

PHILADLEPHIA - A press conference was held to officially announce the next installment of the NBC Sports Network "Fight Night" boxing series. On December 8, 2012, a Philly-centric fight card will take place at Temple University's Pearson / McGonigle Hall on Broad Street in North Philly. The NBCSN broadcast will begin at 9PM ET.

North Philly native and #5 heavyweight contender Bryant Jennings, 15-0, 7 KOs, takes on Bowie Tupou, 22-2, 16 KOs, of Tonga, in the 12-round main event with Jennings' USBA heavyweight title on the line. The 10-round junior lightweight co-feature bout is an intriguing face off between North Philadelphian Teon Kennedy, 17-2-2, 7 KOs, who's coming off a world title challenge, and the undefeated Texan Jerry Belmontes, 17-0, 5 KOs. Kennedy is moving up in weight for the fight.

From the lobby of the fight venue, Hall of Fame promoter J Russell Peltz, a Temple University Grad, conducted the press conference, and along with Jennings and Kennedy spoke about the upcoming blockbuster event promoted by Main Events, Peltz Boxing, Goossen Tutor and BAM Boxing.



J Russell Peltz with Temple Owl Photo Credits: John DiSanto

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J Russell Peltz: "This building opened in 1969 and I've been a (Temple Basketball) season ticket holder ever since. But I never thought I'd be promoting a fight here, certainly not on national television. "Fight Night" is probably the most successful boxing series going right now on television because the fights are actually competitive. You don't know who's going to win or lose."

Teon Kennedy: "I'm glad to be fighting in Philly again. I haven't fought here in two or three years. So I'm happy to be on this card right in my backyard. I live right around the corner."



Teon Kennedy at Press Conf

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"This fight I have to win. I'm trying to showcase my skills. When I come to fight, I will be trying to knock him out. No crazy stuff, I'll still be playing it smart, but I'm trying to knock him out in at least the sixth or seventh round. He's a good fighter, but I know I'm better than him, and I will be coming to fight."

Bryant Jennings: "This is an opportunity that I've been waiting for. Every fight I dream of, and the outcome is to have a win. I don't care how it comes, knockout, unanimous decision, split decision. As long as I win."

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