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Orange, CA (October 17) - Next Saturday, October 27 HBO's Boxing After Dark will feature an exciting tripleheader that will be televised at 10:15 p.m. ET/PT. Emanating from Turning Stone Casino in Verona, New York, America's premium cable network will proudly feature the main event of the evening, WBC #1 welterweight contender Thomas Dulorme (16-0, 12 KOs) against

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Argentina's Luis Carlos Abregu (33-1, 27 KOs) in a 12-round welterweight war. The Co-Main event boasts IBF lightweight champion Miguel "Titere" Vazquez (31-3-0, 13 KOs) of Guadalajara, Mexico squaring of against challenger Marvin Quintero (25-3-0, 21 KOs) of Tijuana, Mexico.

Setting the tone for the anticipated all-out fistic action, the opening televised portion of the card features WBO NABO Junior welterweight champion Karim Mayfield (16-0-1, 10 KOs) of San Francisco, CA defending his title against challenger Mauricio Herrera (18-2-0, 7 KOs) of Riverside, California.

We caught up with Junior Welterweight Mauricio "El Maestro" Herrera to get his thoughts on his upcoming battle against Karim "Hard Hitta" Mayfield.

NEW YORK, NY (October 17, 2012) Joe DeGuardia's Star Boxing is proud to announce the re-signing of former world title challenger and perennial contender Delvin Rodriguez.

Sporting a record of the 26-6-3 with 14 knockouts and known for his thrilling performances including the 2011 "Fight of the Year", Rodriguez is among the most exciting and respected warriors in the sport. He is currently world ranked #7 by the WBA.

Said DeGuardia, "Star Boxing is honored to extend our relationship with Delvin. Delvin and his team are true professionals that we've enjoyed working with over the years."

"At every show I promote fans approach me wanting to know when Delvin is fighting next and I hope to announce details of his next fight shortly. He's a must-see attraction on the East Coast and we're very thankful for the support from the fans."

Said Rodriguez, "Star Boxing has done very good by me, we work well together, they got me the two opportunities for the world title bouts. I'm back in the gym now and I feel very strong and confident"

"I want to get right back in the mix to face a top contender for my next fight, maybe Gabriel Rosado or Carlos Molina. There's a real buzz about Rosado who's on a nice winning streak and Molina has faced and beaten many top guys. Either one would be a very strong TV fight."

Rodriguez's manager A.J. Galante also spoke about the signing and Delvin's future, "I'm very pleased that Joe and I were able to draw up a multi-year extension for Delvin. Delvin and I felt it was necessary to show our commitment to Star Boxing like they have showed Delvin over the past five years, which included two world title shots, multiple appearances on ESPN, fights on both HBO and SHOWTIME, and staging the Fight of the Year in 2011 against Pawel Wolak."

"We are happy that we were able to get this contract out of the way, so now we can go back to work and get back on the winning track after our loss in June. Delvin is as hungry as ever and I plan and want him extremely active this coming year. As always Delvin wants the toughest fights out there and being in one of boxing's deepest divisions, I know we will get those tough fights. Myself along with Joe and Star Boxing matchmaker Ron Katz have already discussed plans for the upcoming months, and Delvin is very excited for what the future holds."

Rodriguez is best known for his all out war with Polish standout Pawel Wolak, their first fight on JULY 15, 2011 from the Roseland Ballroom in New York City being declared a draw. The bout won "Fight of the Year" honors and was broadcast LIVE on ESPN Friday Night Fights.

While their first clash was declared a draw, Rodriguez fought beautifully in the rematch winning a clear and decisive ten round unanimous decision on DECEMBER 3, 2011 at a sold-out Madison Square Garden in a bout that was televised on HBO Pay-Per-View.

Most recently Rodriguez travelled to the West Coast challenging WBA Junior Middleweight Champion Austin Trout on JUNE 2 at the Home Depot Center in Carson, California, losing a twelve round decision in a bout that was broadcast on SHOWTIME.

"My goal is to get Delvin another world title shot soon. His whole career has been challenging the very best in his division and that will continue to be our focus for him" continued DeGuardia.

MAURICIO HERRERA Q&A SESSION

Q:How is training camp going?

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A: Training camp has been going really well. I'm more relaxed now than I was when I was training to fight Mike Alvarado. When I was training to fight against Alvarado I knew it was a big fight and I felt a lot of pressure.

Q: Do you feel the any pressure because it's on HBO?

A: Fighting on HBO is different from fighting my usual fights because when you are at a larger venue, hearing the fight fans and seeing the cameras - You become aware that this is being televised to the world. I am glad that I had the chance to experience what it feels like to participate in a major televised event (referring to his last match up against Mike Alvarado) because I feel that I can handle it better now knowing what to expect.

Q: Where do you reside and where do you train?

A: I live and train in Riverside, CA. A long time ago there was a miscommunication that I lived in Lake Elsinore. I have always lived in Riverside. I switch gyms constantly to keep it fresh but I always have stayed around home. For this camp, I have trained out of a gym called Orlando in Riverside and sometimes I train out of Lincoln Gym which is also located in Riverside.

Q: How has your loss against Mike Alvarado changed your training regiment?

A: After the loss to Alvarado, which to me was a close, hard battle, I reviewed the fight nearly 100 times so that I can know where I need to make changes. I train to improve my skills and also by changing bad habits that I have like dropping my hands. I also try and move my head a little more. I believe that reviewing the tapes has helped because I am fixing the mistakes little by little.

Q: Have you seen Karim Mayfield fight before?

A: Yes. I have seen his last two fights. His last two opponents weren't anything like me. His last two opponents did not pose too much of a threat. I consider myself smart inside the ring and I won't stop fighting, those 2 guys he just fought were not like me.

Q: Karim says that you throw a lot of punches and that you are very active in the ring. Because of this Karim says that he has been training to negate your activity. What do you have to say about that?

A: Karim's right about that... I do throw a lot of punches and I am very active in the ring. What he doesn't know is that I also have a lot of defense tactics that I don't get credit for.

I can make a lot of guys miss the punches that they throw which tires them out. Mayfield is going to have to run and hold and that will wear him down. This is going to be a tough fight. I am not easy to hit and I throw a lot of punches
This is going to be the toughest fight of his career.

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Q: What have you been doing to prepare for Karim Mayfield?

A: I have been doing my routine training that I usually do for a fight. The only difference is that in this camp I have also been focusing on fixing my mistakes and bad habits.

Q: Mayfield says that he is looking to capitalize on your last loss against Alvarado. What are your thoughts?

A: It's a waste of time for him to do that. He should know that it was a close fight and a tough loss and he's making a big mistake in thinking that I may be mentally off my game. He's going to find out real quick when he gets in the ring with me. I think I will hurt him in the middle rounds. He made a mistake in fighting me. I feel that he is underestimating me and overlooking me. He doesn't understand that damage that I can do to him.

Q: Why do you think he is overlooking you?

A: I think he's excited that he is on HBO but he needs to understand that he's not there yet and I'm not there yet. We both are still paying our dues and before any of us feel that way we have to earn that spot.

Q: What happened in your fight against Alvarado?

A: The feeling is different when you are in a bigger venue and experience the energy of a big crowd. You tend to listen to their reaction more. I stood there trading with Alvarado way longer than I needed to. I feel that I am going to take from my last experience and have it help me in this fight. In this battle I am going to fight with more intelligence, more boxing - less brawling.

Q: Do you have a closing comment?

A: Hopefully Karim Mayfield will be 100% ready. I know I will be. I'm ready to give a good show. This is my time. I have fought many prospects and beat them. I am looking to fight anyone at the top with a belt and hopefully they give me that chance.

The Herrera-Mayfield 10-round bout is promoted by Gary Shaw Productions in association with Thompson Boxing Promotions.

Doors open at the Turning Stone Resort Casino Event Center at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, October 27. The first undercard bout starts at 7:30 p.m. The live HBO Boxing After Dark telecast begins at 10:15 p.m.□□

October 17, 2012 - Making a quick return to the ring is undefeated welterweight contender, Vitaliy Demyanenko (21-0, 12 KOs), who'll be fighting Damian Frias (19-5-1, 10 KOs) on November 3, 2012, in the main event at the Emerald Casino in Tacoma, Washington. The 10-round bout will be promoted by Brian Halquist Productions in association with Boxing 360.

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Last week, Demyanenko won a unanimous decision against Roberto Valenzuela in a 6-round bout that took place at the Remington Park Racing Casino in, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Vitaliy looks to continue his winning ways against Frias.

"It very pleased that my promoter Boxing 360 has another fight lined up for me," said Demyanenko. "My manager Steve Pochiro is working great with Mario Yagobi and together they are doing a wonderful job getting me fights. As long as I'm healthy I want to keep fighting as much as possible. Frias is a good fighter and he's one not to look past. I'll be ready for this fight and I will be victorious when the final bell rings."

"Vitaliy has been training real hard for the last year," mentioned Demyanenko's manager Steve Pochiro. "He gets up every morning to go run and his dedication to boxing is incredible. The Frias fight is the next big step in the right direction to line us up for a title shot. Yagobi and I are working harmoniously for the betterment of Vitaliy's career. He'll come prepared and he'll be ready to go against Frais."

"Demyanenko is on a roll right now," stated Boxing 360 promoter Mario Yagobi. "I'm happy with everything he's doing and our team is strong. A big fight is on the horizon if he can remain focused on his boxing career and win this fight."

Philadelphia, PA (October 17, 2012) – Marie Suarez, the widow of legendary boxing trainer Oscar Suarez, will walk in his honor at the PurpleStride Marathon Saturday, November 3 at Fairmount Park in Philadelphia, PA.

With a million dollar smile and soft personality, Suarez was recognized as one of boxing's good guys. The New Jersey native trained world champions "Prince" Naseem Hamed, Acelino "Popo" Freitas and Jhonny Gonzalez as well as contenders Omar Sheika, Aglando Nunes and Patrick Lopez among others. In 2008, Suarez lost his battle with Pancreatic Cancer at age 47. Two years later, he was inducted into the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame.

A benefit for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, PurpleStride is an annual 5K walk that takes place in various locations throughout the country. The walk helps raise funds for Pancreatic Cancer research, with the hopes of one day finding a cure for what is widely regarded as the worst form of cancer.

"I raise money for the cause as often as possible," said Marie Suarez, a native of Paterson, NJ who resides in West Berlin, NJ. "My goal is to start the Oscar Suarez Foundation in the near future and events like this help educate me further about the process. The Suarez Foundation will be about patient care, education and helping families that get caught by surprise. Pancreatic Cancer gives no warning and the medical expenses are through the roof. I am hoping to gear my efforts strictly for patient care awareness, funeral expenses and things of that nature. I am still working on the specifics, but I am dedicated to making a difference."

Every year, approximately 44,000 Americans are diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer and it's the

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second leading cause of cancer death. Only six percent of people with Pancreatic Cancer survive longer than five years. Sadly, only two percent of the National Cancer Institute's annual budget goes towards Pancreatic Cancer research, making it the most under-funded and least-studied of all major cancers.

Donations can be made in Oscar's honor and those interested in participating in the event can register by going to <http://purplestride.kintera.org>.

For more information, please contact Marie Suarez at Mse22st@aol.com.

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riverside says:

EL Maestro is ready to shine, wrapping up camp!! Mayfield has not fought at the same level as Mauricio, we got a win over hard hitting Ruslan provodnikov and lost close fight to Alvarado never been down yet! we are pretty confident in coming up with the win