

BAKHRAM MURTAZALIEV VS. TIM TSZYU FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES & PHOTOS

Australian Superstar & Former World Champion
Tim Tszyu Takes on IBF 154-Pound World Champion
Bakhram Murtazaliev Headlining PBC Championship Boxing on
Prime Video Action This Saturday, October 19 from the
Caribe Royale Resort in Orlando, Florida

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ORLANDO, FL – October 17, 2024 – Australian superstar and former world champion Tim Tszyu and IBF Super Welterweight World Champion Bakhram Murtazaliev went face to face on Thursday at the final press conference before they headline *PBC Championship Boxing on Prime Video* action this Saturday, October 19 from the Caribe Royale Resort in Orlando, Florida.

The press conference also featured fighters stepping into the ring to kick off action at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT including undefeated Cuban prospect **Yoenis Tellez** and knockout artist **Johan Gonzalez**, who meet in the 10-round super welterweight co-main event, and undefeated middleweight contender **Mateo Tapia** and hard-hitting **Endry Saavedra**, who meet in the 10-round opening bout.

The three-fight card streams exclusively on Prime Video for all Prime members in the United States and select countries. <u>Join today or start a free 30-day trial</u> to catch the championship card.

Tickets for the live event are on sale now and are available through <u>Ticketmaster</u>. The event is promoted by TGB Promotions. The main event is promoted in association with No Limit Boxing and Main Events.

Here is what the fighters had to say Thursday from the Caribe Royale Resort in Orlando:

TIM TSZYU

"As a young kid, this is what you wish for. I'm living my dream because of all the hard work I put into this. This is not just an ordinary fight, this is a vengeance fight. This is my comeback.

"I believe that I am the man at 154-pounds. I just need the time to prove it. I'm taking these guys out one by one. I want all the monsters; they don't frighten me.

"I've always wanted the biggest and toughest challenges out there. Taking this fight was a no-brainer. I've been hunting him down for quite some time. I guess he wanted to keep taking step-aside money instead of facing me so he could hold onto his mandatory position.

"When we step into the ring, it's going to be different than what he thinks. Everything gets answered on Saturday night.

"The bogeyman is back. I never left. I went to hell and back in my last fight, but now it's my vengeance. That's the statement I'm making.

"The last name Tszyu will live on as the greatest boxing family that ever lived."

BAKHRAM MURTAZALIEV

"I'm not interested in going back and forth with Tim, I'm just ready for Saturday and ready to give everyone a great fight.

"It was a dream come true to become a champion and now I'm just looking forward to this fight Saturday night. I'm not looking past Tim, but my goal is to unify the titles after this bout.

"I've never ran from any fighter. Everyone knows where to find me. We don't have to wait much longer now.

"To me I don't care if anyone is overlooking me. All the talking will end Saturday night. That's all we're concentrating on."

YOENIS TELLEZ

"I'm looking forward to putting on a show. Everyone knows I put 100% into all of my fights, so it's gonna be a great night on Saturday.

"This is where I started and really got my career going. I'm appreciative of being able to make Orlando my second home. These fans know me now and they know what I bring.

"Ever since I've been in the U.S., I've worked with Ronnie Shields and he's really taught me how to be a professional fighter after my amateur career.

"I'm ready. I'm just going to listen to my corner, stay focused and follow the instructions so I can get my hand raised.

"Gonzalez has got a lot of experience, but I'm ready for him. My fans in Orlando are going to love this fight. This is my next step toward taking over the 154-pound division."

JOHAN GONZALEZ

"I'm very grateful to be on this great card. Everyone should tune in on October 19 because I'm going to represent Venezuela proudly and give everyone a show.

"I know that Tellez is a top prospect but I'm ready for war. Let's ring that bell. We're prepared for anything he brings.

"I'm ready to give him his first defeat. I prepared very hard and I want to beat him here where he calls his second home."

MATEO TAPIA

"This is a big event and a big opportunity for me. This is a tough fight that I have in front of me, but I'm ready and I can't wait to show the world that I'm a great fighter.

"Fans can expect a really good fight from me. There are definitely going to be fireworks. I've been ruffling some feathers in the middleweight division and that's what I'm here to do again on Saturday.

"It's surreal to be on this card with Tim Tszyu. We've been sparring and have known each other for years. I just can't wait for Saturday night.

"I don't want to look too far into the future. I'm just focused on this fight. This one is for the Mexican people. It's gonna be a great fight and viva Mexico!"

ENDRY SAAVEDRA

"I'm hoping everyone comes out for a great night of boxing on Saturday night. I'm here to represent Tijuana, Mexico.

"I trust in my ability and I trust in what I've learned in this sport. We've had a great camp and we're going to put our hard work on display Saturday. I'm here and I'm here to win.

"I know that Tapia is a good fighter, but I'm confident in myself. This is going to be a war and I'm gonna do it for all the Mexican people."

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ABOUT MURTAZALIEV VS. TSZYU

Murtazaliev vs. Tszyu will headline *PBC Championship Boxing on Prime Video* action as Australian superstar and former world champion Tim Tszyu challenges unbeaten IBF Super Welterweight World Champion Bakhram Murtazaliev in the 12-round main event on Saturday, October 19 live from the Caribe Royale Resort in Orlando, Florida.

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