



DANIEL JACOBS, PETER QUILLIN, CHRIS ALGIERI & MARCUS BROWNE SHARE THANKSGIVING MEMORIES, PLANS & MORE BEFORE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 SHOWDOWNS AT BARCLAYS CENTER LIVE ON SHOWTIME

BROOKLYN (November 24, 2015) – As their pivotal December 5 showdowns loom, **Daniel “The Miracle Man” Jacobs** (30-1, 27 KOs), **Peter “Kid Chocolate” Quillin** (32-0-1, 23 KOs), **Chris Algieri** (20-2, 8 KOs) and **“Sir” Marcus Browne** (16-0, 12 KOs) took time out of training camp to share their Thanksgiving plans, memories and what it’s like to be training and fighting during the holiday season.

The December 5 event is live on SHOWTIME (9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT) from Barclays Center and is headlined by the all-Brooklyn middleweight title showdown between Jacobs and Quillin. In undercard action featured on SHO EXTREME, Long Island’s Algieri will take on **Erick Bone** (16-2, 8 KOs) in a welterweight bout while Staten Island’s Browne faces **Franciso Sierra** (27-9-1, 24 KOs) in a light heavyweight match.

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](tel:1-800-745-3000). Tickets are also available at the American Express Box Office at Barclays Center. The Algieri vs. Bone fight is promoted in association with Star Boxing.

While all the fighters have to deal with balancing training camp and the Thanksgiving holiday, there are different challenges for Jacobs and Browne, who remained in New York to train, and Quillin and Algieri, who have set up training camps in Miami.

Here is what the fighters had to say about those challenges, fighting at home and more:

DANIEL JACOBS

You're going to be just over a week out from your fight, so what are you actually going to be doing for Thanksgiving?

“I’m so focused. I’m only thinking about my fight next week. I will be training and that’s it. There will be no partaking in Thanksgiving from me.”

What are you going to be able to eat at the Thanksgiving table if you are doing a Thanksgiving dinner?

“My family doesn’t really cook the healthiest things on Thanksgiving, so everything is off limits. They cook lasagna, a lot of soul foods and that is NOT in my diet right now!”

Do holidays ever affect when you are going to fight? You have a job to do, but does being in camp during the holiday season sway your decision making in any way?

“My son's birthday is the Thursday of fight week so that shows I will fight any day. This is my job and my livelihood. It's a very important time in my career. I would fight on New Years at midnight if I had to.”

Do you have any Thanksgiving traditions (when you aren't training)?

“Family is a big thing for me. I was raised in a big family. Family is the best part of any tradition. We always spread love and make sure that everyone is close on those particular holidays.”

Is it extra special to be fighting in Brooklyn during the holiday season?

“I think it's one of the things that for me, when I look at all of the things that I am sacrificing, it makes it all worth the while. Training and missing Thanksgiving and other holidays, birthdays it's adding to the hunger and making the victory that much sweeter. It's not about what I am missing, its what it adds to.”

What are you most thankful for this holiday season?

“I am most thankful for my son. That I get the chance to see him smile everyday and get some of the things that I never had as a child. This fight is a lucrative fight for me. That will change his life forever. From that statement, I am very fortunate. Every day is Thanksgiving for me.”

PETER QUILLIN

You're going to be just over a week out from your fight, so what are you actually going to be doing for Thanksgiving?

“I am actually going to be down here in Miami visiting all of the family and friends I have here. I won't be eating, but I will be visiting! My wife has family members that live here. My best friend lives here too and his family is my extended family.”

What are you going to be able to eat at the Thanksgiving table if you are doing a Thanksgiving dinner?

“I am actually going to a bunch of dinners, but I am able to eat vegetables and some lean turkey but that's about it. Everything in moderation.

Do holidays ever affect when you are going to fight? You have a job to do, but does being in camp during the holiday season sway your decision making in any way?

“I look at it like it's a balance that you must have. If you don't have that balance you'll never get where you're trying to go. This is an opportunity to be there for my wife and be a professional fighter. I stay focused because there's no other way around it.”

Do you have any Thanksgiving traditions (when you aren't training)?

“We try to get everyone together and get people together. It's all about being with family and being grateful for the things we do have in life. It was kind of crazy growing up how I grew up. There were never good holidays for me growing up. We grew up a lot less fortunate than families that I see now.”

“I am now able to provide for my family and I am thankful for what I have now. People forget when they get into the rhythm of these American holidays. My wife is Jewish and I am learning about new holidays. With Christmas, I want my son to know that it is not just about receiving gifts, but being a giver and the purpose of Christmas.”

Is it extra special to be fighting in Brooklyn during the holiday season?

“Of course, it's like the culture of being in Brooklyn. What more can I say than that I am blessed to be living in Brooklyn and I am happy about anything that comes with it. I've come a long way in life. It's a reminder what I have transformed my life into and how fortunate I am.”

What are you most thankful for this holiday season?

“I am thankful for my life and being humble. I’ve come a long way and I am thankful that I am a humble person. I share these wonderful things with my wife and my son and I just feel so blessed.”

CHRIS ALGIERI

You're going to be just over a week out from your fight, so what are you actually going to be doing for Thanksgiving?

“I will be going to my aunt and uncle's house here in Florida. We have traditional Thanksgiving meal; turkey, sweet potatoes, a ton of vegetables. My weight is good, so there won't be really anything I am missing out on. I won't eat any pie, but I am not a big sweets guy anyways.

“Thursday is my off day as is, so I will head over there in the afternoon, have a nice meal, spend some time with my family, who I am very close with, and then head back home to rest and relax for the remainder of the day.”

Do holidays ever affect when you are going to fight? You have a job to do, but does being in camp during the holiday season sway your decision making in any way?

“No not at all. This is my job and it comes first, before anything else.”

Do you have any Thanksgiving traditions (when you aren't training)?

“I am the one who cooks the meal back at my home in New York. I am in charge of preparing and the cooking the turkey and my specialty dish, twice baked sweet potatoes. After dinner, before dessert, all of the men in the family go for a nice long walk.”

Is it extra special to be fighting in Brooklyn during the holiday season?

“Yes. There is an extra buzz in Brooklyn during the holiday season that is palpable.”

What are you most thankful for this holiday season?

“I’m most thankful for my health and the health of my family. There is a lot of tragedy going on throughout the rest of the world right now and we sometimes take the little things for granted. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the recent victims of these tragedies, and I wish that they find some solace during these trying times.”

MARCUS BROWNE

You're going to be just over a week out from your fight, so what are you actually going to be doing for Thanksgiving?

“I am definitely making weight and I’ll be spending the holiday with my kids. A lot of my family isn't even here so it's not a big holiday for us anyway.”

What are you going to be able to eat at the Thanksgiving table if you are doing a Thanksgiving dinner?

“Turkey is good. It's not too bad for you. I would even eat some stuffing, but my diet right now consists of smoothies, grilled chicken salad and salmon.”

Do holidays ever affect when you are going to fight? You have a job to do, but does being in camp during the holiday season sway your decision making in any way?

“I’m happy that I am getting this fight out of the way before Christmas. I have a beard too now so you know I'm going to dress up like Santa this year. If I'm going to miss a holiday I'm glad it's Thanksgiving and not Christmas.”

Do you have any Thanksgiving traditions (when you aren't training)?

“People would go to my mom's house. My aunt, grandmother, sister, brother, nieces and nephews and it was great, but now they now live farther away. My nieces and nephews were my kids before my kids so it was great to be with them.”

Is it extra special to be fighting in Brooklyn during the holiday season?

“I'm not a Grinch. It's the holiday spirit. I'm fighting at Barclays Center for the 10th time. I want to give my kids a Christmas present by knocking this guy out.”

What are you most thankful for this holiday season?

“My kids, my health and to be able to fight another day.”

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