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50 CENT'S BIRTHDAY BASH

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Undefeated lightweight Mark Davis vs. Michael Farenas headlines ESPN Friday Night Fights Special Edition in IBF Title Eliminator

Wednesday, July 2 at Foxwoods Resort Casino

MASHANTUCKET, Conn., (May 29, 2014) - Rapper/promoter **Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson** returns to the Nutmeg State to celebrate his birthday as his company, SMS Promotions, presents a special edition of ***ESPN Friday Night Fights*** on Wednesday night, July 2, at Grand Theater in Fox Tower at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Connecticut.

The 12-round main event matches undefeated junior lightweight **Mark "Too Sharp" Davis** (18-0, 5 KOs) against Filipino knockout specialist **Michael "Hammer Fist" Farenas**

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(38-4-4, 30 KOs) in an International Boxing Federation (IBF) title eliminator. The winner will become the mandatory challenger for winner of the upcoming title match between IBF 130-pound champion

Argenis Mendez

and challenger

Rances Barthelemy

"I'm thrilled to return to Foxwoods Resort Casino, celebrating my birthday yet again with ESPN Friday Night Fights," commented 50 Cent. "Last year was such a success I couldn't pass up the opportunity to do it again and deliver an amazing night of boxing. All of the fighters on the card bring strength, power, endurance and agility to the sport. It's a night you won't want to miss."

"We are delighted to be welcoming back 50 and his SMS Promotions for another stellar night of fights on ESPN." added **Monique L. Sebastian**, Executive Director of Entertainment, Foxwoods Resort Casino. "We couldn't think of a better way to kick off the holiday weekend."

The 27-year-old Davis, fighting out of Cleveland, had more than 200 amateur bouts, highlighted by his gold medal winning performance at the 2005 U.S. National Championships.

Farenas is a battle-tested veteran from the Philippines who has never been stopped in 47 professional fights. He lost a 12-round decision to another SMS fighter, **Yuriorkis Gamboa**, in 2012 for the interim World Boxing Association (WBA) super featherweight title, after he fought WBA super featherweight champion

Takashi Uchiyama

to a draw in Japan.

In the 10-round ESPN FNF co-feature, former IBF featherweight champion **Billy "The Kid" Dib** (36-3, 21 KOs) moves up in weight to face former WBA featherweight title challenger

Alberto "Kichis" Garza

(26-7-1, 21 KOs), of Mexico City, with world junior lightweight implications at stake.

Dib, fighting out of Sydney, Australia, returns to Foxwoods where 14 months ago, also during ESPN FNF, he lost his IBF title to **Evgeny Gradovich** by way of a 12-round split decision.

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Last November, Garza lost his only world title fight to WBA featherweight champion **Nicholas Walters** by fourth-round technical knockout. Garza is a former WBC Silver and WBC Continental Americas featherweight title holder.

Scheduled to fight opponents to be determined in four-round bouts are three of SMS Promotions' top prospects: lightweights **Luis Olivares, Jr.** (7-0, 5 KOs), Glendale, Arizona; **Do nte Strayhorn** (5-1, 1 KO), Cincinnati, Ohio; **Ryan "Blue Chip" Martin** (5-0, 3 KOs), Chattanooga, Tennessee.

All fights and fighters are subject to change.

Tickets are priced at \$100.00, \$75.00 and \$45.00 and will soon go on sale online at www.foxwoods.com, calling Foxwoods' box office at [\(800\) 200-2882](tel:8002002882), or in person at Foxwoods' box office. Tickets will also be available to purchase through any Ticketmaster outlet and online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Doors at Grand Theater in Fox Tower will open at 6 p.m. ET. The first bout will start at 7 p.m. ET with ESPN FNF airing live between 9-11 p.m. ET.

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Half a dollar should never pitch anything again in his life. I just saw 50 Cent try and throw out a pitch at the Met's game. It was so bad it hurt me to watch it again. 100 million is a terrible boxing promoter, he should realize he is in over his head and get out now.

amayseng says:

I will never understand why these celebrities who have NO athletic ability what so ever agree to throw out a pitch anywhere, let alone national tv. unbelievable...