

## Francisco-Avalos Tops July 12 "Friday Night Fights" on ESPN

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### Junior Featherweights Francisco & Avalos Headline ESPN's Friday Night Fights

The July 12 edition of ESPN's Friday Night Fights presented by [Corona Extra](#) will feature former interim Super Flyweight titlist Drian "Gintong Kamao" Francisco (24-1-1, 19 KOs) and Chris "The Hitman" Avalos (21-2, 16 KOs) in the 10-round Junior Featherweight main event. Friday's show from Texas Station Casino in Las Vegas, will air live at 10 p.m. ET on ESPN2 HD, ESPN Deportes and

[WatchESPN](#).

The card is promoted by Top Rank.

[Watch](#) Teddy Atlas and Joe Tessitore preview Friday's main event

#### Commentators:

[Joe Tessitore](#) and [Teddy Atlas](#) will be ringside describing the action for ESPN2 HD, while studio host [Todd Grisham](#) ( [@GrishamESPN](#) ) will present all the latest boxing news and highlights.

**Delvin Rodriguez,**  
will call the fights with

**Pablo Viruega**

for ESPN Deportes'

*Viernes de Combates (Friday Night Fights*  
) , while

**Leopoldo Gonzalez**

and

**Claudia Trejos**

will anchor the studio. Bilingual reporter

**Bernardo**

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) will present live interviews and reports for both shows

#### Main Event:

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The Philippines' Francisco is coming off a fifth-round TKO win over Javier Francisco Gallo.

"I saw Avalos' video on YouTube and he looks like a tough opponent," Francisco said. "I'm here in America to get a world title belt. There's a lot of opportunity here and that's why I train here."

California's Avalos is looking to build momentum following a fourth-round TKO win over Jose Araiza.

"I've studied Francisco and see that he relies a lot on his power, and a lot of his power comes from a lot of wide shots," Avalos said. "What I plan on doing is keeping him on the outside, jab a lot, box him and catch him with combinations down the middle and just be cautious of the overhand right and left hooks."

### **Co-Feature:**

Friday's 10-round co-feature will pit undefeated Junior Middleweights Glen "Jersey Boy" Tapia (18-0, 10 KOs) of New Jersey, against Texas' Abie "The Sun City Warrior" Han (19-0, 12 KOs). Tapia scored an eight-round unanimous decision win over Joseph de los Santos in his last fight, while Han is looking to continue his winning ways following an eight-round unanimous decision win over Brandon Baue.

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