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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%.

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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](tel:3034509763). 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. Alvarado 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 Mexican welterweight champion, enters this fight having gone 10-1, with one No Contest in his last 12 bouts.