

Exciting Welterweight Josesito Lopez Battles Mexico's Saul Corral in Main Event of Premier Boxing Champions on FS1 & FOX Deportes Sunday, April 9 From The Novo at L.A. Live in Downtown Los Angeles

**Lightweight Contenders Collide as Undefeated Alejandro Luna Takes on Former Title Challenger Andrey Klimov
Plus
The Pro Debut of 2016 U.S. Olympian Karlos Balderas in Televised Action**

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LOS ANGELES (March 28, 2017) - Former world title challenger **Josesito "Riverside Rocky" Lopez** (34-7, 19 KOs) will face Mexico's **Saul "Navajo" Corral** (22-8, 13 KOs) in the 10-round main event of **Premier Boxing Champions** on **FS1** and **FOX Deportes** Sunday, April 9 from The Novo at L.A. Live in downtown Los Angeles.

Televised coverage begins at 9:30 p.m. ET/6:30 p.m. PT and features unbeaten lightweight contender **Alejandro "El Charro" Luna** (21-0, 15 KOs) battling former title challenger **Andrey Klimov** (19-3, 9 KOs) in a 10-round bout plus the pro debut of 2016 U.S. Olympian **Karlos Balderas** in a six-round super featherweight fight.

"I'm excited to get back in the ring as the main event and put on a show for the fans in Los Angeles," said Lopez. "I'm looking for a world title shot and I believe I have the skills to beat any welterweight out there. This is going to be a great night of fights from start to finish. I've been training like never before and I can't wait to show everybody."

"I can't wait to get in the ring and make the most of this opportunity to make a name for myself," said Corral. "I've been training hard to be ready for anything Josesito brings. It's going to be an exciting fight but I'm prepared to leave everything in the ring and get the victory."

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by Ringstar Sports, are priced at \$30 general admission, \$60 balcony reserved, \$100 VIP balcony reserved and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased through AXS.com [HERE](#).

"I'm thrilled to be able to promote a great night of California-based PBC action here in Los Angeles headlined by the return of a local fan favorite, Josesito Lopez," said Richard Schaefer, Chairman and CEO of Ringstar Sports. "Also we have Alejandro Luna, who is in a tough fight with his sights set on a world title and I can't wait for U.S. Olympian Karlos Balderas to make his

pro debut in what will be the start to a great career. This is a night at The Novo that you don't want to miss."

Always in action-packed fights and known for his exciting style and ability to triumph against the odds, **Lopez** is coming off of a dominant decision victory over Todd Manuel in December 2016. Proudly representing Riverside, California, Lopez has fought at the highest level of competition for years including challenges of Andre Berto, Canelo Alvarez and Marcos Maidana plus triumphs over Victor Ortiz, Mike Arnaoutis and Mike Dallas.

Representing Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, **Corral** is the winner of 10 of his last twelve bouts entering April 9. The 30-year-old has fought professionally since 2006 and most recently went the distance in a 10-round decision loss to U.S. Olympian Sadam Ali. He won a Mexican title in July 2016 with a fifth-round stoppage of Francisco Medel and also challenged former champion Mike Alvarado amongst his 30 career bouts.

At just 25-years old, **Luna** has already put together an impressive 21 professional wins since turning pro in 2010. Fighting out of Bellflower, California he began his 2016 campaign by stopping veteran Alan Herrera before dominating previously once-beaten Naim Nelson on his way to a 10-round decision in August. He had previously defeated former world champion Cristobal Cruz and veteran Sergio Lopez on the way to amassing his perfect record.

Originally from Russia but now living and training in Beverly Hills, **Klimov** was unbeaten in his first 16 pro fights as he climbed up the world rankings. After dropping a decision to Terrence Crawford in 2013, he won three straight fights to earn his world title opportunity against Jose Pedraza. Klimov owns victories over John Molina Jr., Gabino Cota and Guillermo Avila.

Fighting out of Santa Maria, California, the 20-year-old **Balderas** is the son of Mexican parents who immigrated to the United States to give their children a better life. Balderas had an impressive amateur career that included a 2014 Youth National Championship, four National PAL championships and an impressive run in the World Series of Boxing. His amateur career culminated in a trip to the 2016 Olympic Games where he represented the U.S. and defeated fighters from Kazakhstan and Japan before a decision loss in the quarterfinals.

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**Ringstar Sports Rising Stars Make Their Professional Debuts
Sunday, April 9 From The Novo at L.A. Live in Downtown Los Angeles**

**2016 Mexican Olympian & Bronze Medalist Misael Rodriguez
Amateur Star Money Powell IV, 2016 Lithuanian Olympian
Eimantas Stanionis & 2016 Mexican Olympian Lindolfo Delgado
Enter The Ring in Undercard Action**

LOS ANGELES (March 28, 2017) - A host of newly-signed **Ringstar Sports** talent will take the stage and make their professional debuts in separate bouts that make up a stacked undercard on Sunday, April 9 from The Novo at L.A. Live in downtown Los Angeles.

The decorated amateurs who will turn pro in separate four-round bouts are 2016 Olympic Bronze medalist **Misael Rodriguez**, who enters the ring in a middleweight clash, top-rated U.S. amateur **Money Powell IV**, who will compete in a super welterweight bout, 2016 Lithuanian Olympian **Eimantas Stanionis**, who fights in a welterweight attraction and 2016 Mexican Olympian **Lindolfo Delgado**, who will battle in lightweight action.

“This is going to be a tremendous night from top to bottom as the top talent from Ringstar Sports will begin their quests for superstardom,” said Richard Schaefer, Chairman and CEO of Ringstar Sports. “From 2016 Olympians like Misael Rodriguez, Lindolfo Delgado and Eimantas Stanionis to an accomplished amateur like Money Powell IV, fans at The Novo will be treated to outstanding bouts featuring top talent from start to finish.”

Additional action will see former world title challenger and Los Angeles-native **Maricela Cornejo** (6-2, 2 KOs) in a six-round super middleweight bout. The 29-year-old lost a narrow split decision in a middleweight world title fight against Kali Reis last April in New Zealand. Cornejo picked up two wins in the last three months of 2016 and will return seeking another world title opportunity on April 9.

Rounding out the night of fights will be former world title challenger **Roberto Marroquin** (25-4-1, 18 KOs) in a super featherweight bout, plus exciting prospect **Alejandro Guerrero** (2-0, 1 KO) in a six-round bout.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by Ringstar Sports, are priced at \$30 general admission, \$60 balcony reserved, \$100 VIP balcony reserved and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased through AXS.com [HERE](#).

The April 9 event is headlined by former world title challenger **Josesito “Riverside Rocky” Lopez** battling Mexico’s **Saul Corral** in a 10-round showdown. **Premier Boxing Champions** on FS1 and

FOX Deportes coverage begins at 9:30 p.m. ET/6:30 p.m. PT and features unbeaten lightweight **Alejandro “El Charro” Luna** battling **Andrey Klimov** and the pro debut of 2016 U.S. Olympian **Karlos Balderas** in a six-round super featherweight fight.

At last year’s Rio games, the 22-year-old **Rodriguez** overcame incredible odds to win the first Olympic boxing medal for Mexico since Christian Bejerano in 2000. The Chihuahua native and his teammates had to resort to begging on public buses and streets in Mexico to raise money to compete in international boxing tournaments. He completed his road to the medal stand by defeating Egypt’s Hosam Bakr Abdin to clinch a medal in the middleweight division.

Born in Germany, where his former boxer father was stationed in the military, **Powell IV** dedicated himself to boxing for good when his family moved back to the U.S. in 2011. The 19-year-old has quickly made a name for himself since then, winning the 2016 Youth Welterweight National Championship to earn the top ranking in the 152-pound division by USA Boxing. Fighting out of Fort Mitchell, on the state line of Alabama and Georgia, Powell will campaign at super welterweight as a professional.

An accomplished amateur representing Kaunas, Lithuania, **Stanionis** is looking to become the next Eastern European fighter to make a splash in the U.S. The 22-year-old had a 141-19 record as an amateur and earned four senior national championships before winning gold at the European Olympic Qualifier to earn his trip to the 2016 Games. A gold medalist at welterweight at the 2015 European Amateur Boxing Championships, Stanionis hopes to build his way up to contention in one of the premiere division in boxing.

A teammate of Rodriguez on the 2016 Mexican Olympic team, **Delgado** will now look to accomplish the professional dreams he’s sought since he started boxing at 10 years old. The 22-year-old would eventually capture gold at the 2016 American Olympic Qualification and earn his trip to Rio. Born in Linares but training in Tijuana, Delgado compiled a 139-15 amateur record that included a victory over former world champion Amnat Ruenroeng.

The 27-year-old **Marroquin** won his first 19 pro fights after a stellar amateur career that culminated in a runner-up performance in the 2007 U.S. Olympic trials. The Dallas-native challenged unbeaten Guillermo Rigondeaux for a 122-pound title in 2012 and has picked up victories over Antonio Escalante, Kiun Evans and Miguel Soto since.

Representing Irving, Texas, **Guerrero** made his pro debut on June 25, 2016 in Dallas. The 19-year-old stopped Luis Caballero in his first start and followed it up with a decision over Manuel David Lopez Macias in October.



Ringstar Sports Comes Out “Signing” As U.S. Olympian Carlos Balderas & Brother Jose Balderas Agree to Join New Promotion Company

LOS ANGELES (March 28, 2017) – **Ringstar Sports**, the newly formed promotional company headed up by longtime boxing executive Richard Schaefer, made another big move last week when the company signed highly touted 2016 U.S. Olympian **Carlos Balderas**, along with his brother **Jose**, to promotional agreements. Ringstar will represent the two amateur standouts as they turn professional and guide their dreams as both fighters hope to secure lucrative futures for themselves and their family. The Balderas brothers, who signed their contracts in Ringstar’s LA-based offices last Tuesday, are the first fighters to join the company.

“Carlos Balderas was one of the most sought-after Olympians coming out of the 2016 Summer Games and I am so pleased that he, and his brother Jose, agreed to join Ringstar Sports,” said Richard Schaefer, Chairman and CEO of Ringstar Sports. “Carlos, Jose and their entire family are the type of people that we want to do business with at our company. I am going to do whatever it takes to make Carlos the face of boxing and his brother will be right there with him. Both of these young men are exceptional fighters with great skills and even better work ethics. Most importantly, they have a desire to be great and so does Ringstar. I am looking forward to getting started.”

“I’m really excited to start this partnership with Ringstar Sports and I’m looking forward to working with Richard for a long time,” said Carlos Balderas. “My brother and I chose Ringstar because we immediately felt comfortable with Richard. He was very honest with me from the beginning and I really believe he’s the best promoter in the sport. I’m ready to start my career and grow my fan base. I’m looking to do big things in this sport. It’s not just about a paycheck. I want to win world titles and build a legacy.”

“My brother and I are really comfortable with Richard and we believe he has the right vision for our careers,” said Jose Balderas. “Richard has a vision not just for himself and his company, but he has the vision that will lead to us becoming world champions. That’s what every boxer dreams of. I just can’t wait until fight time. I want to show everybody what we’re made of and

the things that we can do. We're going to leave it all in the ring and leave the fans entertained every time."

"My whole family is very happy with this decision to join Richard and Ringstar Sports," said Zenon Balderas, Carlos and Jose's father. "Richard is a very smart man who is going to do amazing things for my sons. I know that my sons will be world champions, the question is, how many times? I believe that Richard has the mind to get us where we need to go."

The Balderas brothers grew up in Santa Maria, California and are the sons of Mexican parents who immigrated to the United States. Under the care of their father and uncles, Emiliano and David, the boys were brought to a gym at a very young age to harness their energy into boxing. The brothers quickly took to the sport and combined with a strict regimen implemented by their father, began their impressive amateur careers.

Carlos was impressive in the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio, winning lightweight contests over fighters from Kazakhstan and Japan before a decision loss in the quarterfinals to the top seeded fighter from Cuba. He earned his spot in Rio after a stellar amateur career that saw him lose only nine times in 184 fights. His long list of accomplishments includes a Youth National Championship in 2014, four National PAL championships, a Junior National Golden Gloves championship in 2013, two Junior Olympic titles, two National Silver Gloves championships and three Adidas National tournament titles. In 2015, Balderas won four of five bouts in the World Series of Boxing, only losing due to a head butt from the top-ranked fighter from Azerbaijan in a fight in Azerbaijan that Balderas was winning. Balderas had just 10 days to recover from the injury before his next bout, but he gained medical clearance and knocked out Puerto Rico's Javier Martinez in the second round. In October of that year, Balderas received the call from USA Boxing that he was the first American to qualify for the 2016 Olympics in Rio.

Jose is also a rising prospect in the sport as he made his name winning numerous tournaments in the Southern California amateur boxing circuit while racking up an impressive 80 victories in 88 fights. In addition, the bantamweight won a National Golden Gloves title in 2013, a Junior Golden Gloves championship, two Adidas National tournaments, a National PAL title and two Junior Olympic tournaments. Jose also advanced to the quarterfinals of the U.S. Olympic trials. Although he is a year older, Jose waited until his brother's Olympic journey had finished to turn pro so that the two could enter the professional ranks at the same time.

Now the Balderas brothers are focusing on developing their skills so that they can one day become world champions in the professional ranks. With Ringstar Sports in their corner, Carlos and Jose are on their way to reaching the peaks of their vast potential.

Interview Opportunities: Swanson Communications is pleased to arrange interviews with Carlos and Jose Balderas as well as Richard Schaefer. Send a request to contact@swansonpr.com or call 202-783-5500.



Ringstar Sports Continues to Grow by Adding 2016 Mexican Olympian & Bronze Medalist Misael Rodriguez to Growing Stable of Fighters

LOS ANGELES (March 28, 2017) – The recently formed promotional company, **Ringstar Sports**, added another future world champion to its growing stable of fighters today with the announcement that 2016 Mexican Olympian and Bronze medalist **Misael Rodriguez** has signed with the company led by longtime boxing executive **Richard Schaefer**.

“I’m thrilled to be adding another promising young potential super star in Misael Rodriguez to the Ringstar lineup,” said Richard Schaefer, Chairman and CEO of Ringstar Sports. “This is a young man who has overcome every obstacle thrown his way. He is mentally strong, has great skills and I expect him to have a very long, successful career. I’m looking forward to helping Misael and his family achieve their goals and I hope to make him a household name in the sport.”

“After I came back from the Olympics, I knew that it was time to start my professional career,” said Rodriguez. “I am excited to have signed with Ringstar Sports. I have always appreciated Richard Schaefer’s approach on developing talent in to boxing stars. When the time came, picking my promoter was easy. I knew that this is where I wanted to be.

“I look forward to showing the world the passion and heart I have for the sport I love,” continued Rodriguez. “Becoming a world champion has always been a childhood dream, and now it is my number one goal.”

The 22-year-old Rodriguez was the only Mexican fighter at the Olympics to bring home a medal as he earned his bronze by putting on a great performance in the middleweight division against Egypt’s Hosam Bakr Abdin. The path for Rodriguez was a long and arduous one before Rio as the Chihuahua-native and his teammates had to resort to “begging” on public buses and streets in Mexico to raise money to compete in international boxing tournaments.

Despite these long odds, Rodriguez won the first Olympic boxing medal for Mexico since Christian Bejerano in 2000. His impressive amateur career saw him win 104 of 126 fights and compete in numerous tournaments after joining the Mexican National Team in 2013, including a Senior National Championship.

Rodriguez picked up bronze medals in 2014 at La Romana Cup, the Independence Cup and the Panamerican Sports Festival in addition to a silver at the Veracruz Central American and

Caribbean games. He continued to improve and won bronze at the American Confederation Championship and Toronto Panamerican Games in 2015. Finally, in 2016 he earned a silver medal at the American Olympic Qualifier before going to Rio and taking home the bronze medal.

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Ringstar Sports Adds Amateur Star Money Powell IV to Growing Collection of Fighters Signed with Company

LOS ANGELES (March 28, 2017) - The rapidly-growing promotional company **Ringstar Sports** has added another fighter with star potential to their growing roster, as super welterweight standout **Money Powell IV** has signed to join the company led by longtime boxing executive **Richard Schaefer**.

“We’re excited to add a young man with the skills, amateur pedigree and demeanor of Money Powell IV and we think he’s going to be a great addition to the Ringstar family,” said Richard Schaefer, Chairman and CEO of Ringstar Sports. “This is an incredibly talented young man who is ambitious and has a great mindset heading into the professional ranks. He has proven to be a winner throughout his amateur career and we believe that his skills, combined with the right promotion, can turn him into a big star in the sport. I know that he wants to be the best and I plan on helping him reach those goals.”

“When I was presented with the opportunity to sign with Richard and Ringstar Sports, I knew that it was a chance to achieve my dreams,” said Powell IV. “Richard is one of the most successful figures in the sport and I know that with him, I can go far. I want to be the greatest fighter that’s ever lived, but I also want to be remembered as a positive figure. I hope someday I can do for other people what Richard is doing for me. I’m going to be a champion inside and outside of the ring.”

The 18-year-old Powell IV was born in Germany, where his former boxer father was stationed in the military. He was passionate about boxing from an early age, but was never able to fully dedicate himself because his family moved back and forth between Germany and the U.S. frequently. In 2011 the family landed for good at Fort Mitchell, on the border of Alabama and Georgia, and Powell began training at the Game Bred Boxing Club and saw his amateur career take off.

His first tournament victory came in 2014 when he won the Junior Open Welterweight Championship and finished the year as the number one ranked welterweight by USA Boxing. He continued to add titles as he won the 2015 Ringside World Welterweight Championship and the 2016 Youth Welterweight National Championship to earn the top ranking in the 152-pound division by USA Boxing.

“I’m a boxer-puncher but I’m also a big-time thinker in the ring,” said Powell IV. “I take my time and capitalize off of mistakes. I’ve been able to meet and work with my boxing idol, Roy Jones Jr., and he’s given me encouragement and advice that has meant the world to me. Mark my words, I will be the greatest fighter of all-time.”

Powell IV will turn pro and campaign as a super welterweight after 83 amateur bouts, including recently participating in the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships in Russia.

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Lithuanian Olympian Eimantas Stanionis Becomes Latest Amateur Standout to Join Ringstar Sports Roster of Fighters

LOS ANGELES (March 28, 2017) – Accomplished amateur and 2016 Lithuanian Olympian **Eimantas Stanionis** has signed-on to become the latest promising young fighter to join the newly formed promotional company **Ringstar Sports**, run by longtime boxing executive **Richard Schaefer**, who has already signed U.S. Olympian Carlos Balderas and Mexican Olympian Misael Rodriguez to the company.

“Being able to add a fighter like Eimantas Stanionis to our growing group of world class fighters is a great pleasure,” said Richard Schaefer, Chairman & CEO of Ringstar Sports. “Stanionis is a very accomplished young man who works very hard at his craft. He could be the next great Eastern European fighter to come over to the U.S. and make it big. We expect him to make big waves in the welterweight division. Now that he has joined Ringstar we are looking forward to working with him and making his dreams a reality.”

“I’m very excited to be joining Ringstar Sports and I am looking forward to starting my professional career,” said Stanionis. “I’ve watched boxing my whole life and I always knew that Richard was a great promoter. He’s a very good man and I feel that my career is in good hands. I think I have the best team around me and they will help me get to where I want to go.”

Born and raised in Kaunas, Lithuania, Stanionis began boxing in 2007 and quickly took to the sport on his way to a 141-19 amateur record including four senior national championships and two youth national titles. He won gold at the European Olympic Qualifier to earn his trip to Rio for the 2016 Games.

Stanionis made his name with great performances in European amateur tournaments for years and years before his Olympic appearance. He won gold medals at the Slovakian Youth Grand Prix, the Amber Gloves tournament and the Danas Pozniakas Youth Memorial tournament in 2011. He continued his winning ways in 2012 with a gold medal at the Brandenburg Youth Cup and the Algirdas Socikas tournament, plus a bronze at the Klitschko Brothers Youth tournament.

The medals kept piling up in 2013 as he added golds at the Gee Bee tournament and another in the Algirdas Socikas tournament before taking home a silver medal in the 2014 European Union Championship. Stanionis was established as an Olympic frontrunner in 2015 after winning gold at the European Confederation Championship. In addition, Stanionis was unbeaten in eight fights in the German Bundesliga and will receive his bachelor’s degree in Sports Science in 2017.

“I am a hard puncher and I do whatever it takes to win,” said Stanionis. “I think boxing fans will be excited by my style. I want to be the first world champion ever from Lithuania. My goal is to make history.”

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Ringstar Sports Adds 2016 Mexican Olympian Lindolfo Delgado to Stable of Exciting Prospects

LOS ANGELES (March 28, 2017) - Another top amateur standout has joined forces with **Ringstar Sports** to launch his pro career as 2016 Mexican Olympian **Lindolfo Delgado** has signed with the Los Angeles-based promotional company.

“I’m very proud to welcome a young man with the talent and heart of Lindolfo Delgado to our roster at Ringstar,” said **Richard Schaefer**, Chairman and CEO of Ringstar Sports. “We’re excited to add a second Mexican Olympian and fifth 2016 Olympian to the Ringstar family. I know that Lindolfo will bring the heart of a Mexican warrior every time he enters the ring and I expect him to be a fan favorite in the U.S and Mexico. I can’t wait to get started on helping him achieve his dreams and make him a star in this sport.”

“By signing with Ringstar I will be given the best opportunities to become a world champion and have the career I envision,” said Delgado. “I really feel that this is the best promotion company for me. I believe Ringstar can help me reach great heights in the sport and beyond.”

Born in Linares, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, the 22-year-old began his boxing career in 2004 at the age of 10. He worked his way up the amateur circuit in Mexico before breaking through by winning a silver medal at the 2010 Junior Mexican National Olympiad. He followed that up with a bronze at the 2011 Youth Mexican National Olympiad and with a championship winning-performance at the 2012 Mexican National Olympiad.

He continued to impress by picking up a gold medal at the 2014 Pan-American Sports Festival and silver medals at the 2014 Central American and Caribbean Games and the 2015 Pan-American Games. He would go on to capture gold at the 2016 American Olympic Qualification event and stamp his ticket to the Rio 2016 games to represent Mexico.

“The Olympics were a beautiful experience for me,” said Delgado. “I learned that you can’t hold anything back. Every time that I compete, I know that I have to leave it all in the ring. I’m going to do everything I can to take advantage of every opportunity I get.”

The lightweight compiled a 139-15 amateur record that included victories over former world champion Amnat Ruenroeng and 2016 U.S. Olympian and fellow Ringstar stablemate Carlos Balderas. Delgado currently trains in Tijuana under Pedro Moran.

“I’m going to work hard to reach my full potential as a fighter,” said Delgado. “I have an elegant style that is full of passion. Mexican legends are popular because they are warriors. I am going to model my style after them and use it to conquer the sport.”

Lindolfo Delgado is the latest addition to the growing stable of Ringstar fighters that already includes: 2016 U.S. Olympian Carlos Balderas and his brother, National Golden Gloves champion Jose Balderas, 2016 Super Heavyweight Gold Medalist Tony Yoka, 2016 Bronze Medalist Misael Rodriguez, 2016 Lithuanian Olympian Eimantas Stanionis and top-ranked amateur Money Powell IV.

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