



DE LA HOYA AND VARGAS MEET AGAIN...

LEGENDARY FIGHTERS REACH HISTORIC AGREEMENT, BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF BOXERS WITH THE SIGNING OF CESAR "THE GREAT" QUIÑONEZ

QUIÑONEZ SET TO MAKE PROFESSIONAL DEBUT ON THE JAN. 17 BERMANE STIVERNE VS. DEONTAY WILDER UNDERCARD

LOS ANGELES (Jan. 9) - **Golden Boy Promotions** has teamed up with **Fernando Vargas** to sign exciting new junior welterweight fighter **Cesar "The Great" Quiñonez**.

Quiñonez is the first fighter from former world champion **Fernando "Feroz" Vargas'** boxing gym **Feroz Fight Factory** to turn professional, and is managed by the late singer Jenni Rivera's manager Pete Salgado. Quiñonez is now set to make his professional debut on the undercard of the highly anticipated heavyweight battle between current WBC Heavyweight World Champion **Bermane "B. Ware" Stiverne** and mandatory challenger and knockout sensation **Deontay "The Bronze Bomer" Wilder** on Saturday, Jan. 17 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

"I'm excited to welcome the talented Cesar 'The Great' Quiñonez to Golden Boy Promotions," said Oscar De La Hoya, Founder and President of Golden Boy Promotions. "The Golden Boy family continues to grow with the addition of up and coming talent with great potential like Cesar Quiñonez. I'm proud to have his debut on January 17 at the MGM Grand be under the Golden Boy Promotions banner."

Fernando Vargas has had much success with Feroz Fight Factory transitioning into the professional boxing world with Quiñonez at the helm. The former world champion also has a history with Oscar De La Hoya, fighting the "Golden Boy" in 2002 for a title unification bout in the super welterweight division. Vargas also fought against Luis Ramon "Yory Boy" Campas, Raul "El Diamante" Marquez, Ronald "Winky" Wright and Ike "Bazooka" Quartey.

"I'm excited for my future as a trainer and I also look forward to working with Oscar and Golden Boy Promotions," said Vargas. "I have a lot of great talent that I know will become world champions in the years to come!"

"It is truly a blessing to be signed by Golden Boy Promotions," said Quiñonez. "I am very excited they've given me this opportunity to display my talents alongside my trainer Fernando Vargas. I've always looked up to Fernando growing up watching him fight, he is a great trainer. I've learned many things from him and we are ready to show the world what we can do."

Quiñonez of Las Vegas has been making himself known in the boxing world since he first joined Feroz Fight Factory in 2013. With an amateur record of 74-4 and four national titles, Cesar has had the opportunity to work directly with Vargas and sparring with four-time female world champion Hollie Dunaway and former world champion Billy "The Kid" Dib. He hopes to make an explosive entrance in his professional debut at the MGM Grand Garden Arena next Saturday night.

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"RETURN TO GLORY": STIVERNE VS. WILDER, a 12-round fight for Stiverne's WBC Heavyweight Championship taking place Saturday, Jan. 17 at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, is co-promoted by **Don King Productions** and **Golden Boy Promotions**. In the 12-round co-feature, unbeaten WBC Super Bantamweight World Champion **Leo Santa Cruz** defends against **Jesus Ruiz** and undefeated **Amir Imam** meets **Fidel Maldonado Jr.** in a 10-round super lightweight bout. The event will take place at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nev., and will air live on SHOWTIME® (10:00 p.m. ET/ 7:00 p.m. PT). The telecast will also be available in Spanish via secondary audio programming (SAP). Preliminary bouts will be televised live on SHOWTIME EXTREME (8:00 p.m. ET/PT, delayed on the West Coast).

Tickets for the event are on sale and priced at \$500, \$350, \$250, \$125 and \$50, not including applicable service charges and taxes. Tickets are limited to eight (8) per person with a limit of four (4) at the \$50 price range. To charge by phone with a major credit card, call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000. Tickets also are also available at www.mgmgrand.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

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