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"TOE TO TOE: CANELO VS. ANGULO"

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Saturday, March 8 Live On SHOWTIME PPV From The MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas; Tickets on Sale Now!

LOS ANGELES (Jan. 21, 2014) - Hundreds of fans turned out on a Tuesday afternoon to witness up close and personal Mexican boxing superstar **Canelo Alvarez**, fan favorite

Alfredo "El Perro" Angulo

and four other world-class action fighters for a jam-packed press conference hosted by

Golden Boy Promotions

to formally announce "

TOE TO TOE: Canelo vs. Angulo

," a fantastic four-fight telecast on

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undefeated Two-Division World Champion

Leo "Terremoto" Santa Cruz

, former Three-Time World Champion

Cristian "El Diamante" Mijares

and

Ricardo "Dinamita" Alvarez,

a brother of Canelo Alvarez,

In what will be a slugfest in the March 8 main event, Canelo (42-1-1, 30 KO's), of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, will make his return to the ring to face the fearless Angulo (22-3, 18 KO's), of Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico. In three 12-round world title fights on an all-action pay-per-view undercard, unbeaten WBC Super Bantamweight World Champion Santa Cruz (26-0-1, 15 KO's), of Los Angeles by way of Huetamo, Michoacán de Ocampo, Mexico, will defend his title against Mijares (49-7-2, 24 KO's), of Gomez Palacio, Durango, Mexico; unbeaten **Omar "Panterita" Figueroa** (22-0-1, 17 KO's), of McAllen, Texas, will risk his WBC Interim Lightweight Title against Ricardo Alvarez (23-2-3, 14 KO's), of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, and Chicago's **"King" Carlos Molina** (22-5-2, 6 KO's) will defend his IBF Junior Middleweight Championship against undefeated

Jermall Charlo

(17-0, 13 KO's), of Houston.

Tickets are on sale and priced at \$600, \$400, \$200, \$100, \$50 and \$25, not including applicable service charges and taxes, with a total ticket limit of 10 per person. To charge by phone with a major credit card, call Ticketmaster at [\(800\) 745-3000](tel:8007453000). Tickets also are available for purchase at www.mgmgrand.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

Before fighter introductions and a press conference that was streamed live on the SHOWTIME Sports website officially began, a nervous Angulo had several inches of his shoulder-length hair cut. It will be donated to Locks of Love, a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis.

Richard Schaefer, CEO of Golden Boy Promotions, who emceed the proceedings, and Stephen Espinoza

, executive vice president and general manager, SHOWTIME Sports, were the first to speak at the podium, followed by the fighters.

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Schaefer mentioned that "almost 6,000" seats had already been sold for the event and that he expected "a full house." Espinoza announced that **ALL ACCESS: Canelo vs. Angulo** would premiere on Friday, Feb. 29, on SHOWTIME with Episode 2 on Wednesday, March 5.

In the top bout preceding the pay-per-view telecast, former two-time World Champion **Jorge "Niño de Oro" Linares** (35-3, 23 KO's) will face **Nihito Arakawa** (24-3-1, 16 KO's) in a 10-round lightweight match.

See below for quotes from the boxers and executives:

CANELO ALVAREZ, Former Super Welterweight World Champion

"Alfredo Angulo is a very strong fighter, and he knows how to come forward. He knows how to throw a punch and take a punch and he comes to fight.

"I'm sure you want to see a fight and you don't want to see a guy who is going to be running all night.

"I've prepared myself very well to give you all a great fight. I'm glad Alfredo has some fans here today, but my fans are better.

"I can't tell you all the things I learned from my last fight [against Floyd Mayweather on a record-shattering pay-per-view event last September], but there is a long list. I don't take it as a loss. I take it as a learning experience. And that is what's going to keep me going. That's the greatest thing about this sport. You learn and you move on.

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"We have two different styles and you really can't compare the two. Angulo's aggressive. I've fought bigger guys but I see him as a middleweight coming down to super welterweight.

"We offered this fight to [Miguel] Cotto first, but he wasn't ready. We wanted to give you guys, the media, and the fans this fight. This is for the fans.

"Losing is part of boxing. Muhammad Ali lost and he's still the greatest of all time. So a loss isn't going to prevent me from being the future of boxing."

ALFREDO ANGULO, Former WBO Interim Junior Middleweight World Champion

"I'm the same Alfredo Angulo as I've always been and I'm going to always give the fans great fights. I think that I earn respect in my fights and March 8 is going to be no different.

"I don't know if he's the most powerful fighter I've faced, but I know I have to give my all in this fight for my fans. This fight is for the fans.

"What's this fight going to mean if I win? I don't know. Once I win, then you can ask that.

"He [Canelo] knows the heart that I have. He's knows it very well; that the advantage I have over him.

"I know I have some doubters. But if you doubt me, go ahead and look up my fights on YouTube."

CHEPO REYNOSO, Canelo's Trainer

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"Like always, we respect Mexican fighters, especially Alfredo Angulo. He's a tough fighter, a very good fighter and very strong. Thank you for coming out and supporting boxing because there are some great Mexican fighters on this card."

VIRGIL HUNTER, Angulo's Trainer

"Each man has to come to grips that they are coming off a loss. Alfredo came so close to upsetting [Erislandy] Lara and I'm just pleased he's getting this fight. I couldn't be happier for him.

"You can't say that Alfredo doesn't deserve this fight because Angulo was up on most of the scorecards in his last fight and Canelo was shut out on his. I think this is as good a time as any and that this fight makes sense. Alfredo has come to understand the importance of defense. Initially he had a disdain for defense but I've been teaching him the importance of that aspect of the game.

"Whoever wins this fight is going to have to fight to win it. I've called this a must-win fight for Canelo to stay relevant and I think he definitely has something to prove."

LEO SANTA CRUZ, Two-Division World Champion

"I'm very happy and I'm very prepared for this fight. Mijares is a great fighter.

"When I was in the beginning of my career, I used to see him fight. I once sparred against Jose Navarro to help him fight against Mijares. I watched that fight and I know that he's a great fighter that will give me a tough fight.

"We come 100 percent ready and we're trying to the fans a great fight. Hopefully, it's one of the best fights of the night."

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CRISTIAN MIJARES, Former World Champion

"I'm very happy to be on such a big card like this, in the co-main event of the big fight between Canelo and Angulo.

"I'm motivated because I'm coming back. I know it's going to be a very good fight against Leo Santa Cruz because he's a very good fighter.

"I'm motivated. I'm coming here to win, I'm coming here to be a world champion. I'm not going to give away anything. I'm expecting to win. It's going to be a war. That's all I've got to say."

RICARDO ALVAREZ, Top Lightweight Contender

"I know this is a big opportunity for me. I understand this opportunity that my promoter has given me. Figueroa is very aggressive and styles make fights so I know it's going to be a great fight.

"I'm motivated. I know I can make history for me and my family [if triumphant, it will mark the first time three Mexican-born brothers have won a world title]. We made history once before in Mexico when all six of my brothers and I fought on the same card. I want to make history again."

RICHARD SCHAEFER, Golden Boy Promotions CEO

"This fight is like an infomercial. You remember when you were ready to order and they're like: 'Wait, there's more.' That's what this card is; one great fight after the other. Action-packed.

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"This is the kind of card you want to make sure to have the carne asada and the cerveza ready when the first fights go live on SHOWTIME Pay-Per-View at 6 o'clock."

STEPHEN ESPINOZA, Executive Vice President, General Manager of SHOWTIME Sports

"This is a boxing card that has everything for the true fight fan. Canelo Alvarez is taking on the most dangerous opponent of his career in Alfredo Angulo, who is perhaps the strongest puncher and fighter that Canelo has yet face and I have no doubt this fight will be an action fight for as long as it lasts."

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brownsugar says:

I really liked Angulo when he first started out...even after he got beat by Citron. But he looked like a ragdoll against Lara even though he put up some good resistance and got the knockdown..... In his last couple of fights Angulo doesnt seem to give a damn about defense.. and that would be a mistake against Canelo.....Not to mention he didn't do any thing but rot during his extended stay in lockup due to the non-citizenship issue. Boxing hasnt been kind to Angulo. Hope he has more luck with Canelo...but its more wishing than predicting... Team Canelo knows how to pick fighters who are past their best.

amayseng says:

Angula vs Lara was a close fight, many a times he was getting the better of Lara. This fight with Canelo wont be as violent as Canelo likes to keep his opponents at distance so he can fight at a slower pace. Can Angulo press upon that and make Alarez uncomfortable?

We will truly see how much firepower Canelo has in this fight by if he can get Angulo out of there.