

LAMONT PETERSON WORKS OUT FOR WASHINGTON D.C. MEDIA AHEAD OF HIS APRIL 11 PREMIER BOXING CHAMPIONS ON NBC BOUT AT BARCLAYS CENTER



Washington D.C. (March 26, 2015) - A little more than two weeks in advance of his highly anticipated bout at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, Lamont Peterson (33-2-1, 17 KOs) hosted media at the Bald Eagle Recreation Center in Washington, D.C. Lamont, his brother Anthony and Lamont's trainer, Barry Hunter, took some time out of their training schedule to discuss Lamont's Premier Boxing Champions showdown against Danny "Swift" Garcia (29-0, 17 KOs) on April 11.

Below please find notable quotes from the event, which was attended by print, broadcast and online media outlets from around the region:

Lamont Peterson, Super Lightweight World Champion

"The plan might be to just go out there and fight him. Regardless of how I choose to fight, I feel like I can win. I do have quicker feet, but I can use them to do other things too. I can go forward. I don't always have to be going backwards. I will stick to the game plan, but we don't know what the game plan is right now.

"My mentality always shows in the ring, especially in the late rounds. You ask a lot of your body in that ring and a lot of times it goes to what it knows. So your personality definitely comes out, and I think that's where I shine more than other fighters. The later rounds are when I normally take over the fight. A lot of the time I wish we could go more rounds.

"The fans wanted to see this fight so I wanted to make sure that it happened. I never really call out names or talk about who I want next. I leave it up to the fans and to the media because there are lots of fights that the fans want to see that never happen. At the end of the day, I'm fighting for the fans and the media so why not fight who they want me to fight?

"I'm just looking to take the things I do well and execute, and then I'm looking to take away the things Garcia does well and force him to do the things he doesn't do well more often. I don't look at any one previous fight of his and think ours is going to go that way.

"I'm a better fighter. He's definitely a counter-puncher and we're looking to make sure that we don't get countered the way some others have been.

"There have been ups and downs in the camp. Sometimes it's time to pull back and relax, but sometimes it's time to work hard. Overall I feel great. A lot of people say this, but this has been my best training camp ever and I'm happy where I'm at right now. I'm ready to fight.

"This is the biggest fight for me. After this there's nothing left to do in the weight class. I'd like to move up after this next fight."

Barry Hunter, Peterson's Trainer

"Lamont is a very versatile fighter. He's been in the ring hundreds of times. He can box. He can fight both inside and outside. He can strategize, but he can also be very aggressive.

"Danny is a solid fighter. He doesn't do one or two things great, but he does a lot of things well. There are some things though that we've seen in him that we think we can exploit and we're going to go out there with the intent to do so. Overall I think Lamont is a better fighter.

"There's only a few big names left at 140, everyone else has moved up to 147. So Lamont's way of thinking was that the only way this fight made sense at 140 was if he could face Danny Garcia. This was more about giving the fans what they want to see. This is going to give fans a great free fight again on national TV.

"NBC is a true sports network. They have NBA, WNBA, NFL, MLB, NHL, MLS and the only sport that was missing was boxing. Boxing used to be on every network and they had legendary fights with legendary fighters. It wasn't always about a belt either. Then things changed, but this gives us a chance to bring boxing back to the true fans."

Anthony Peterson

"I'm not nervous about watching this fight. I'm just going to sit back and watch. Lamont's so ready.

"Danny is an extraordinary fighter. It's in his DNA, but Lamont is so focused I'm confident he's going to win.

"Lamont learned to fight protecting me on the streets."

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Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by DiBella Entertainment, are priced at \$300, \$200, \$150, \$100, \$80 and \$50, not including applicable service charges and taxes, and are on sale now. Tickets are available at www.barclayscenter.com, www.ticketmaster.com and at the American Express Box Office at Barclays Center. To charge by phone, call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000. For group tickets, please call 800-GROUP-BK.

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