

Sycuan returns to Camp Pendleton

Sycuan Ringside Promotions made their presence felt at the Camp Pendleton Marine base in 2005 by presenting a boxing card exclusively for authorized personnel and their families. It was the first time a professional boxing card had ever been held at the North County San Diego base.

They're doing it again on Friday.

"We've gotten word that many of our men will be going back overseas. For some of these soldiers this will be their fourth or fifth tour over there and we want to show them our appreciation by putting on a great show and giving them some time to enjoy themselves," said President of Sycuan Ringside Glenn Quiroga. Sycuan has been on quite a roll and recently topped off their success with Israel Vazquez's win over Jhonny Gonzalez and Joan Guzman's title winning effort over Jorge Barrios on September 16th.

Last year's "Salute to Heroes" card was headlined by now-Lightweight champion Julio Diaz and the popular side attraction Eric "Butter Bean" Esch. With snipers stationed on top of surrounding buildings, the scene was a surreal one as thousands came out to enjoy the festivities which included the San Diego Chargers cheerleaders as ring card girls. This year, former WBC Flyweight champion Eric Ortiz (24-6-1, 16 KO's) headlines against Benji Garcia (11-7-3, 1 KO) of San Diego in what should be a good scrap. Also on the card is Fernando Beltran Jr. (27-2, 17 KO's) who went through twelve tough rounds against the now WBO Jr. Lightweight champion Joan Guzman.

Sycuan's newest addition to their promotional company is heavyweight Shawn "The Sioux Warrior" Hawk (12-0, 10 KO's) who will be taking on Karl Evans of Topeka, Kansas in a six rounder. Hawk is one of a few Native American fighters in the game. "When we first started Sycuan Ringside, one of the goals was to bring on board a very good Native American fighter. I told our matchmaker Sean (Gibbons) I wanted to find a Native American that can fight. Someone to represent our nation in the ring and that's what we have with Shawn Hawk," said Quiroga. Hawk is currently training in Los Angeles with hall of famer Freddie Roach. Anthony Salcido (9-0, 6 KO's) of Chula Vista and Daniel Jimenez (5-0, 1 KO) of Victorville will also be on the card. "Salute to American Heroes 2" will be televised by TV Azteca on their Friday evening boxing series. The show will be presented by the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation.

Vazquez is "The Ring" magazine fighter of the month

According to Israel Vazquez's management team, the WBC Super bantamweight champion has been chosen to be "The Ring" magazine fighter of the month after his impressive performance against Jhonny Gonzalez on September 16th's Barrera-Juarez under card. "It's an important accomplishment. It really means a lot to me. They don't just pick anyone," said Vazquez before he departed to visit relatives in Mexico City. Vazquez will be in the Mexican capital for a few weeks where he'll relax before returning to L.A. to resume training. The Editor in chief of The

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RING, Nigel Collins, confirmed the honor soon after the show stealing fight.

What now for Vazquez?

According to manager Frank Espinoza, Vazquez is weighing out his options which are numerous. "At this point Israel just wants to relax and be with his family but yes, the list of potential matchups is large. There's Rafael Marquez and others out there who would love to go up against Israel but right now everyone just wants to take things day by day," he said. A possible December third match looms for The RING magazine's Super Bantamweight champion.

Cazares vs. Dieppa

Hugo Cazares (23-3, 17 KO's) of Los Mochis, Sinaloa, Mexico will be taking on Nelson Dieppa (24-2, 13 KO's) of Puerto Rico this Saturday in what will be a rematch of their exciting first encounter that took place almost two years ago. Cazares walked away with the WBO Jr. Flyweight title via tenth round stoppage on cuts. Since his win over Dieppa, Cazares has defended the title three times, winning all three by knockout inside of eight rounds. "The Rematch" will be presented by Top Rank and PR Best Boxing and will be available on DIRECT TV pay per view. Also on the card will be Puerto Rico's next hot prospect Juan Manuel Lopez (13-0, 11 KO's) taking on Jose Alonso (29-11-2, 14 KOs).

Boxing Hall of Fame dinner on October 14th

The World Boxing Hall of Fame will be having their induction dinner on October 14th at the LAX Marriot in Los Angeles. The inductees include Roberto Duran, Julian Jackson, Matthew Saad Muhammad and Eddie Perkins. Boxing analyst Barry Tompkins and Mexico City based trainer Ignacio "Nacho" Beristain will also be honored in the extended category along with Joey Olmos and Robert Byrd. In the posthumous category will be: Jackie Graves, Billy Peacock, Ike Chestnut, Bert Gilroy and Gil Cadilli. A memorabilia show will take place between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. during the day of the banquet where fans can mingle with some of their favorite fighters including many of the inductees themselves.

The fighter of the year will also be named with WBC Welterweight champion Carlos Baldomir as the leading candidate for the honor. Fight of the year honors are being considered for the Israel Vazquez vs. Jhonny Gonzalez fight. To purchase tickets for the dinner go to www.wbhf.org.