



**ZOU SHIMING'S WORLD TITLE ELIMINATOR,
REX TSO, KUOK KUN NG AND
TWO WORLD TITLE BATTLES
HIGHLIGHT CLASH AT COTAI II:
PACQUIAO VS. ALGIERI
WORLD WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT**

**Sunday, November 23
The Venetian Macao Cotai Arena**



MACAO (September 23, 2014) – One of China's most iconic athletes, undefeated Top-Five flyweight contender [ZOU SHIMING](#), the duo of local favorites -- undefeated Top-Five super flyweight contender **REX TSO** and undefeated super welterweight prospect "The Macao Kid" **KUOK KUN NG** will join world champions [VASYL LOMACHENKO](#) and [JESSIE VARGAS](#) in separate exciting battles on the [MANNY "Pacman" PACQUIAO](#) vs. [CHRIS ALGIERI](#) World Welterweight Championship undercard. Filipino super flyweight s **MARK GERALDO** and **JERWIN ANCAJAS** will round out the undercard. Promoted by Top Rank® and Sands China Ltd., in association with MP Promotions, Joe DeGuardia's [Star Boxing](#), [Banner Promotions](#), Foreman Boys Promotions and Tecate, the Pacquiao-Algieri world welterweight championship event will take place **Sunday, November 23**, at [The Venetian® Macao's Cotai Arena](#), and will be produced and distributed live to the U.S by [HBO Pay-Per-View®](#), (Saturday, November 22) beginning at 9:00 p.m. ET / 6:00 p.m. PT.

Top-five contenders Zou, of China, and **Kwanpichit Onesongchaigym**, of Thailand, will be battling in a 12-round WBO flyweight world title elimination bout, with the winner being declared the mandatory challenger to WBO flyweight champion Juan Estrada. Hong Kong's Tso (14-0, 9 KOs), world-rated No. 5 by the WBO and the reigning WBO Asia Pacific junior bantamweight champion, and Ng (5-0, 2 KOs), of Macao, will be risking their undefeated records against opponents to be named soon in eight-round and four-round bouts, respectively. Lomachenko, of Ukraine, will make the first defense of his WBO featherweight title against No. 1 contender and mandatory challenger **Chonlatarn Piriapinyo** of Thailand. Vargas, of Las Vegas, NV., will be defending his WBA super lightweight title against former world champion **Antonio DeMarco**, of Mexico. Geraldo (31-4-3, 14 KOs), from Valencia City, Philippines and world-rated No. 4 by the WBO and No. 9 by the IBF, and Ancajas (21-1-1, 13 KOs), of Cavite City, Philippines, will be in separate 12-round and eight-round super flyweight bouts, respectively, against opponents to be named soon.

"We are very proud to present these three significant international fights on the pay-per-view undercard. Boxing is a worldwide sport and this card reflects that," said Hall of Fame promoter Bob Arum.

"This will be my first time fighting in a bout that is scheduled for 12 rounds. It will be the toughest test of my skills as a professional," said Zou. "As we all know, the boxing atmosphere in Thailand is awesome. I watched videos of my opponent's fights, where he performed fiercely and bravely. It is no surprise that he is undefeated. I respect his strength and his skills. This fight is so important because so much is at stake -- most of all the opportunity to fight for the world title with a victory on November 23. I will make this the best training camp I have ever had so I can give my best performance ever."

"I am very happy and excited to have become a world champion in my third professional fight," said Lomachenko. "I just followed the plan for the world title fight against Gary Russell - work the body, make him fight as much as possible and then go to the head. Russell was very fast and I had to take my time. I felt I hurt him a few times and I did not feel his power at all. That was a big win for my country and I know that they enjoyed it very much."

"My opponent, Antonio DeMarco, is a tough, rugged fighter who comes to fight," said Vargas. "I know this will be a fight that fans throughout the world will enjoy. This is very exciting for our team to be part of an event of this magnitude. I plan on bringing my world title belt back to Las Vegas."

"The goal to win another world championship and bring it back to Mexico are the reasons why I keep fighting and this title fight against Jessie Vargas is a great opportunity to do just that," said DeMarco. "I am sure that Freddie Roach will have me ready to win the fight and because of our styles I am sure this fight with Vargas will be one that the fans will enjoy."

Zou (5-0, 1 KO), from Guizhou, China, and trained by Hall of Famer [Freddie Roach](#), returns to ring fresh from his most impressive professional victory -- a 10-round unanimous decision victory over Top-10 contender Luis De La Rosa to capture the vacant WBO International flyweight title. Stepping up to his first 10-round bout, Zou vs. De La Rosa took place on July 19 at Cotai Arena and showed the world that Zou had developed into a world title contender. Zou is currently world-rated No. 4 by the WBA, No. 5 by the WBO and No. 6 by the WBC. He won his professional debut April 6, 2013 at *Fists of Gold*, via a dominant four-round unanimous decision over gritty Eleazar Valenzuela. He followed that up with six-round unanimous decision victories last year over Jesus Ortega and Juan Toscano July 27 at *Fists of Gold II* and November 24 at *The Clash in Cotai*, respectively, and celebrated his 2014 debut with his first professional knockout February 22 at *Ring of Gold*, stopping Yokthong Kokietygym in the seventh round. All of his professional bouts have taken place at the Cotai Arena. One of the most popular Olympic athletes in China, Zou was the world's greatest amateur light flyweight, capturing gold medals in the World Amateur Championships in 2005, 2007 and 2011, along with gold medals in the 2008 and 2012 Summer Olympic Games. He also owns an Olympic bronze medal from the 2004 games, making him his nation's first Olympic medallist in boxing as well as its first boxing gold medallist in the World Amateur Championships and the Olympics.

The greatest amateur boxer of his era and arguably of all time, two-time Ukrainian Olympic gold medalist Lomachenko (2-1, 1 KO), of Odessa, captured the vacant WBO featherweight title on June 21, winning a scintillating majority decision over

the previously unbeaten Gary Russell Jr. It was Lomachenko's third professional bout, tying him with Thailand's Saensak Muangsurin for fewest fights to win a world title. Muangsurin won a junior welterweight title in 1975, also in his third professional fight. Russell, a former U.S. Olympian, was totally blitzed by Lomachenko, battered around the ring throughout the fight. From the outset of his professional career, Lomachenko made it known that he was ready for the best in his division. He made his professional debut in 2013 knocking out the WBO's No. 7-rated featherweight contender Jose Luis Ramirez (24-2-2, 15 KOs) in the fourth round of a bout that was scheduled for 10. Last March, in his second professional bout, he challenged WBO featherweight champion Orlando Salido, losing a split decision to the heavier defending champion whose title had been stripped because he could not make the weight limit. Lomachenko first gained international renown by winning gold medals in the 2008 Beijing Olympics and the 2012 London Games as a featherweight and a lightweight, respectively.

Piriapinyo (51-1, 33 KOs), made his pro debut in 2003 and captured the Asian featherweight title the following year in just his fifth professional bout. His only blemish is a world title decision loss to the legendary defending WBA featherweight champion Chris John in 2012. He enters his second world championship fight world-rated No. 1 and riding a two-year, eight-bout winning streak, including six victories by way of knockout.

Vargas (25-0, 9 KOs), of Las Vegas, NV., will be fighting outside the U.S. for the first time in his professional career. He captured the WBA super lightweight title on the April 12 Pacquiao-Timothy Bradley Jr world welterweight title rematch in Las Vegas, winning a unanimous decision over undefeated defending champion Khabib Allakhverdiev. It was a close and competitive fight that proved Vargas' grit as he bit down hard during the championship rounds to pull away with the victory and the world championship belt. His impressive resume includes victories over former world champions Stevie Forbes and Vivian Harris and top contenders Josesito Lopez, Lucky Boy Omotoso, Ray Narh and Lanardo Tyner. In his last fight, on August 2, Vargas successfully defended his title against undefeated contender Anton Novikov via a unanimous decision.

DeMarco (31-3-1, 23 KOs), of Tijuana, Mexico, captured the WBC lightweight championship crown on his second try, winning the vacant title with an 11th-round stoppage of top-rated contender Jorge Linares in 2011. DeMarco successfully defended the title twice during his one-year reign -- both by knockout -- against Miguel Roman and John Molina. Since moving up in weight, he has won three straight fights, with two of those victories coming by way of knockout. In his last fight, on August 23, DeMarco won a 10-round unanimous decision over Landro Tyner.

Onesongchaigym (27-0-2, 12 KOs), of Buriram, Thailand, made his professional debut in 2010 and captured the WBO Oriental junior bantamweight title the following year knocking out Fredirex Rodriguez in the seventh round. After one successful defense he moved down one division where he captured the WBO Oriental flyweight title in 2012, which he has held for the past two years. Six of his last 10 victories have been by knockout, including his last one, a seventh-round TKO of Oscar Raknafa on June 6, to retain his title. Onesongchaigym is currently world-rated No. 3 by the WBO.

Fighter of the Decade and Filipino icon **Congressman [MANNY “Pacman” PACQUIAO](#)** (56-4-3), boxing's only eight-division world champion, defends his WBO welterweight title against New York's undefeated WBO junior welterweight champion **[CHRIS ALGIERI](#)** (20-0), who has Bachelor of Science degree in Health Care Management, a Masters degree in Clinical Nutrition and a Ph.D. in Upsets Inside the Ring, in the main event of the four-bout pay-per-view telecast.

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Tickets for ***Clash in Cotai II*** are on sale now at all Cotai Ticketing™ box offices*. The multi-bout event kicks off Nov. 23, 2014 at 8 am at the Cotai Arena. Tickets can be purchased in one of eight categories: HKD/MOP 24,080 (Diamond), 20,080 (Platinum), 12,880 (Ruby), 9,880 (Gold), 6,480 (Silver), 3,880 (A Reserve), 1,880 (B Reserve) and 880 (C Reserve). HKD/MOP 88 adds a round trip Cotai Water Jet ferry ticket between Hong Kong and Macao. Tickets can be booked online at www.cotaiticketing.com, or by phone at +853 2882 8818 (Macao) / +852 6333 6660 (HK) / 4001 206 618 (China) / +63 2 395 3370 (Philippines) / +1 855 234 4410 (USA). Tickets are also available through Hong Kong Ticketing (customer service fee applies), online at www.HKTicketing.com or by phone at +852 3128 8288, and via Macao Kong Seng Ticketing Network, online at www.macauticket.com, by phone at +853 2855 5555, or in person at selected retail outlets (for locations, visit www.macauticket.com/TicketWeb/ServiceStations.aspx).

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