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Chalk it up to the bad economy. The Winky Wright/Grady Brewer fight scheduled for Dec. 11 was cancelled, due to poor ticket sales.

Wright (51-5-1, 25 KOs) was looking to get his career back on track against the Contender alum Brewer (26-11-15 KOs) in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The promoter of the event, also set to showcase flyweight Alex Sanchez, was an outfit called San Juan City Knockout. They told ESPN's Dan Rafael that a "local promoter" pulled the plug, though it looks like SJCK and Winky Wright Promotions were in charge, according to ads published in recent weeks.

Wright released a statement on the development. "I am really disappointed the show can't happen as I was training very hard and really wanted to get back in the ring. I was so looking forward to fighting in Puerto Rico in front of all the Puerto Rican people who are boxing fanatics and really know and appreciate the sport.

"I still am a bit shocked the show was cancelled by the promoter in Puerto Rico, but I want to make it perfectly clear it was not because I asked for millions of dollars to fight. We had done everything possible to make this show come together and I knew the financial considerations I needed to make in order for it to happen. Unfortunately now this is not the case, and I will look to find another alternative so I can fight as soon as possible. I hope that we can work something out so that I will be fighting in the early part of 2010, as I am anxious to use all the hard work and training I have already put in for this show. I just hope everyone has a great holiday season, and look for me to fight again soon after the New Year."

Wright, who turned 38 on Nov. 26, last fought in April, and dropped a decisive decision to Long Tall Paul Williams.

Brewer, who turns 39 on Dec. 22, weighed in from Oklahoma. "I was told Monday night," he told TSS. "I heard the show was stopped because the promoter didn't have funds and ticket sales were slow." Brewer is bitterly disappointed, considering he's been training full-blast for seven weeks, and won't get paid a dime for his trouble. "The contract I signed didn't (contain a clause ensuring payment if the fight was cancelled)," he said. "That's the sad part. We had a press conference in Puerto Rico two weeks ago, and I figured everything would go well."

Brewer is looking to hook on to an existing card on or around December 11, so anyone looking for a 154 or 160 pounder with cred, call Brewer at 580-284-3678.