



NBC Sports NETWORK

**FIGHT
NIGHT**

ERIC HUNTER TO STEP IN AGAINST JERRY BELMONTES
ON DECEMBER 8TH NBC SPORTS NETWORK FIGHT NIGHT



Eric Hunter

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PHILADELPHIA - When word came this weekend that an injury was forcing Teon Kennedy to pull out of the December 8th nationally televised NBC Sports Network Fight Night co-feature bout with undefeated Jerry Belmontes, another hungry Philly

fighter jumped at the chance to take his place. West Philly's Eric "Outlaw" Hunter, 16-2, 9 KOs, has signed to face the rising Belmontes, 17-0, 5 KOs, in an extremely attractive matchup of up and coming prospects. The Fight Night telecast will begin at 9PM ET.

Hunter is a fighter with a big reputation in the tough boxing gyms of Philly. He's been touted by many since his amateur days as one of the most talented boxers on the local scene.

In July, Hunter returned from a lengthy layoff with a flashy stoppage of Jason Rorie in Philadelphia. It was a fight that Hunter vowed would be the launching pad for the rest of his career, and the first step in reaching his potential. He promised to stay active and look for the key fights that would move him up the ranks. Clearly a nationally televised 10-rounder against the talented Jerry Belmontes was exactly what he was looking for.

"This is an incredible opportunity for Eric Hunter," said Hall of Fame promoter J Russell Peltz, matchmaker for the *Fight Night* series. "Here is a young fighter with a lot of ability but his career was in limbo and all of a sudden he gets a chance to fight on the hottest boxing series on television and it's in his hometown. Most fighters would give their eye teeth for this kind of opportunity and Eric jumped at it. Good for him!"

Eric Hunter appears ready to keep his word and fight his way to the top of his division.

However, Jerry Belmontes has his own plans and high expectations to meet. As an amateur, Belmontes, was a superstar, and the "Corpus Christi Kid", as he is known, has knocked off every professional fighter put in his path. In his last start, Belmontes made his East Coast debut with a solid 8-round unanimous decision over Joselito Collado in Newark, NJ.

Peltz sums it up by saying this match up is " a crossroads fight between two very good junior lightweights, the winner of which should be rated in the top 15 when the fight is over."

ABOUT DECEMBER 8TH

Pearson/McGonigle Halls, a 4,500-seat venue at Temple University located at 1800 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19121. It has hosted both professional and amateur boxing in the past, but when NBC Sports Network broadcasts the sixth installment of its Fight Night series on Dec. 8, it will be the first professional boxing event held at Pearson/McGonigle Halls in over 19 years.

Eight bouts are planned for the Philadelphia card. The fight is promoted by Main Events, Peltz Boxing, and Goossen Tutor Promotions in association with BAM Boxing. For ticket information, contact Peltz Boxing at 215-765-0922, www.peltzboxing.com. Tickets also are on sale at www.comcastTIX.com.

2012-2013 NBC SPORTS NETWORK FIGHT NIGHT SCHEDULE

(All times ET and subject to change)

Saturday, December 8	9 p.m. – 11 p.m.	NBC Sports Network	Temple University, Philly
Saturday, December 22	4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	NBC	Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem
Saturday, January 19	9 p.m. – 11 p.m.	NBC Sports Network	Mohegan Sun Casino, CT
Saturday, February 23	10:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.	NBC Sports Network	
Saturday, March 9	10 p.m. – 12 a.m.	NBC Sports Network	
Friday, June 14	9 p.m. – 11 p.m.	NBC Sports Network	

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