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LOS ANGELES (July 17, 2013) -- Former World Boxing Council (WBC) middleweight champion and Son of the Legend JULIO CÉSAR CHÁVEZ, Jr. returns to the ring in his 2013 debut when he faces No. 1 contender BRYAN "The Warrior" VERA.

The Chávez vs. Vera rumble, scheduled for 12 rounds at the super middleweight division, will take place Saturday, September 7, at STAPLES Center in Los Angeles. This marks the first time Chávez has fought in Los Angeles since June 4, 2011, when he won the world title over undefeated interim world champion Sebastian Zbik.

Promoted by Top Rank®, in association with Zanfer Promotions, Banner Promotions and Tecate, tickets to Chávez vs. Vera will go on sale This Friday! July 19, at 1:00 p.m. ET / 10:00 a.m. PT. Tickets, priced at \$250, \$150, \$100, \$75 and \$50 (plus applicable taxes and fees), can be purchased online at <http://www.axs.com>, by telephone at (888) 929-7849 or at the STAPLES Center box office, Monday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Chávez (46-1-1, 32 KOs), of Culiacán, México, returns to the ring for the first time since his thrilling world title loss to Sergio Martinez on September 15. Their Mexican Independence Day spectacular was the highest-attended boxing event in the history of the Thomas & Mack Center, with 19,186, topping the record set by the heavyweight championship rematch between Lennox Lewis and Evander Holyfield, which drew 19,151 in 1999. He captured the WBC middleweight crown in 2011, winning a majority decision over undefeated interim world champion Zbik at STAPLES Center.

Chávez successfully defended his title three times, knocking out Andy Lee and Peter Manfredo, Jr. in the seventh and fifth rounds, respectively, and winning a unanimous decision over two-time world title challenger Marco Antonio Rubio. Vera (23-6, 14 KOs), of Austin, TX, who enters this fight having won six of his last seven bouts, is riding a 16-month, four-bout winning streak.

## WHO DO YA LIKE? Chavez Jr. or Vera?

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Vera's current hot streak includes NABO middleweight title victories over Sergio Mora, former world champion Sergei Dzinziruk, and Donatas Bondoravas, the last two victories coming by way of knockout. Vera, who trains in Houston with Ronnie Shields, is currently world-rated No. 1 by the World Boxing Organization (WBO).

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### **Radam G says:**

The Son of a Legend will definitely win in Cali, unless if he is kayoed. Holla!

### **amayseng says:**

Can he make weight is the question

### **Radam G says:**

Hehehehe! You are on hot with the witty comic remarks, A-Seng! Holla!

### **brownsugar says:**

After a year off doing who knows what .. Playboy, .....Son of a legend, and part time title contender Chavez has only one chance to beat the upsurging Vera who appears to be at the peak of his "Title Hope Contender Spoiling Powers"...

1. The fight has to be over 160lbs.
2. Chavez Jr must dedicate himself during training and follow Roaches instructions to the letter.
3. Absolutely no cannabis or training around the platter of breakfast bacon in pink undies.

### **Carmine Cas says:**

Chavez but Vera is a live underdog, especially if he doesn't stay in front of Chavez the whole fight