

HBO SPORTS PRESENTS AN ELECTRIFYING SUPER WELTERWEIGHT

TITLE FIGHT AND A RED-HOT JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT SHOWDOWN WHEN

HBO BOXING AFTER DARK®: SAUL ALVAREZ VS. MATTHEW HATTON AND

DANIEL PONCE DE LEON VS. ADRIEN BRONER IS SEEN SATURDAY, MARCH 5

HBO's hit late-night boxing franchise continues to roll with an action-packed doubleheader when HBO BOXING AFTER DARK: SAUL ALVAREZ VS. MATTHEW HATTON AND DANIEL PONCE DE LEON VS. ADRIEN BRONER is seen SATURDAY, MARCH 5 at 10:30 p.m. (live ET/tape-delayed PT), from the Honda Center in Anaheim, Cal., exclusively on HBO. The HBO Sports team of Bob Papa, Max Kellerman and Roy Jones Jr. will be ringside for the event, which will be available in HDTV, closed-captioned for the hearing-impaired and presented in Spanish on HBO Latino.

Other HBO playdates: March 6 (9:00 a.m.) and 7 (11:30 p.m.)

HBO2 playdates: March 6 (4:45 p.m.) and 8 (11:00 p.m.)

The main event will feature two of 2010's breakout phenoms going toe-to-toe, as rising Mexican star Saul "Canelo" Alvarez (35-0-1, 26 KOs) takes on the UK's Matthew Hatton (41-4-2, 16 KOs), younger brother of boxing great Ricky Hatton, in a scheduled 12-round super welterweight title fight. At the ripe age of 20, Alvarez has already proven he can hang with the big boys and is coming off a year that saw him win all five of his bouts, four via knockout.

Matthew Hatton will draw on a wealth of experience to counter Alvarez' likely early-round aggressiveness. In 2010 he stepped out of his big brother's shadow and made a name for

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himself, swiftly taking the European community boxing by storm. Now, Hatton's grit and determination will be put to the test by his foe's daunting speed and brash fearlessness with a title belt on the line.

Kicking off the night will be a thunderous junior lightweight bout featuring Daniel Ponce De Leon (41-2, 34 KOs), training out of Huntington Park, Cal., and undefeated 21-year-old Adrien Broner (19-0, 16 KOs) of Cincinnati. Ponce De Leon, 30, is a former junior featherweight champ who is moving up in weight, aiming to hand Broner his first loss. Renowned knockout specialist Broner, who has scored all but three of his 19 pro victories by KO, will look to take advantage of his superior speed to wear down the more battle-tested Ponce De Leon in this ten-round showdown.

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Radam G says:

HBO -- Humbuggerly Boxing Organization -- is at it again. It has become the defacto and covertly leading alphabet sanction [televising] organization. Wow! It is totally amazing how Matthew Hatton, who has never fought a top contender, is fighting for the WBC -- We Be Collecting [BIG sanctioning fees] -- light middleweight title and has even mysteriously jumped up to number two WBC contender to get this dance with the so-labeled number one Alvarez, who is still quite green. He's no RED HOT pugilist to none but those fanfaronades who are so easy to jump onto any superhype's bandwagon. HBO has pull one MEAN optical illusion on them, and has them thinking that they are seeing a fiery invincible dragon. HBO has lost it dominance on televising the best bouts. So it convinces its audience that third best is the best. Whatever! There is a new powerful sherriff in town. And it is SHHHHHOOOOOOOOOOWWWWWWTIMMEEEE! Holla!

brownsugar says:

I have to agree whole heartedly with Radam G... how do two combatants that have never ever fought any ranked contenders at 154 get to fight for a junior middleweight title. I mean does anybody believe that either of these guys could hold their own against Martinez at 154,?... no forget Martinez,.. I wouldn't give either one a chance with K-9Bundrage...Forget Bundrage... I believe Foreman would embarass the kid.... I think Alvarez is solid and has potential,.. but this is too much too soon... how long can he and his team (and the alphabet sanctioning body)maintain credibility as they all do a song and dance to avoid credible challengers in that weight class...because there's no way Alvarez beats Martinez, Dzinziruk, Kirkland, Cotto, Clottey, Margarito or even Paul Williams or Lara at 154(not at this stage of his career)... and that's the short list.

the Roast says:

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I dont know B-Sug. Alvarez is just a kid but he has potential. I could see him beating Cotto maybe(Cotto is smaller and been in alot of wars) or Clottey(dude has disapeared, and has been reluctant in big fights) and definately Margarito(it's over for him, he is a wade in punching bag at this point, not so tough without the loaded gloves) I think the best is yet to come from this kid.

brownsugar says:

good call Roast,.. Alvarez is a couple of levels better than Ronald Hearn, Chavez Jr, and several other boxers who don't belong on the fast track... I actually like him,.. and it's not his fault that his promoter is seeking worthless trinkets... it's part of the game I guess... Cotto Clottey Margarito and the rest are on their last legs... although I believe either one would win if they fought tomorrow,.. Alvarez is the future... or at least he's trying to be... it's a crowded field of fighters on many levels of skill, in his division (154).. I see Alvarez as somewhere in the middle... Did you know that Clottey and Kirkland have fights between now and April.. even Dawson... this is going to be a busy year.

brownsugar says:

very suggestive photo Roast,.. I should use that pic the next time I think a fighter sucks.

the Roast says:

I dont know what you mean B-Sug. Just a three time Grand Slam Champion eating a banana. A lot of potassium in that fruit.