



# **VIKTOR POSTOL / FREDDIE ROACH TRAINING CAMP BLOG NO. 2**

**Monday, June 27**

**Tell us about your fight with Lucas Matthyse and what that victory meant to you.**

## **VIKTOR POSTOL**

"The fight with Matthyse was my most challenging and memorable because it was my first world championship fight and I was fighting for the title against one of the strongest punchers in the division. The importance of this fight for my career and my life was not lost on me. It was all I thought about during training camp at Wild Card. It's all I ever wanted since I started boxing in a gym outside Kiev as a 12-year-old boy. I followed Freddie's game plan from beginning to end. Even the last combination I landed -- right uppercut, left hook -- we worked on daily. It was a reflex to throw them when he charged in at me. He was perfect for that punch. Freddie Roach had me well prepared for that fight. My trainers made me a champion and helped me realize a dream I have had for a very long time. Every time I look at that green belt I will think of Freddie and everyone at Wild Card who helped me become a champion. I loved showing it off to all my friends, family members and fans in Ukraine. I am very proud to represent my country as a world champion."

## **FREDDIE ROACH**

"It was a very good performance. We were in charge of the fight the whole time. Viktor followed the game plan perfectly. I remember before the last round I told our corner that Matthyse was very tired and ready to go

out. He was coming in with his head leaning down. We told Viktor, 'Now is the time for a right uppercut and a left hook. Viktor took him out when he was ready to take him out. He is a good student of the game. Viktor deserved that victory. I've never had a fighter work harder in training camp than he did. I was so happy for him when the fight was stopped. I just knew that a lot of doors would be opening for him now that he was a world champion and because of how he won that fight. This was, really, one of the greatest wins of my career as a trainer."

**The HBO Sports Special, Terence Crawford: My Fight,  
debuts **Saturday, July 9** at **12:15 a.m.** on HBO.**

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Undefeated junior welterweight champions [TERENCE "Bud" CRAWFORD](#) and ["The Iceman" VIKTOR POSTOL](#) will go mano a mano in a 12-round world title unification fight to determine the lineal king of the exciting 140 pound division. Promoted by Top Rank®, in association with Tecate and the motion picture "Hands of Stone," the Crawford vs. Postol [World Boxing Organization \(WBO\)](#) / [World Boxing Council \(WBC\)](#) / The Ring junior welterweight world championship event takes place **Saturday, July 23** at the [MGM Grand Garden Arena](#) in Las Vegas and will be produced and distributed live by [HBO Pay-Per-View®](#) beginning at 9:00 p.m. ET / 6:00 p.m. PT. Remaining tickets are priced at \$304, \$204, \$104, and \$54, not including applicable service fees. To charge by phone with a major credit card, call **AXS at (888) 929-7849**. Tickets are also be available for purchase at [mgmgrand.com](#) or **AXS.com** ([http://bit.ly/24ORYhs](#))

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