

PREMIER BOXING CHAMPIONS

BROOKLYN'S OWN PAULIE MALIGNAGGI TO TAKE ON BOSTON'S DANNY O'CONNOR IN TELEVISED OPENER OF PREMIER BOXING CHAMPIONS ON SPIKE TV FRIDAY, MAY 29 AT BARCLAYS CENTER

BROOKLYN (April 20, 2015) - Former two-division champion **Paulie "The Magic Man" Malignaggi** (33-6, 7 KOs) returns to the ring in his hometown to face the skilled **Danny O'Connor** (25-2, 9 KOs) as the televised co-feature for Premier Boxing Champions (PBC) on Spike TV on Friday, May 29 at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT live from Barclays Center.

This fight will be part of an explosive evening headlined by boxing superstar Amir Khan who faces tough New Yorker Chris Algieri. Doors at Barclays Center open at 6 p.m. ET.

"After some much needed time away from the ring, it feels great to once again be fighting at Barclays Center," said Malignaggi. "I now look forward to being a participant in the PBC events as a fighter just as I am part of the PBC family of broadcasters."

"My supporters and I have been waiting a long time for an opportunity like this on the big stage," said O'Connor. "It's a throwback matchup...Irish vs. Italian, Boston vs. New York. I'll be bringing down busloads of people and I'm sure he's going to have a big hometown crowd. I've never been more ready for the challenge that lies ahead of me."

A former world champion at 140 and 147-pounds, the 34-year-old **Malignaggi** will return to the ring to fight at Barclays Center for the fourth time as a professional. He has faced a slew of big names throughout his career and has taken home victories over the likes of Zab Judah, Vyacheslav Senchenko and Pablo Cesar Cano. Born in the Bensonhurst neighborhood of Brooklyn, "The Magic Man" will look to put on a show for his hometown fans on May 29.

A former National Golden Gloves champion who has fought as a pro since 2008, **O'Connor** faces the toughest opponent of his career when he steps in the ring against Malignaggi on May 29. The 30-year-old is coming off of back-to-back knockout victories over Michael Clark and Andrew Farmer. Fighting out of Framingham, Massachusetts, O'Connor will be making his first professional start in the state of New York.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by DiBella Entertainment and Star Boxing, are priced at \$250, \$150, \$75 and \$45, 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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