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**WBO MIDDLEWEIGHT WORLD CHAMPION PETER "KID CHOCOLATE" QUILLIN TO FACE "KING" GABRIEL ROSADO IN CO-MAIN EVENT OF HOPKINS VS. MURAT TRIPLEHEADER ON OCTOBER 26 AT BOARDWALK HALL IN ATLANTIC CITY**

***Plus! Undefeated WBC Continental Americas Heavyweight Champion Deontay "Bronze Bomber" Wilder vs. Nicolai "Stone Man" Firtha To Open***

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**ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (October 1, 2013)** - After scoring 10 knockdowns in his last two fights and soaring to the top of the 160-pound weight class, WBO Middleweight Champion **Peter "Kid Chocolate" Quillin** will make his second title defense on Saturday, Oct. 26 when he meets Philadelphia contender **"King" Gabriel Rosado** in the **Bernard Hopkins vs. Karo Murat** co-main event at **Boardwalk Hall** in Atlantic City, NJ, live on **SHOWTIME®** (9 p.m. ET/PT).

Additionally, knockout artist WBC Continental Americas Heavyweight Champion **Deontay "The Bronze Bomber" Wilder**, will open the telecast when he takes on **Nicolai "Stone Man" Firtha** in a 10-round showdown. In the main event, IBF Light Heavyweight World Champion Bernard "The Executioner" Hopkins will become the oldest fighter in history to make his initial title

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defense when he faces highest-rated light heavyweight challenger

**Karo Murat**

in a 12-round matchup.

"It's great to be on the East Coast and back on SHOWTIME for my second world title defense," said Quillin. "Rosado is a quality challenger who always comes to fight, and because of our competitive styles, the fans are going to get a great show on October 26."

"I've never lost in New Jersey and I don't plan on starting now," said Rosado. "I've chased a world title for a long time and while I respect Quillin for giving me this new opportunity, but I'm going to have to take that belt and bring it back home to Philly."

"Nicolai Firtha is a veteran who has gone the distance with a lot of tough fighters," said Wilder. "But I'm more confident and more ready than ever, so I'm expecting another knockout win, I want to make a statement with this fight."

"Wilder hits hard, there's no question about that, but we've never seen what happens when he gets hit back," said Firtha. "I'm going to hit him on Oct. 26 and I plan on taking his 'O' away."

"We've returned to the East Coast with not just another history-making title defense by Bernard Hopkins against a hungry challenger in Karo Murat, but we have a guaranteed action with the undercard," said Richard Schaefer, CEO of Golden Boy Promotions. The co-main event between the top American middleweight in the world, Peter Quillin and the always tough Gabriel Rosado as well as one of the most exciting young heavyweights out there, Deontay Wilder, against someone coming to score the upset in Nicolai Firtha. It's going to be a great night for boxing once again."

New York City's **Peter Quillin** (29-0, 21 KO's) was considered by many as one of the top rising stars in the sport, but when he beat **Winky Wright** in 2012, the stakes got higher for "Kid Chocolate," who fulfilled his potential in October of last year with a six-knockdown win over

**Hassan N'Dam**

that earned him the WBO Middleweight Championship. In April of 2013, Quillin successfully defended his title for the first time, dropping

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### Fernando Guerrero

four times en route to a seventh-round technical knockout victory. On Oct. 26, the 30-year-old will look to showcase his championship skills against "King" Rosado.

A Philadelphia fighter through and through, 27-year-old **Gabriel Rosado** (21-6, 13 KO's) is a fearless warrior willing to do whatever it takes in search of victory. Holder of wins over **Jesus Soto Karass, Sechew Powell, Kassim Ouma** and

### Charles Whittaker

, Rosado has also been in the ring with

### Gennady Golovkin, Alfredo Angulo

, and

### J'Leon Love

and when the bell rings on Oct. 26, this "King" will do whatever it takes to win the middleweight crown.

With 29 wins, 29 knockouts and no defeats, 2008 U.S. Olympic Bronze medalist and WBC Continental Americas Heavyweight Champion **Deontay Wilder** has the boxing world abuzz with his devastating power and championship potential. Hailing from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, the 27-year-old is coming off of first round knockouts of former gold medalist

### Audley Harrison

and former heavyweight champion

### Siarhei Liakhovich

, making it clear that no one is safe from the wrath of the

### "Bronze Bomber."

Akron, Ohio's **Nicolai "Stone Man" Firtha** (21-10-1, 8 KO's) was a decorated amateur who fought his way to the 2004 Olympic trials, but his true home was in the professional game, where he has won the USA Ohio State and NABA USA titles. He has also faced quality opposition like

### Tyson Fury

### Alexander Povetkin, Tony Grano,

### and Johnathan Banks,

knocking out Grano and going the distance with Povetkin and Banks. Coming off a win over

### Robert Hawkins

in July, the 34-year-old will leave it all in the ring in search of victory on Oct. 26.

**Hopkins vs. Murat** is a 12-round bout for Hopkins' IBF Light Heavyweight World Championship, presented by Golden Boy Promotions and sponsored by Caesars Atlantic City, Corona and AT&T. In the co-main event WBO Middleweight Champion

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will face

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in a 10-round showdown. The

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