

DAVID MORRELL JR.: "I'M NOT SCARED OF MONSTERS – I HUNT THEM DOWN!"



Cuban Sensation & WBA Light Heavyweight Champion
David Morrell Jr. Meets Mexican Star & Interim WBC
Light Heavyweight Champion David Benavidez
Headlining A PBC Pay-Per-View Event On Prime Video
Saturday, February 1 From T-Mobile Arena In Las Vegas

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STAFFORD, TX. – January 6, 2025 – As undefeated Cuban sensation **David Morrell Jr.** nears his much anticipated clash against Mexican star **David "El Monstro" Benavidez**, Morrell has declared his intention to take Benavidez's spot at the top of the sport when they meet for Benavidez's Interim WBC Light Heavyweight Title and Morrell's WBA Light Heavyweight Title in the main event of a PBC Pay-Per-View event on Prime Video taking place Saturday, February 1 from T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas.

"Benavidez is considered one of the most dangerous fighters in boxing, so when I beat him, everyone will see what I'm capable of," said Morrell (11-0, 9 KOs). "People call him 'The Mexican Monster', but I'm not scared of monsters – I hunt them down! He's never faced someone like me, and come fight night, he's going to realize that I'm faster, stronger and smarter than anyone he's ever stepped in the ring with."

After a contentious <u>opening press conference</u> to announce the fight in November, Morrell and Benavidez continued their war of words right before the holidays at <u>a media workout in Miami</u> that saw the two men nearly come to blows during a heated face off. With the verbal sparring reaching a fever pitch, Morrell has used his opponent's words as motivation heading into the final stretch of training.

"He's been running his mouth, calling me out and disrespecting my name," said Morrell. "That's fine with me, because words won't save him when we're face-to-face in the ring. All this trash talk just fuels me. He's going to regret every word when I make him eat his pride punch-by-punch."

The 26-year-old has shown incredible power and skill throughout his career since turning pro in 2019, dominating the 168-pound rankings before a successful 175-pound debut last August as he earned a unanimous decision over Radivoje Kalajdzic. With famed trainer Ronnie Shields in his corner, Morrell has continued to see improvement in his game as he nears this pivotal clash.

"This camp has been brutal, and I love it," said Morrell. "Ronnie has pushed me harder than ever before, both mentally and physically. Every day in Texas I've been sharpening my tools, because I know nothing less than perfection will beat Benavidez. I'm ready to show the world what real work looks like."

Having called out Benavidez for a fight almost immediately after turning pro, Morrell will now have his chance to show why he sought this matchup for years and is confident that he'll come through this test with the recognition he deserves.

"This is the moment I've been waiting for, it's the fight that changes everything," said Morrell. "A win over Benavidez doesn't just put me at the top – it solidifies me as one of the best fighters in the world. After this fight, there will be no question who the king of the division is. I'm ready to take that crown."

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ABOUT BENAVIDEZ VS. MORRELL

Benavidez vs. Morrell will see Interim WBC Light Heavyweight Champion **David "El Monstro" Benavidez** and WBA Light Heavyweight Champion **David Morrell Jr.** meet in a battle of unbeatens that pits two of the sport's most exciting fighters against each other in the primes of their careers headlining a PBC Pay-Per-View event on Prime Video taking place Saturday, Feb. 1 from T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas.

The co-main event will see WBC Featherweight World Champion **Brandon "The Heartbreaker" Figueroa** defend his title against former unified world champion **Stephen Fulton Jr.** in a rematch of one of 2021's best fights.

The pay-per-view will also feature Mexican star and former world champion Isaac "Pitbull" Cruz facing the hard-charging contender Angel Fierro in an all-Mexican super lightweight duel, plus rising Mexican star Jesus "Mono" Ramos Jr. battles former unified champion Jeison Rosario in a 10-round middleweight fight that opens the pay-per-view at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT.

Tickets for the live event are on sale now through AXS.com.

In addition to the PPV being available for purchase on Prime Video, regardless of Prime membership, fans will also be able to continue to access the telecast through traditional cable and satellite outlets as well as PPV.com.

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