

Trinidad-Mayorga, the War is on

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"This one's a no-brainer" exclaimed Madison Square Garden's Senior Vice President of Sports Properties Joel Fischer, who added, "of course we (MSG) wanted this fight. There is no other place for this fight except Madison Square Garden."

Felix "Tito" Trinidad, the former three division world champion and boxing mega-star has returned!

To the profound, utter delight of promoter Don King, the entire boxing community and the millions of latino boxing fans across the nation, Felix Trinidad took to the MSG podium at yesterday's press conference promoting Don King's "Back With A Vengeance" fight card and strongly stated, "I'm back, and I'm here to continue making history!" As the boxing promoter extraordinaire simultaneously waved the American, Puerto Rican and Nicaraguan flags, Mayorga (unable to attend the press conference due to legal problems) was on a live telephone feed vowing to knockout Trinidad within eight rounds.

The easily excitable Mayorga, whom this reporter has tagged with the uncomplimentary nickname "El Pollo" (The Chicken) instead of his actual "El Matador" -- due to his disrespect of WBA welterweight world champion Jose Rivera and his reluctance to fight or even come prepared to fight for Rivera's title during their scheduled bout on King's April 17th fight card -- told Trinidad that his ride home following their October 2nd fight will be via 911 ambulance.

While the vehement threats, knockout predictions and million dollar bets alone are a promoter's dream, Don King actually has served up a mega-fight which the boxing public is clamoring to see.

Felix "Tito" Trinidad, 41-1 with 34 knockouts, taking on Ricardo "El Pollo" Mayorga will be for the WBA international middleweight championship belt.

Mayorga, 27-4-1 with 23 knockouts, could be heard on speakerphone stating "I'm not even worried about him (Trinidad). I beat up Vernon Forrest two times and Tito can't compare to Vernon." "He is right" countered Trinidad, "I can't compare to Vernon Forrest, I'm much better and stronger."

October 2nd promises to be a spectacular night of boxing at the world's most famous arena, Madison Square Garden.

Don King' suggested that Zab Judah will be fighting, and WBC cruiserweight champion Wayne "Big Truck" Braithwaite will battle WBA champ Jean Mark Mormeck with their respective title belts on the line, adding even more luster to this special night of big time boxing.

The Trinidad vs. Mayorga "Back With A Vengeance" fight card will be televised via HBO Pay-Per-View.

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