MIKE ALVARADO RETURNS TO THE 303 IN HOMECOMING TITLE DEFENSE AGAINST MÉXICO'S GABRIEL MARTINEZ

Saturday, July 30

Softball Country in North Denver

DENVER (June 27, 2011) -- Denver's **MIKE ALVARADO** will risk his World Boxing Council (WBC) Continental Americas super lightweight title, his undefeated record and his Top-10 world rating when he takes on **GABRIEL MARTINEZ**
in a homecoming rumble -- his first in over two years --
Saturday, July 30,
at
Softball Country
(2101 West 64th Ave., Denver, CO 80221.) The vacant International Boxing Federation (IBF) Latino junior welterweight title will also be at stake. Alvarado and Martinez have a combined professional record of 57-2-1 (36 KOs) – a winning percentage of 95% and a victory by knockout ratio of 63%.

Promoted by Top Rank, in association with Poor Boys Boxing and Delgado Promotions, remaining tickets to Alvarado vs. Martinez, priced at $75, $65, $50, $35 and $25, can be purchased at by calling (303) 450-9763 . The fight will be televised live nationally as the main event on Top Rank Live on Fox Sports Net, beginning at 10 p.m. ET (blacked out locally.)

Alvarado (30-0, 22 KOs), of Denver, enters this having won 12 of his last 14 fights by knockout. He has not had a fight go to the judges' scorecards in two years. A boxer-puncher, Alvarado boasts knockout victories of former world champion Cesar Bazan, former world title challenger Michael Clark, and world-rated contender Emmanuel Clottey. Alvardo enters this fight fresh from a third-round stoppage victory of Sugar Ray Narh on the pay-per-view undercard of the Manny Pacquiao-Shane Mosley world championship pay-per-view in May. Narh (25-2, 21 KOs), had entered that fight riding a seven-year, 15-bout winning streak, with 12 of those victories coming by knockout. Alvarado is currently world-rated No. 6 by the World Boxing Organization and No. 8 by the WBC.

Martinez (27-2-1, 14 KOs), from Empalme, Sonora, México, a former Méxican welterweight champion, enters this fight having gone 10-1, with one No Contest in his last 12 bouts.