Matthew Macklin: Training Diary – Viva Las Vegas!

Matthew Macklin checks in with a training diary after touching down in Las Vegas ahead of his Sin City debut when he takes on former World Champion Joachim Alcine at the Thomas & Mack Center on September 15th. The bout is live on HBO Pay Per View in the US and Primetime Pay Per view in Ireland and the UK on an event headlined by the mouthwatering World title showdown between Sergio Martinez and Julio Cesar Chavez Jnr.

"After a long but very enjoyable training camp at my new gym in Marbella, Spain and a flight that seemed just as long (but not so enjoyable) I'm finally in Las Vegas and this time I'm definitely here on business and not pleasure!

"I got here on Saturday and it's always a buzz flying in to Vegas even if you are just coming for a holiday. I love the city and always have done since my first trip out here in 2001. Vegas really found it's feet as the world's boxing capital back in the 80′s and 90′s hosting so many big fights between the fab four of Sugar Ray Leonard, Marvin Hagler, Tommy Hearns and Roberto Duran and then became a regular home for the big Mike Tyson fights. As someone who grew up as a fan of the sport during that era it's always been a dream of mine to fight here and finally after being a regular visitor to the city as a fight fan over the last 11 years I'm finally going to get to step between the ropes here myself when I take on Joachim Alcine."

Read the rest of Matthew's diary on his website here: http://matthewmacklin.ie