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Canelo and Golden Boy Promotions President **Oscar De La Hoya** pose for a photo in a ring in the center of the MGM Grand hotel lobby, just steps away from Canelo's Saturday blockbuster showdown against breakout star Josesito Lopez.

The 28-year-old Lopez, of Riverside, Calif., registered the Upset of the Year when he knocked out Victor Ortiz last June 23 on **SHOWTIME**. The rising star is looking to earn another big win over the undefeated Canelo on Saturday, live on **SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING** **S**

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Canelo and Lopez will headline a four-fight, three world championship event that also features WBC Featherweight World Champion **Jhonny Gonzalez** defending his crown against former World Champion **Daniel Ponce De**

Leon

Champion

cos Maidana

squaring off against perennial contender

Jesus Soto Karass

and

Leo Santa Cruz

defending his IBF Bantamweight World Championship against former Two-Time World Champion

Eric Morel

. Excited fans react to the arrival of Canelo during Wednesday's workout. Saturday's Quadruple-header features eight fighters with a combined record of 288-16-5 with 206 KO's and a knockout percentage of more than 70 percent.

The Saturday, Sept. 15 quadruple-header, packed with Mexican pride and power, will take place at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas and will be televised live on SHOWTIME Saturday, Sept. 15 at 9:00 p.m. ET/6:00 p.m. PT with preliminary fights to air live on SHOWTIME EXTREME® at 8:00 p.m. ET/PT.

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