

New York, NY / **Buenos Aires, Argentina** (3/27/13) - On April 27th, Middleweight kingpin Sergio "Maravilla" Martinez will make his much anticipated 'Homecoming' in his native country of Argentina, when he looks to defend his WBC middleweight title against England's undefeated interim WBA middleweight champion Martin Murray (25-0-1, 11KO's). Martinez-Murray will take place at the country's famed 50,000-seat Club Atlético Vélez Sarsfield in Buenos Aires, Distrito Federal, Argentina and will be shown live on HBO World Championship Boxing, beginning at 8:30 p.m. ET/PT.

In the live televised co-feature, Martinez' fellow countryman, longtime welterweight contender Luis Carlos Abregu (34-1, 28KO's) takes on fellow top-rated contender Antonin Decarie (27-1, 8KO's) for the vacant WBC Silver welterweight world title.

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us, to make sure that justice prevails in this sport," stated the WBC's Mauricio Sulaiman. "Justice is not served in our sport when fouls or accidental actions occur, creating unjust results. The WBC has used Instant Replay for the last five years with great results, and we are very happy to be working together with the highly prestigious TV network, HBO, for this historic event."

"The WBC has always been at the forefront of advancing boxing either through medical safety standards and technology as well as the overall betterment of the sport. This is just another example of the WBC helping boxing take another step forward," stated DiBella Entertainment's V.P. Ron Rizzo.

"We are supportive of this initiative and happy to lend technical assistance so the officials can make their determinations," said Rick Bernstein, executive producer, HBO Sports. "Instant replay can be a valuable asset since everybody's goal is to have the correct call."

"I will never forget when everyone criticized Don Jose Sulaiman, President of the WBC, when he changed the distance of world championship fights from 15 rounds to 12 rounds. Now, every major sanctioning body follows that same rule for championship bouts. Hopefully for the good of boxing, everyone will follow him and use instant replay to avoid any more controversies in our beloved sport," *said Sampson Lewkowicz, longtime advisor of Martinez.*

The Martinez-Murray world championship telecast, which begins at 8:30 p.m ET/PT, will be produced and distributed live by HBO. Follow HBO Boxing news at www.hbo.com and <a href="www

. Use the hashtag #MartinezMurray to join the conversation on Twitter. For constant updates on the fight, including videos, pictures and articles, visit www.dbe1.com

www.hbo.com

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Radam G says:

YUP! Good thing! The WBC always brings it, but it doesn't always sticks with it. Actually this will not be the first time that IR is used. I hope that the IR spread to all the alphabet sanctioning organizations and STICK! Later for a jive-@\$\$ publicity-money TRICK!

Don't cry for me, Argentina! And don't cry me a river, America! Holla!

amayseng says:

How is this not mandatory?

We built a nuclear bomb almost 100 years ago.

Put a man on the moon 43 years ago.

Where the f has replay been?

SouthPaul says:

Agreed, Amayseng. Truly astonishing it's yet to be in play across the entire boxing landscape.

If boxing plans to step into the 21stcentury and use the technology... They'll need to get rid of the medieval Sulaiman clan, and folks alike.