

Rocky Juarez Battles Ramirez Tonight on ESPN Boxing

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TEMECULA, CA (March 4, 2005) – Undefeated #1 ranked world featherweight contender Rocky Juarez returns to the ring on March 4 at the Pechanga Resort & Casino in Temecula, CA when he battles veteran Juan Carlos “Ranchero” Ramirez in a 10 round bout, it was announced today by Main Events CEO Kathy Duva. The Juarez-Ramirez bout, as well as a 12 round IBF bantamweight eliminator bout between IBF #5 ranked contender Jorge Lacierva and IBF #12 ranked contender Cruz Carbajal, will be broadcasted live on “ESPN2 Friday Night Fights Main Events Special”, beginning at 10:00 pm ET/7:00 pm PT.

Juarez (22-0, 15 KO's) is ranked #1 by both the WBC and IBF, and is recognized as the WBC Continental Americas featherweight champion. The 24-year-old Houston, TX native earned the silver medal for the U.S. in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. As an amateur he compiled an impressive record of 145-17 while winning 68-consecutive bouts. Since turning pro in Jan 2001, Juarez has stopped 15 opponents, six within the first two rounds. In his last bout on December 3, 2004, Juarez gave the most impressive performance of his young professional career when he obliterated former WBC featherweight champion Guty Espadas, Jr in the second round with a devastating two-punch combination that broke Espadas' nose (KO 2).

Ramirez (34-7, 14 KO's) has fought for a world title three times in his career, battling such champions as Luisito Espinosa, Erik Morales, and Acelino Freitas. The 27-year-old Ciudad Juarez, Mexico native captured the NABF featherweight title on June 13, 2003, when he defeated Hector Marquez (W 12). In his last bout on Dec 11, 2004, Ramirez lost a controversial split decision to Carlos Hernandez (L 10).

Lacierva (26-5-5, 18 KO's) has won seven of his last eight bouts, all by knockout. The only mark on the 30-year-old Mexico City, Mexico native's record during this time span was a highly-controversial 10 round draw against Armando Guerrero on Nov 4, 2004 (D 10). Lacierva has stopped eight opponents within the first three rounds.

Carbajal (24-12-1, 20 KO's) has won six of his last seven bouts. The 31-year-old Veracruz, Mexico native is the former WBO bantamweight champion. On March 15, 2002, Carbajal stopped Mauricio Martinez in nine rounds to win the WBO crown. He successfully defended it three times before losing it via decision in his last bout against Ratanachai Vorapin on May 7, 2004 (L 12).

Main Events is promoting the evening of boxing, in association with Pechanga Resort & Casino.

The ringside seats are \$80.00 VIP are \$70.00 and General Admission are \$55.00. Call 877-711-2WIN