

Vic Trash Talks, Walks The Walk

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Settle down boys. It's a little early to start hurling insults. Save it. There's plenty of time left for some real prime trash talk closer to fight night.

I'd hate to see these two sit down at the same dinner table. You'd have to send the kids to bed early to keep them from hearing all the obscenities. Might be wise to tell grandma to turn off her hearing aide. She wouldn't need to hear any of the name calling, not with her bum ticker and all.

Even the family dog would probably get up and leave the room after hearing all the screaming and shouting.

But that's all right. So far, that's all it's been is talk, a lot of lip without any bleeding.

Super-flyweight champion Vic "Raging Bull" Darchinyan (31-1-1, 25 KOs) is scheduled to fight interim WBA super-flyweight champ Jorge Arce (51-4-1, 38 KOs) of Mexico on Feb. 7, somewhere here in the United States. It's one of those fights where good sportsmanship isn't expected to be much of a factor. Won't even appear in a cameo role.

It's hard to say when the war of words actually started between these two or who started it, but with the reputation they each carry, it doesn't really matter who started it. They're both well known for their ability to spread it around.

Expect an increase of bad-mouthing the closer we get to February.

Time for bed, kids. Grandma, turn that thing off.

Coming off his big win over Cristian Mijares on Nov. 1, it took Darchinyan's people all of about a 10-count to arrange for a fight between their guy and Arce, who says he's been trying to get a fight with WBC super-bantamweight champ Israel Vazquez, but finally gave that up when he agreed to fight Darchinyan.

Once the Darchinyan-Arce fight was on, it didn't take long for Darchinyan to express his respect and admiration for Arce and his fellow countrymen.

"I can't get enough of Mexican fighters," said Darchinyan, who comes from Armenia but fights out of Australia. "They bounce real good off the canvas when I hit them. Let's see, I've stopped Mijares, Victor Burgos and Luis Maldonado over the past two years. Unlike Arce, those three fighters were very tough hombres. Defeating Arce won't take much training. It won't even be a fight for me. More like pest control."

Gee, that's nice Vic.

Arce, meanwhile, took the high road.

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Not really. Just wanted to see if you were paying attention.

Arce said he can only hope that Darchinyan “won’t run for the hills” like Vazquez did.

“Let’s just see how much guts the so-called Raging Bull actually has,” Arce said.

Not one to stand quietly in the corner while everyone else has all the fun, Darchinyan was kind enough to handicap the fight for those of us who might be looking for an edge to put some serious money down on the winner.

“If Arce thinks he has a snowball’s chance in hell of beating me, then he’s a bigger sucker than those lollipops he chews on.”

Apparently, Arce chews on lollipops and Darchinyan is giving himself pretty good odds to win.

“Arce shouldn’t be worrying about me running for the hills,” Darchinyan said. “He should worry about me running him out of boxing.”

Clever. How do these guys come up with this stuff?

Darchinyan than took a more festive, cheerful stand, suggesting that this fight might end with something breaking.

“Arce is going to be my human piñata,” he said. “It will be like a Chihuahua going against a bull. A raging bull.”

It’s all right grandma. You don’t have to turn that thing on. You’re not missing anything. Yet.