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AMANDA “THE REAL DEAL” SERRANO RETURNS WEDNESDAY IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

NEW YORK (12/14/20) – Amanda “The Real Deal” Serrano (38-1-1, 28 KOs) has traveled to the Dominican Republic for a Wednesday night rematch with Dahiana Santana (36-12, 15 KOs) at Santo Domingo’s Hotel Catalonia Malecon Center. It will be the seven-division champion’s first fight since January, despite several high-profile bouts being knocked out by Covid-19.

Serrano has twice been scheduled to fight Katie Taylor, a

fight that is widely considered the biggest fight in women's boxing. The bout was announced in late March, just before the Covid-19 pandemic shut down New York City, and kicked off a spate of event cancellations. The May 2nd bout was rescheduled for July in England. Once again, the bout was sidelined by Covid, and rescheduled for August. Unable to go to the gym due to Covid restrictions in New York City, and unwilling to travel and fight, without proper sparring, literally in her opponent's promoter's backyard, with no neutral officials, during a pandemic, Serrano and her team decided to move on from the Taylor bout.

A unique and exciting opportunity then seemed to present itself – a historic, all-women event, set to take place in December on a new major platform, that would have seen Serrano unify her WBO featherweight title with Sarah Mahfoud's IBF featherweight title. That event was canceled largely due to the rise of Covid-19 cases.

"We had to get Amanda in the ring," said Lou DiBella, President of DiBella Entertainment (DBE). "I then happily made a deal with the new Ring City series to feature her on their December 17 card, which already included Jelena Mrdjenovich."

Serrano was set to face Taynna Cardoso, of Brazil, in an eight-round bout, when Cardoso's pre-fight Covid test came back positive. Undeterred, Serrano kept training, and a replacement opponent, Argentinian Ana Romina Guichapani, was secured.

"We got word that the airport closest to Guichapani in Santa Cruz, Argentina, was closed due to Covid," said DiBella. "In order to get to the States, she would have to fly out of Buenos Aires, which is a two-and-a-half day drive for her. We couldn't make it work, but Amanda needed to fight."

DiBella then secured a rematch with Dahiana Santana, the only opponent available on short notice. Serrano had stopped

Santana at Barclays Center, in their first hard-fought fight, with a TKO in the eighth round. To benefit Dahiana and to make the rematch a bit more interesting, the fight was moved to the Dominican Republic, Santana's backyard, on a card promoted by Shuan Boxing Promotions.

"I have the best promoter, the best team, that have been trying to put me on multiple cards in December," said Serrano. "I did my medicals, I have continued training. I'm doing my part, and am looking forward to getting back in that ring and fighting again.

"I definitely want to unify with the IBF champion Sarah Mahfoud, as well as the WBC and WBA belts with Jelena Mrdjenovich," Serrano continued. "Hopefully, that will happen in 2021."

Mrdjenovich is scheduled to face Iranda Paola Torres on Thursday's Ring City card on NBC SportsNet. In the main event, DiBella Entertainment's rising star Charles "Bad News" Conwell will be facing Madiyar Ashkeyev and DBE's undefeated heavyweight prospect Stephan "Big Shot" Shaw will be fighting Lyubomyr Pinchuk on the same card.

"What a long, strange trip 2020 has been," said DiBella. "Amanda and her manager, Jordan Maldonado, have been so patient and cooperative, and it's been frustrating to face so many roadblocks this year. Amanda is one of the top pound-for-pound fighters in the world. We'll get through this fight, and focus on 2021. It is Amanda's desire to unify the featherweight division. That's what we are aiming to do. Amanda's on a collision course with Jelena Mrdjenovich and Sarah Mahfoud."

Serrano's fight will stream live on Facebook on both DiBella Entertainment's and Shuan Boxing Promotions' pages. The card begins at 5:00pm EST and also features a world title fight. Puerto Rico's WBO minimumweight world champion Wilfredo Mendez

will defend his title for the third time against Venezuelan Alexis Diaz in a 12-round contest.

Amanda Serrano – Olivia Gerula battle for WBO Featherweight title tonight LIVE on GFL.TV

New York (February 17, 2016) – TONIGHT, DiBella Entertainment will present a great night of boxing that will culminate with the WBO Female Featherweight world title between the sensational Amanda Serrano taking on Olivia Gerula.

The bout will headline a card that can be seen LIVE on www.gfl.tv at 7 PM ET for just \$14.99 by [CLICKING HERE](#)

Serrano of Brooklyn, New York has a record of 26-1-1 with 19 knockouts.

She is already a two-time world champion and will be gunning for her third title in as many weight classes.

The 27 year-old Serrano has already captured the IBF Super Featherweight title with a 2nd round stoppage over Kimberly Connor. She later captured the WBO Lightweight title when she traveled to Argentina and stopped Maria Elena Maderna in six rounds.

The explosive punching Serrano has won 12 consecutive fights with 10 coming by knockout. She is coming off a 3rd round stoppage over Djemilla Gontaruk on November 20, 2015 in Brooklyn.

Gerula of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada has a record of 17-15 and is a former world champion in her own right.

The 36 year-old captured the WBC Super Featherweight title with a 10-round unanimous decision over Jelena Mrdjenovich on April 9, 2009. She made two defenses of the crown as she traveled to France and won a 10-round majority decision over Myriam Chomaz (12-1) and a 10-round unanimous decision over Brooke Dierdorf. She dropped the title to Frida Wallberg in Sweden. She rematched Wallberg, but again came up on the wrong end of a unanimous decision.

Gerula is coming off a 6-round unanimous decision over Lucia Larcinese on January 21st.

An intriguing 10-round Middleweight bout will serve as the co-feature as former world title challengers Avtandil Khurtsidze will take on Giovanni Lorenzo.

Khurtsidze of The Georgia Republic but now is residing in Brooklyn, New York has a record of 31-2-2 with 20 knockouts.

The 14 year veteran has wins over Alberto Mamani (34-6-1), Atilla Kovacs (25-2-2), Kuvanych Toygonbayev (30-5) & Mihaly Kotai (36-3-1).

He then challenged Hassan N'Dam for the WBA Interim Middleweight title. Khurtsidze lost a disputed unanimous decision in the undefeated N'Dam's hometown.

Since that disappointing decision, Khurtsidze has won 8 in a row, which includes his last outing when he stopped Melvin Betancourt in one round on August 7, 2015 in Atlantic City.

Lorenzo of New York has a record of 34-7 with 26 knockouts. He has challenged for a world championship on three occasions.

On September 19, 2009, he lost a debated split decision to Sebastian Sylvester in Sylvester's home country of Germany. A year later, Lorenzo traveled back to Germany only to drop a

12-round unanimous decision to Felix Sturm. Lorenzo then took on N'dam and once again put up a good showing, only to be on the wrong end of the unanimous decision.

Lorenzo has big wins over then undefeated Dennis Sharpe (17-0-3), Achak TerMeliksetian (15-2), Dionisio Mirandsa (19-3-2), Darryl Salmon (16-3). Lorenzo is coming off a first round stoppage over Jose Antinio Rodriguez on October 22, 2015 in the Dominican Republic.

An exciting undercard that features 6 undefeated prospects.

In a 8-round Super Middleweight bout, Lennox Allen (20-0-1, 13 KO's) of New York will take on Martin Verdin (21-19-2, 11 KO's) of Duc, Louisiana.

In 6-round bouts:

Jonathan Alonso (7-0, 4 KO's) of Spain battles Ricardo Maldonado (5-4) of Arlington, WA in a Super Lightweight bout.

Super Lightweight Shemuel Pegan (6-0, 3 KO's) of Brooklyn, NY will fight Oscar Santana (4-3-1, 2 KO's) of Pomona, CA.

Dauren Yeleussinov (4-0, 3 KO's) of Brooklyn, NY takes on Bernard Thomas (5-2, 3 KO's) of Kansas City, MO. in a Super Middleweight bout.

Noel Murphy (5-0, 2 KO's) of Woodlawn, New York will fight Donald Sanchez (2-2, 1 KO) of Albuquerque, NM. in a Welterweight bout.

Pavlo Ishchenko (2-0, 2 KO's) of Brooklyn, NY will box Rafael Vazquez (2-3) of Bayamon, PR. in a Lightweight contest.

Amanda Serrano to battle Belinda Laracuenta at Millennium Theater in Brooklyn on May 15

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BROOKLYN, NY (May 5, 2014)—On Thursday, May 15 Dmitry Salita's Star of David Promotions presents a huge night of boxing that will be headlined by a 10-round WBC International and WBC USNBC Cruiserweight battle between undefeated fight's Steve Bujaj (12-0, 9 KO's) of New York and Junior Wright (10-0, 9 KO's) of Evanston, Illinois.

One of the featured undercard will be a 6-round Super Featherweight bout that will pit one of the best female fighter's in the world, Brooklyn's own Amanda "The Real Deal" Serrano (20-1-1, 15 KO's) and Belinda "Brown Sugar" Laracuenta (26-28-3, 9 KO's).

Besides being one of the best, Serrano always brings excitement as she has a non-stop, come forward style. She boasts a record of 20-1 with 15 knockouts and is currently 6-fight knockout streak.

She is a 4-time champion as she has captured the NABF Featherweight title. The IBF World title with a 2nd round stoppage over Kimberly Conner (9-1-2), the UBF Intercontinental Super Featherweight title as well as the WIBA International Featherweight title.

"Training has been great. I always train hard and camp is coming to a close and I am ready," said the 25-year old Serrano.

Serrano knows that the 57-fight veteran, Laracuenta will be a

tough fight for her.

"We knew she would take the fight. She is a tough Puerto Rican like me. She has been around a long time and has fought the best so I consider this a step up. I remember her fighting when I was just starting."

This will be Serrano's 2nd bout in Brooklyn (her 1st was the title winning knockout over Connor) and she is very excited about returning home.

"The fans bring something out of you when you fight in Brooklyn. It is something that comes over you."

Serrano is looking to fight anybody, any place at anytime.

"I will fight anybody between 122 and 135 pounds. Whoever they put in front of me, I will fight.

"This is going to be a great fight. We are 2 top Puerto Rican fighters and we will steal the show," finished Serrano.

Besides those two great bouts, the rest of the card looks as follows:

In 6 Round Bouts:

Jarrell Miller of Brooklyn (8-0-1, 8 KO's) will battle Joshua Harris (9-7-1, 7 KO's) of Youngstown, OH in a Heavyweight bout.

Jr. Middleweight Steven Martinez (14-1, 11 KO's) of Bronx, NY will fight Antonio Chaves Fernandez (4-17-2) of Brockton, MA.

Undefeated Welterweight Mikkel Lespiere (4-0-1, 3 KO's) of New York, NY will battle Rapahel Luna (4-8-3, 1 KO) of Albany, NY.

In 4 round Bouts:

Dimash Niyazov (5-0-2, 4 KO's) of Staten Island, NY will fight Jose Del Valle (2-5-3) of Corozal, PR In a Lightweight fight.

Middleweight Akil Auguste (3-1, 3 K0's) of Brooklyn will square off against Juan Zapata (3-7-1, 2 K0's) of Bronx, NY in a Middleweight fight.

Marcos Suarez (2-0-1, 1 K0's) of Bronx, NY will box against Ian James (2-6-1, 1 K0) of Brooklyn in a Lightweight fight.

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