

Check Out Javier Fortuna On March 12

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Undefeated red hot prospect Javier Fortuna fighting for WBC Youth Title March 12 at MGM Grand at Foxwoods

Martinez vs. Dzinziruk, Lee vs. McEwan on HBO World Championship Boxing

NEW YORK, NY (Feb. 21, 2011) – Unbeaten Dominican knockout specialist Javier “El Abejon” Fortuna will be fighting for the vacant World Boxing Council (“WBC”) Youth Featherweight Championship on the “Diamond Elite” card, headlined by 2010 Fighter of the Year Sergio “Maravilla” Martinez, March 12 at MGM Grand Arena at Foxwoods in Mashantucket, Connecticut.

Martinez (46-2-2, 25 KOs), the reigning WBC Emeritus and *The Ring Magazine* middleweight champion, takes on World Boxing Organization (“WBO”) junior middleweight champion Sergiy “Razor” Dzinziruk (37-0, 23 KOs) in the 12-round main event for the vacant WBC Diamond middleweight title.

In the 10-round co-feature showcasing ethnic rivals, “Celtic War” matches exciting middleweights Andy Lee (24-1, 18 KOs) of Ireland and Scotland’s Craig McEwan (19-0, 10 KOs) in a battle with potential world title shot implications for the winner.

Martinez vs. Dzinziruk and Lee vs. McEwan will air live on HBO World Championship Boxing starting at 10:30 PM/ET, 7:30 PM/PT.

The 20-year-old Fortuna (13-0-0-1NC, 10 KOs) faces Derrick Wilson (8-1-2, 2 KOs) in the 8-round, chief off-television bout of the evening. Fortuna is handled by the same advisor-head trainer combination, Sampson Lewkowicz and Gabriel Sarmiento, respectively, as his stable-mate, Martinez.

“Sampson has discovered another gem,” promoter Lou DiBella said. “He’s an amazing judge of talent. Gabriel ranks among the top boxing trainers in the world today. He told me Javier is going to be the next Sergio Martinez and I can see why he feels that way. His last fight left everyone’s jaw dropped.”

In his last fight this past December, the Dominican prodigy knocked-out previously undefeated Victor Valenzuela (8-0) in the opening round of their fight in New York City, marking Fortuna’s U.S. debut.

Past WBC Youth featherweight champions have included current WBC lightweight king Humberto Soto, former WBC featherweight title holder Rudy Lopez, and world title challengers Tommy Browne, Eduardo Escobedo and Billy Dibb.

“**Diamond Elite: Martinez vs. Dzinziruk**” is being presented by DiBella Entertainment in

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association with Gary Shaw Productions and Banner Promotions. Lee vs. McEwan is being presented by DiBella Entertainment in association with Golden Boy Promotions.

Tickets are priced at \$450.00, \$250.00, \$125.00, \$75.00, and \$50.00 and on sale through the MGM Grand at Foxwoods box office. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.mgmatfoxwoods.com, by calling the MGM Grand at Foxwoods at 1-866-646-0609, or in person at the MGM Grand at Foxwoods box office.

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brownsugar says:

Martinez vs Dzinziruk is going to be an awesome technical display of boxing. Maravella has to know what he's getting into... I'm pretty sure he realizes much more than the casual fans do that Dzinziruk is his best opponent to date. Martinez and his team always seem to have a plan specifically tailored for the competition, But there will not be any of the huge defensive opportunities that Paul Williams gives... or the lack-luster inconsistency of a Bar Closing Brawler that defined Pavlik's performance (yes he closing the bar the night before the fight). Neither will his opponent have to argue the Queensbury rules with the ref,... As Cintron did when he flim-flammed an easily bamboozled out of calling a perfectly legitimate KO. Martinez will be the bigger stronger fighter... but boxing skills like Dzinziruk's offsets brute power. Martinez is the harder puncher.. But the window of opportunity to counter will be infinitesimal compared to what Pavlik and Williams gave him.. and Dzinziruk doesn't have one punch KO power... But he could open up Maravella's existing scar tissue with his stiff, precise jabbing. I think we are going to see the best of both fighters on March 12. Just not sure yet if Martinez's best will be good enough.

Radam G says:

I will not be too surprised to see Martinez beat. He had a great year against an overhyped long, tall bum and a drunk. Paul Williams was terrible, as I said despite all the haters up in my grill. A sober Kelly Pavlik would have easily whopped Martinez. Martinez is AIGHT! Not TIGHT! He can get on a good B+ fight. The game is full of optical illusions -- nothing but MAGIC. But once you know the trick you be made a ____! Holla!