



**Former World Champions Andre Berto & Shawn Porter
Meet in Welterweight World Title Eliminator On
Saturday, April 22 On SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING®,
Presented by Premier Boxing Champions,
From Barclays Center in Brooklyn**

Live on SHOWTIME® at 9:30 p.m. ET/6:30 p.m. PT

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BROOKLYN (April 19, 2017) - Former world champions **Andre Berto** and **Shawn Porter** are set to collide in a welterweight world title eliminator on Saturday, April 22 in the main event of **SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING**, presented by **Premier Boxing Champions**, from **Barclays Center**, the home of **BROOKLYN BOXING™**.

Berto (31-4, 24 KOs) and Porter (26-2-1, 16 KOs) will battle in a 12-round eliminator for the WBC welterweight title live on SHOWTIME with televised coverage beginning at 9:30 p.m. ET/6:30 p.m. PT. The winner will become the mandatory for the WBC crown picked up this past weekend by Keith Thurman, who unified the WBA and WBC titles with a victory over Danny Garcia on CBS at Barclays Center.

"It feels great to be getting back in the ring," said Berto. "I love being back in New York. My team has been putting in work in the gym. I'm already dialed-in and focused. I've had the WBC belt before and I'm itching to get it back. I beat the man who had taken it away from me in my last fight and I'm going to take down anyone who gets in my way. I know Shawn is going to work hard for this one, but so will I. I'm looking forward to this one, you don't want to miss it."

"The only thing on my mind right now is the WBC title," said Porter. "I made it a goal of mine when I turned pro to get that green belt, and now I feel like it's about to happen. I'm not looking past Andre Berto, I respect him as a man and a fighter. We're friends. But just like when I fought Keith Thurman, it's all about the business and getting that title. I can't wait to be in that ring on April 22 at Barclays Center."

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by DiBella Entertainment, start at \$50 (not including applicable fees) and are on sale Wednesday, March 8 at 10 a.m. ET. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting www.ticketmaster.com, www.barclayscenter.com or by calling [1-800-745-](tel:1-800-745-)

[3000](#). Tickets are also available at the American Express Box Office at Barclays Center. Group discounts are available by calling 844-BKLYN-GP.

“In a welterweight division that is filled with talent and marquis matchups, Berto vs. Porter is another elimination bout on the road to crowning the king of the division,” said Lou DiBella, President of DiBella Entertainment. “Berto and Porter are two established, offensive minded professionals who understand the significance of this showdown. I expect fireworks on April 22 when one of them stakes claim to an even bigger opportunity.”

“On March 4, Barclays Center hosted its biggest night of boxing ever and we are looking forward to continuing the momentum on April 22 with Berto vs. Porter,” said Brett Yormark, CEO of Brooklyn Sports & Entertainment. “We are excited to welcome Porter back to Brooklyn after his epic performance against Thurman in PBC’s 2016 Fight of the Year. BROOKLYN BOXING continues to be defined by 50-50 fights, dramatic moments, and a regular schedule of major boxing events.”

“April 22 is sure to be an action-packed fight between two of the best fighters in the welterweight division,” said Stephen Espinoza, Executive Vice President & General Manager, SHOWTIME Sports. “We’re in the midst of a de facto ‘welterweight tournament’ – a series of matchups between the best fighters in one of boxing’s deepest divisions. The winner of Berto vs. Porter will land right back in the mix with the top champions at welterweight as we move toward crowning an undisputed 147-pound champion.”

An exciting and accomplished fighter from Florida, Berto represented Haiti in the 2004 Olympics but now trains in Oakland with the renowned Virgil Hunter, who led him to a thrilling victory in April 2016 as Berto scored a fourth-round knockout of former champion Victor Ortiz in their rematch. Berto previously challenged retired legend Floyd Mayweather in September 2015 and has engaged in numerous Fight of the Year-worthy bouts including a 2012 war with Robert Guerrero and his first fight with Ortiz. He has twice held a welterweight title, first the WBC belt, which he successfully defended five times between 2008 and 2011, plus the IBF crown he picked up in 2011 with a victory over Jan Zaveck.

A physically-gifted fighter who had a strong amateur career, Porter returns to the ring at Barclays Center after a close loss to Keith Thurman in June 2016 that garnered unanimous Fight of the Year consideration. The 29-year-old had previously become a welterweight world champion at Barclays Center when he defeated Devon Alexander in 2013 in Brooklyn before defending the title with a dominant stoppage of Paulie Malignaggi. The Akron, Ohio-native now lives and trains in Las Vegas and he bounced back from a previous defeat to Kell Brook to knockout Erick Bone and earn a unanimous over four-division world champion Adrien Broner in 2015.

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**Undefeated Super Welterweight World Champion Jermell
Charlo Defends Against Top Contender Charles Hatley
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**Welterweight World Title Eliminator Between
Andre Berto & Shawn Porter Headlines Action-Packed Night**

BROOKLYN (April 19, 2017) - Unbeaten WBC Super Welterweight World Champion **Jermell Charlo** will defend his world title against No. 1-rated challenger **Charles Hatley** Saturday, April 22 live on SHOWTIME® from Barclays Center, the home of BROOKLYN BOXING™.

Televised coverage of SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING, presented by Premier Boxing Champions, begins at 9:30 p.m. ET/6:30 p.m. PT and is headlined by former world champions **Andre Berto** and **Shawn Porter** meeting in a 12-round welterweight world title eliminator.

Charlo (28-0, 13 KOs) will face his mandatory challenger Hatley (26-1-1, 18 KOs) after winning the vacant world title with a sensational eighth-round knockout of John Jackson in May of 2016.

"I'm once again ready to get in the ring and continue to build my legacy," said Charlo. "I've been training hard, I'm focused and I'm even hungrier now that I have my belt. Charles Hatley has never been in the ring with someone like me and I'm going to do what's necessary to get that win. My brother had an outstanding performance against Julian Williams and I want to compete with that. It's motivated me and I'm ready to get out there and show off my power and skills."

"I've been training for a long time for this fight and I can't wait to get in the ring," said Hatley. "I never stopped training since my last fight and I'm going to be ready to win that world title on April 22. Jermell is a good fighter, but he's got a big mouth. I know we're both training hard and going for the win, but I'm going to come out victorious."

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by DiBella Entertainment, start at \$50 (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 are also available at the American Express Box Office at Barclays Center. Group discounts are available by calling 844-BKLYN-GP. The Charlo vs. Hatley fight is co-promoted by TGB Promotions and Don King Promotions.

"The 154-pound division is very hot right now, and Jermell Charlo is one of the best and most exciting fighters in the weight class," said Lou DiBella, President of DiBella Entertainment.

"Charlo making the first defense of his WBC world title against a worthy challenger like Charles Hatley is a terrific addition to this card on April 22, at Barclays Center, televised by SHOWTIME. It's also fun to have Hatley's promoter Don King around. Only in America!"

"Jermell Charlo has demonstrated that he is a force in the 154-pound division and his confidence has only grown with winning the championship," said Tom Brown, President of TGB Promotions. "This match against Hatley will further cement his place in the division. It's the kind of challenge that will allow Jermell to display all of his power and boxing ability."

"The silver champion will become the world champion on April 22 at Barclays Center in Brooklyn," said Don King of Don King Promotions. "We're looking at a great fight. I know that Charlo will do the best he can. But he's got two chances against Hatley - slim and none and slim is out of town."

One minute younger than his brother Jermall, Jermell won his belt last year and made the Charlo brothers the first pair of twins to hold world title simultaneously in the same weight class. The 26-year-old from Houston trains in Dallas and is unbeaten since turning pro in December 2007. **Charlo** took on a steady slew of contenders on his way to a world title, including victories over Vanes Martirosyan, Gabriel Rosado and Joachim Alcine.

The first-time title challenger **Hatley** enters this fight on a nine-bout win streak after traveling to Australia to beat former two-time world champion Anthony Mundine by 11th round stoppage in 2015. The Dallas-native turned pro in 2008 after an impressive amateur career that saw him defeat Keith Thurman on his way to a U.S. National Amateur Championship. The 31-year-old won his first 14 fights and went his first 18 bouts without a defeat.

Charlo vs. Hatley becomes the eighth title fight or world title eliminator in the 154-pound weight class in the last 14 months on SHOWTIME or CBS, a roster featuring eight of the top-10 fighters in one of the deepest divisions in boxing.

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ANDRE BERTO

QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Andre Michael Berto
- **Nickname** – The Beast
- **Height** – 5-8 ½
- **Weight** – 147 (Welterweight)
- **Date of Birth** – September 7, 1983
- **Hometown** – Winter Haven, Florida
- **Record** – 31-4 (24 KOs)

BACKGROUND

- Brought to a gym as a 10-year-old by his father, Dieusuel, who was an Ultimate Fighter
- Andre's older brother, Edson, and his sister, Revelina, both compete in Mixed Martial Arts and his brother, Cleveland, is a former Florida Wrestling Champion

PRO CAREER

- Turned pro on December 4, 2004 with a third round TKO win over Michael Robinson
- Defeated Miguel Angel Rodriguez in June 2008 to win the vacant WBC Welterweight World Championship
- Defended title five times against Steve Forbes, Luis Collazo, Juan Urango, Carlos Quintana and Freddy Hernandez
- Suffered his first loss in April 2011, in a thrilling Fight of the Year to Victor Ortiz
- Rebounded in September 2011 when he retired Jan Zaveck in the 5th-round to win a welterweight world title
- Lost back-to-back fights to Robert Guerrero and Jesus Soto Karass
- Stopped Josesito Lopez in 2015 before losing a decision to Floyd Mayweather
- Most recently knocked out Victor Ortiz in April 2016

AMATEUR CAREER

- 2001 National Golden Gloves Light Middleweight Champion
- 2003 National Golden Gloves Welterweight Champion
- 2004 Haitian Olympian

SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter**- @AndreBerto
- **Instagram** – AndreBerto
- **Facebook** – Facebook.com/TheRealAndreBerto
- **Youtube** – Youtube.com/TheRealAndreBerto

SHAWN PORTER

QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Shawn Porter
- **Nickname** – Showtime
- **Height** – 5-7
- **Weight** – 147 (Welterweight)
- **Born** – October 27, 1987
- **Hometown** – Akron, OH
- **Record** – 26-2-1 (17 KOs)

BACKGROUND

- Started boxing with his Dad and older brother at just eight-years-old
- Multiple sport star who broke Miami Dolphins great Larry Csonka's rushing record at Stow High School in Ohio

PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in October 2008 with a first-round TKO over Norman Johnson
- Won 11 of his first 12 bouts within the distance
- After beating undefeated contender Phil Lo Greco, he beat Julio Diaz by unanimous decision in September 2013, this time to win a regional title
- Won his first world title in December 2012, defeating Devon Alexander for the Welterweight World Title and defended against Paulie Malignaggi
- Suffered his first loss against Kell Brook in August 2014 but rebounded to knockout Erick Bone in March
- Defeated four-division world champion Adrien Broner in primetime on June 20, 2015
- Lost close decision to unified champion Keith Thurman in June 2015

AMATEUR CAREER

- 276-14 amateur record
- 2003 International Junior Olympics Silver medalist
- 2006 U.S. National Championships Silver medalist
- 2007 U.S National Golden Gloves Gold medalist
- 2007 U.S. National Championships Silver medalist
- 2007 U.S. Olympic Trials Bronze medalist
- 2008 U.S. National Championships Silver medalist

SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter** - @ShowtimeShawnP
- **Instagram** – ShowtimeShawnP

JERMELL CHARLO

QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Jermell De’Avante Charlo
- **Nickname** – Iron Man
- **Height** – 6-0
- **Weight** – 154 (Super Welterweight)
- **Date of Birth** – May 19, 1990
- **Hometown** – Houston, Texas
- **Record** – 28-0 (13 KOs)

BACKGROUND

- Twin brother Jermall is a super welterweight world champion
- He was born one minute after Jermall
- Began boxing with his brother at age eight with father Kevin, who was an amateur standout

PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in December 2008 with decision over Corey Sommerville
- Delivered knockouts in three of his first four fights
- Defeated previously unbeaten foes Luis Grajeda and Abdon Lozano in his first 14 fights
- Picked up wins over Francisco Santana, Harry Joe Yorgey, Dashon Johnson, Denic Douglin and Demetrius Hopkins between 2011-13
- Began 2014 with a victory over Gabriel Rosado before dominating Charlie Ota and Mario Alberto Lozano to close out the year
- Started 2015 by defeating contender Vanes Martirosyan by unanimous decision and defeated former champion Joachim Alcine in October
- Won his WBA 154-pound title with a knockout victory of John Jackson last May

AMATEUR CAREER

- Amateur record of 56-8
- 2005 Junior Olympic Bronze medalist

SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter** - @TwinCharlo
- **Instagram** – TwinCharlo

CHARLES HATLEY

QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Charles Hatley
- **Nickname** – The Future
- **Height** – 5-10
- **Weight** – 154 (Super Welterweight)
- **Date of Birth** – January 26, 1986
- **Hometown** – Dallas, Texas
- **Record** – 26-1-1 (18 KOs)

PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in November 2008 with a first round stoppage Larry Upchurch
- Unbeaten in his first 18 pro fights including nine knockouts to begin his career
- Won a regional 154-pound title with a knockout of Dedrick Bell and defended it with a 12-round decision over Mario Alberto Lozano in 2013
- Defeated veteran contenders Mark Suarez, Jose Flores and Richard Gutierrez in 2014
- Defeated former champion Anthony Mundine in Australia in November 2015 to put himself into the mandatory position for the 154-pound title
- Enters this fight on a nine-bout win streak

AMATEUR CAREER

- 2007 U.S. National Championships Gold medalist where he defeated Keith Thurman
- 2007 National Golden Glove Silver medalist
- 2007 Third Place at U.S. Olympic Trials
- 2005 U.S. National Championships Silver medalist