

Yory Boy Campas vs. Matt Vanda This Friday in Minneapolis

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It will be the veteran warrior against the young Turk fighting in his hometown when Team Freedom Promotions presents "Battle For Pride," a super welterweight showdown featuring Mexican great Yory Boy Campas against local hero Matt Vanda live on pay-per-view Friday night, June 24, from the Target Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The evening will also feature a tribute to the career of the legendary Roberto Duran, who celebrates the 25th Anniversary of his memorable victory over Sugar Ray Leonard this year. Duran scored his triumph over Leonard on June 20, 1980 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, almost 25 years to the date of the coming silver anniversary celebration in Minneapolis.

Vanda, who has appeared on national television on both ESPN and Showtime, is the pride of St. Paul, MN, and has put forth a stellar 33-1 ring record with 21 wins coming by way of knockout. The 26-year-old will be facing his stiffest test in Campas, the standout from Colonia Moderna, Mexico, who has compiled an incredible 86 victories during a remarkable career, suffering only seven setbacks, and scoring 70 knockout victories. Campas now fights out of Phoenix, AZ. He defeated Raul Marquez to capture the IBF light middleweight crown in Atlantic City on December 6, 1997, a title he ultimately lost to Oscar De La Hoya. Campas began his career at the age of 15 as a young phenom in his native Mexico in 1987.

"If Matt wins this fight, it puts him in a position to take on the likes of De La Hoya, Vargas, Quartey, Mosley, as well as all of the 154-pound champions," said Leon Margules, president of Team Freedom promotions. "Should Campas score, he would again become a player in the division."

The PPV featuring four hotly contested fights is priced at \$19.95, and is available by contacting your local cable provider.