PIERS MORGAN STEPS INTO THE RING WITH BOXING CHAMPIONS OSCAR DE LA HOYA AND VICTOR ORTIZ

Interview Special To Air Wednesday, August 31 at 9:00 p.m. ET/PT

LOS ANGELES (August 30, 2011) - CNN prime time talk show host Piers Morgan will step into the sport of boxing as the Wednesday, August 31 edition of ***"Piers Morgan Tonight"*** features a visit with WBC Welterweight World Champion **Victor Ortiz** and all-time boxing great **Oscar de la Hoya**, President of Golden Boy Promotions and Ortiz's promoter. Morgan goes in-depth with Ortiz and discusses the path that has led him to reach his current training camp as he prepares for his world title defense against pound-for-pound king Floyd Mayweather on September 17.

The program airs exclusively on CNN, Wednesday, August 31 at 9:00 p.m. ET/PT and again at midnight ET/PT.

"I am thrilled to be able to show CNN's millions of viewers a different side of the sport that I love so much," said De La Hoya. "Victor Ortiz went from an orphan to a champion and his story is one that I truly believe anyone watching Piers Morgan Tonight tomorrow will find not only interesting, but inspiring. I think after seeing his interview with Piers Morgan, the general public is going to welcome Victor with open arms."