

Andre Berto Vs. Victor Ortiz On For April 16...Who Do Ya Like?

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NEW YORK, NY (Mar. 12, 2011) – Boxing is back at Foxwoods.

DiBella Entertainment announced today that the World Boxing Council (“WBC”) Welterweight title fight between undefeated, defending champion Andre Berto and challenger “Vicious” Victor Ortiz will be take place April 16 in MGM Grand Theater at Foxwoods in Mashantucket, Connecticut, the site of tonight’s middleweight title showdown between Sergio Martinez and Sergiy Dzinziruk.

Berto vs. Ortiz is presented by DiBella Entertainment, in association with Golden Boy Promotions. The bout will be televised live on HBO World Championship Boxing. Tickets are priced at \$350, \$200, \$125, and \$65 and will go on sale Wednesday, March 16 through the MGM Grand at Foxwoods box office. Tickets can 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.

“I am so happy to be coming back to one of the premiere fight venues on the east coast,” said Lou DiBella, President of DiBella Entertainment, the promoter of the show. “Berto vs. Ortiz is as compelling of a match as could be made in the welterweight division. I will see to it that the undercard is packed with some of the biggest names in boxing from New England and the rest of the world. April 16 will be another great night for boxing at the MGM Grand at Foxwoods.”

Berto (27-0, 21 KOs), a 2004 Haiti Olympian fighting out of Miami, captured the WBC welterweight belt in 2008 by stopping Miguel Angel Rodriguez in the seventh round. The lightning-quick Berto has made five successful title defenses, in order, against world champions Steve Forbes (DEC12), Luis Collazo (DEC12), Juan Urango (DEC12), and Carlos Quintana (TKO8), as well as veteran Freddy Hernandez (TKO1) last November.

Former NABO/USBA title holder Ortiz (28-2-2, 22 KOs), fighting out of Oxnard (CA), is a crafty southpaw who has won four of his last fight fights with one draw. His most notable victories have been against world champions Vivian Harris (KO3), Nate Campbell (DEC10) and Carlos Maussa (KO1).

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brownsugar says:

you're kidding right?

the Roast says:

Berto has not impressed me to this point. Ortiz is questionable at best. At least one of these two will be eliminated.

ultimoshogun says:

I like this matchup, should be an all action fight, maybe with multiple knockdowns ala Ortiz/Maidana...right now I think i'll give Berto the edge in this one cuz of his superior hand speed.

FighterforJC says:

Yeah I give Berto the edge although his near death experience against the feather-fisted Collazo makes me wonder how his chin will hold up against a decent puncher like Ortiz. But yeah, Berto's handspeed and greater maturity ought to be more than enough to knock Ortiz out by the middle rounds. This matchup should be appreciated by boxing fans. Regardless of how you feel about both fighters, the fact is they are two top guys in their weightclass who could suffer a major setback with a loss.

the Roast says:

I think Ortiz has a small chance. If he can take Berto's punch it could be a good fight. Berto isn't all that.