

This Is VERY GOOD For Boxing! But Only If The Fight Isn't A Snoozer...

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NEW YORK (March 16, 2011) – Not since Jack Dempsey’s Broadway Restaurant closed in 1974 has a heavyweight champion graced The Great White Way -- until this week. EPIX will present the closed captioned simulcast of the Vitali Klitschko vs. Odlanier Solis WBC heavyweight championship on a jumbotron screen in Times Square (Broadway at 44th St.), This Saturday! March 19, beginning at 6 p.m. ET.

EPIX, the multiplatform premium entertainment service, will exclusively televise Klitschko vs. Solis live in the U.S., beginning at 5 p.m. ET, with select undercard bouts, followed by the main event World Heavyweight Championship at 6 p.m. ET. EpixHD.com will stream the fights live, beginning at 5 p.m. ET, as part of a free two-week trial offer.

“EPIX believes The Heavyweight Championship of the World is very big and very important to the sport of boxing and its fans,” said Mark Greenberg, president and CEO of EPIX. “That is why we are broadcasting it live, streaming it live, and for free, and putting it on the big screen in Times Square.”

Klitschko (41-2, 38 KOs), of Ukraine, a three-time heavyweight champion, will be making his sixth title defense of his current reign against 2004 Cuban Olympic gold medalist Solis (17-0, 12 KOs), who is the number one contender and mandatory challenger. The fight will take place in Cologne, Germany.

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Isaiah says:

Vitali's going to knock the blubber off of Solis so hard, he'll think he's in the best and most painful weight loss program ever. Act now and he'll do it in less than 8 rounds just so you won't have to suffer into the championship rounds. LOL!

Radam G says:

Another classic of the weakest division in the history of the game. A tally versus a fatty! Don't you just love that mix? Holla!

brownsugar says:

They say a good big man beats a good little man most of the time... in this case Solis may

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weigh as much as Vitali,.. but the bone to muscle-mass ratio is a embarrassingly disproportionate. I like Solis based on his amateur pedigree but the closer we get to the fight I'm concerned about his dedication,.. 4 weeks in the Sierra Nevada mountains and he comes back looking marginally the same is not a good sign.. but I still think he'll go the distance and put in some "Oh Wow! nobodies done that to Vitali before" moments... Solis is not going to be anywhere near as clueless as Areola,.. who put forth a pretty good effort although a largely ineffective performance... neither will he catch huge shots upside his head like Sosnowski who actually got in a few good punches himself. Solis is a master at punching from the high guard with power,.. he also knows how to arch his right hand over the elbow of tall fighters. But I'm somewhat dissappointed that he pushed and pushed for the fight... took short money to make it happen but at least superficially he doesn't seem the show the dedication I thought he was capable of... still going to watch... wouldn't be overly surprised to see an upset,.. just wouldn't bet on it... if I was in Vegas I'd bet on the fight going the distance... that's it.

the Roast says:

Vit is getting old but if this kid is fat he will lose by UD or late face bust up. Respect the sport. Train hard for a title shot. Solis has a chance to put his name in the history books. Go hard or go home!