



It has been a long year for Cesar Chavez Jr. as he has had to deal with suffering the first loss of his career as he was dethroned of his middleweight title by a lopsided decision to Sergio Martinez despite knocking him down in the desperate final round. Things would only get worse has Chavez tested positive for using pot and had to serve a 9 month suspension as a result while being fined \$900,000 of his \$3 million purse but he got most of that back and later negotiated a final settlement for \$100,000.

### Steeping Up

Chavez will step up to the super middleweight class in his bout with Brian Vera that will take place on September 28. This is a highly anticipated matchup with the Boxing odds that has massive public appeal.

Top rank chairman Bob Arum said that it is a "fan friendly" matchup and that Vera has "no quit," Arum added that he expects the lesser celebrated Vera to bring the fight to Chavez. He added that while they are not the best and most skilled boxers in the world they are "brawlers" that come to fight and that is what the public wants at the end of the day!

The loss to Martinez was dominant and only the near knockout could have saved Chavez, who has lost a lot of credibility despite being 46-1-1 with 32 career knockouts.

Chavez is highly motivated to get back into action saying that "I am looking forward to getting back in the ring and prove that I am still one of the best in the world. Vera is a tough guy with an aggressive style and I am sure we will give the fans a great fight."

## Boxing Odds – Vera Enters Bout vs., Chavez Jr. with Chip on Shoulder

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The 168 pound weight requirement in super middleweight should work well for Chavez who has struggled to get to 160.

Vera meanwhile is stoked to prove himself against one of the legendary big names in boxing. "The Chavez Jr.name is bigger than the world title. When I beat him it opens doors to everything else."

This fight was postponed from the original September 7 date due to an eye issue for Chavez Jr. and Vera vows to make him pay for the delay!

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