Haymon, Leon Margules of Warriors Boxing, and DiBella Entertainment. They gave me the opportunity to face Marco Huck for the world title last year and I knocked him out, doing what I promised. Come April 16, I will once again honor my promise and defeat Cunningham in spectacular fashion. Polish and American fans, be prepared for the return of Glowacki!"

"I'm ready to take this step up on my career. We are both putting our '0's on the line and do what I've been taught to do," said Browne. "This is the perfect time for this opportunity in my career and there is no better place than to do it at Barclays Center. To be able to win and make a statement on primetime TV from Barclays Center where it all really started for me will be a turning point and I can't wait."

"I am ready and excited to showcase my skills and power come April 16," said Kalajdzic. "I am happy to be part of such a huge card and to have the opportunity to fight on NBC and show the world I am one of the best 175 pounders in boxing."

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by DiBella Entertainment in association with Star Boxing, start at \$25, not including applicable fees, and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting www.ticketmaster.com, www.barclayscenter.com or by calling 1-800-745-3000. Tickets will also be available at the American Express Box Office at Barclays Center on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at noon. Group discounts are available by calling 844-BKLYN-GP.

"Errol Spence may be the premier prospect in all of boxing," said Lou DiBella, President of DiBella Entertainment. "He will be tested by a resurgent former world champ, Chris Algieri. Chris nearly upset the applecart for Amir Khan. He looks to stop the rise of a young star and achieve a mega fight. Glowacki's war with Huck was highlight reel stuff;

another barnburner can be expected when he puts his title on the line against Steve Cunningham."

"It's great to be doing another event in Brooklyn at Barclays Center with Chris Algieri headlining on NBC," said Joe DeGuardia, President of Star Boxing. "This marks the fourth appearance by Chris at the Barclays Center and I expect another exciting performance by Chris as he takes on the very dangerous and undefeated former U.S. Olympian, Errol Spence, on April 16."

"We look forward to opening our 2016 PBC on NBC schedule in April with an exciting slate of primetime matches from Barclays Center in Brooklyn," said Jon Miller, President of Programming for NBC and NBCSN.

"We are delighted to have Long Island's Chris Algieri return to our ring where he won the fight of his career in 2014," said Brett Yormark, CEO of Brooklyn Sports & Entertainment. "This card is going to produce another electric atmosphere at Barclays Center as we continue to make 2016 our biggest year yet for boxing."

A member of the 2012 U.S. Olympic team who boasted a highly decorated amateur career, the 26-year-old Spence Jr. is set for the toughest test of his career as he enters the ring in his first primetime main event. Spence Jr. is widely regarded as a future star in the sport and was dominant in his previous PBC on NBC primetime appearance when he stopped Phil Lo Greco in the third round in June. His huge 2015 also included TKO victories over Chris van Heerden, Samuel Vargas and Alejandro Barrera and concluded with him being named ESPN's Prospect of the Year.

Algieri rose to fame in June 2014 at Barclays Center when he upset Ruslan Provodnikov for a super lightweight world title. The 31-year-old returns to Brooklyn for his third consecutive fight after earning a unanimous decision over Erick Bone in December. The former kickboxing champion from Huntington, N.Y., built his boxing record on the strength of his excellent movement and skill with the jab. His victory over Provodnikov earned him a shot at Manny Pacquiao in Nov. 2014, a bout that Algieri lost. He had previously defeated strong contenders Mike Arnaoutis and Emanuel Taylor on the way to his world title and now seeks a title in the welterweight division.

Representing the great fight city of Philadelphia, Cunningham will look to put on a show in his Barclays Center debut. Twice a world champion as a cruiserweight, he defeated Krzysztof Wlodarczyk in 2006 to capture his belt before defending his title against Marco Huck via a twelfth-round TKO. He became a world champion again in 2010 when he stopped Troy Ross in the fifth round. The experienced veteran also owns victories over previously unbeaten fighters Amir Mansour and Natsu Visinia and scored a knockdown of Tyson Fury in a losing effort during their 2013 bout.

Glowacki defends his world title for the first time after his sensational 2015 knockout of cruiserweight king Marco Huck in August 2015. The fighter out of Walcz, Poland will receive heavy support from the large Polish population in Brooklyn as he fights in the U.S. for the second time. Prior to his world title winning performance, he picked up victories over Nuri Seferi, Thierry Karl and Ismail Abdoul.

Browne has been very impressive since making his pro debut in November 2011 and the 25-year-old Staten Island-native put together a big 2015 with victories over Cornelius White and Aaron Pryor Jr. before he knocked out former world champion Gabriel Campillo in the first round in September and closed the year by stopping Francisco Sierra in December. Browne's first primetime appearance will give him an opportunity to show off the lightning speed and impressive power.

Originally from Bosnia and Herzegovina but now training out of Saint Petersburg, Fla., Kalajdzic ended 2015 with first round stoppages of Fabio Garrido and Gilberto Matheus Domingos. The 24-year-old also owns victories over Otis Griffin, Donta Woods and Samson Onyango and will be fighting in New York for the first time as a pro.

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