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Webster decisions Riojas in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, New Jersey (June 1, 2018)—Super Middleweight Derrick Webster pounded his way to a 10-round unanimous decision over Oscar Riojas in the main event of a five-bout card at The Claridge Hotel.

Mis Downing Promotions promoted the near-capacity show.

With the win, Webster captured the American Boxing Federation Continental Americas Super Middleweight title.

Webster was pinpoint with his jab, which he followed with a solid body work that reddened the sides of Riojas. Webster stunned the gritty Riojas on several occasions, but the visitor from Monterrey, Mexico showed a good chin and remained on his feet for the ten-round bout.

Scores were all 100-90 in favor of Webster of Glassboro, New Jersey, who is now 26-1. Riojas is 16-10-1.

"It was boxing in there. I put on a display. Roy Jones told me to keep him long, and that's what I did. I started the body work a little late, but the jab was my key. I could have done a little more with the body, but the jab was everything tonight," said Webster.

"In the 1st round, I hit him with a big right hand, but the bell saved him. I hit him good a couple more times. Some guys know how to survive, and he is one of them."

"We have been talking to the USBA about fighting for their title. That will get me to where I need to be. I am ready for a world title shot. I have been putting it out there that I would like fight George Groves or Tyron Zuege. I will go to China or Germany or wherever to fight those guys."

Isiah Seldon scored two knockdowns en-route to a six-round unanimous decision over Lamar Harris in a super middleweight bout.

In round four, Seldon landed a perfect counter right that sent Harris to the deck. In round five, it was another right that mad Harris' glove touch the canvas for a 2nd time.

Seldon of Atlantic City won by scores of 60-52 twice and 59-53 and is now 12-1-1. Harris of St. Louis is 9-15-4.

Prince Badi Ajamu won a eight-round unanimous decision over Edgar Perez in a cruiserweight rematch. Seldon continued to hammer and wobble Harris in round four.

Ajamu of Camden, New Jersey won by scores of 80-72 twice and 79-73 to raise his mark to 29-4-1. Perez of Chicago is 7-25.

James Wilkins stopped Joe Gbola at the end of round two of their scheduled four-round featherweight bout.

Wilkins dropped Gbolo midway through the 2nd round, and then pounded on his opponent for the rest of the round. The bout was stopped in between rounds.

Wilkins of Brooklun, NY is 4-0 with 4 knockouts. Gbolo of Newbergh, NY is 3-3-2.

In the opening bout of the evening, Felix Manzueta stopped Antonio Allen in round two of a scheduled four-round welterweight bout.

Manzueta pounded on Allen until the bout was stopped at 1:17.

Manzueta of Dover, Delaware is 2-0 with both wins coming via stoppage. Allen of Philadelphia is 0-8-1.

The card took place on Atlantic City Hall of Fame weekend, and stars such as Roy Jones Jr., Riddick Bowe, Evander Holyfield, Hector Camacho Jr., Bruce Seldon, Mark Breland, Marlon Starling, Michael Spinks and Jeff Chandler were among the dignateries that were sitting ringside."

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Derrick Webster to Oscar Riojas "You do not belong in

the same ring as me

Atlantic City, New Jersey (May 31, 2018)—Super Middleweight contender Derrick “Take It To The Bank” Webster (25-1, 13 KOs) feels the time is now to take on the big boys of the division, but in order to secure a bout with a top contender or champion, he first must get by Oscar Riojas (16-9-1, 5 KOs) of Monterrey, Mexico in the 10-round main event this Friday night at The Claridge Hotel.

The show is promoted by Mis Downing Promotions.

Webster of Glassboro, New Jersey has been working hard in the gym as he prepares for this most important bout.

“I have had an amazing camp, I have been getting great work and seeing different looks,” said Webster, who has been working under the guidance of his long-time trainer Denny Brown.

In Riojas, he is facing a battle-tested veteran who has taken on seven undefeated opponents as well as 2 world title challengers.

“I know he has fought Brandon Robinson. Robinson is a close friend to me, and what I saw in that fight is that Robinson hit hIm with some good shots, and I don’t know how he withstood them. Riojas came in after another opponent fell out for me. The funny thing is that he thinks that he can beat me, but on June 1st, he will know that he does not belong in the same ring as me.”

Webster has been looking for a signature fight in the suddenly hot 168-pound division, and after this fight on Friday, Webster will be looking to make his mark.

“I am ranked number-5 in the USBA, so maybe someone for that belt or the NABF. I have to fight for the bigger regional

titles as a pathway to the world championship. I have been asking for Groves after he gets done with the WBSS Tournament or WBA champion Tyrin Zeuge. I would also like to take on WBO champion Gilberto Ramirez.”

This is a special weekend for Atlantic City Boxing as the Atlantic City Boxing Hall of fame will have it’s 2nd induction weekend, and many of the legends of the sport will be in attendance to watch Webster fight.

‘It means everything to me to be competing on this weekend. It’s great to fight in front of the legends of the sport. This last year has been rough, as I have been going through a bad situation in my personal life, but I have to thank Mis Downing, Roy Jones Jr., Ray McCline and my trainer Denny Brown to have helped me get through this. Last year, I had to choose my relationship, and then I lost it, but it opened up a door to get with Mis Downing Promotions and Ray McCline. It has helped me become 3-times the person. It has helped me in my acting career and my boxing career. Now is the time to show the world who Derrick Webster really is.”

“I am 100% focused, and I am going to display who Derrick Webster is, and that is a guy who will put on a fantastic performance on Friday night.”

In the 4-round co-feature bout, Isiah Seldon (11-1-1, 4 KOs) of Atlantic City takes on Lamar Harris (9-14-4, 5 KOs) of St. Louis in a four-round middleweight bout.

In an eight-round bout, Prince Badi Ajamu (28-4-1, 15 KOs) of Camden, NJ rematches Edgar Perez (7-24, 3 KOs) of Chicago in a cruiserweight bout.

In a 4-round bouts:

Carlos Rodriguez of Louisville, Kentucky will make his pro debut will fight Eliot Brown (1-4, 1 KO) of Erie, PA in a lightweight bout.

Emmanuel Rodriguez (2-0) of Newark, NJ will fight pro debuting Danzel Bowling of Baltimore in a super flyweight bout.

Lester Brown (3-0-1, 1 K0) of the Bahamas will fight David Payne (0-1) of Maryland in a lightweight bout.

Isaiah Hart of Atlantic City will make his pro debut against Leon DeShields (0-3) of Philadelphia in a middleweight bout.

James Wilkins (3-0, 3 K0s) of Brooklyn, NY will scrap with Joe Gbolo (3-2-2, 1 K0) of Newbergh, New York in a lightweight bout.

Feliz Manzueta (1-0) of Dover, Delaware will box against Antonio Allen (0-7-1) of Philadelphia in a welterweight bout.

Tickets are \$150 for VIP Ringside; \$120 for Stage seating; \$85 for Premium Seating and \$60 for General Admission & can be purchased by calling Michelle Register at 609-712-3854 or Ariana Thompson at 706-588-5934

Derrick Webster takes on Oscar Riojas for the ABF Super Middleweight Title in main event on Friday, June 1st at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, New Jersey (May 16, 2018)–Rising super middleweight contender Derrick Webster will headline a great

night of boxing on Friday, June 1st at The Claridge Hotel when he takes tough veteran Oscar Riojas in a ten-round bout for the ABF Super Middleweight Title in the main event of a nine bout card.

The show, which will coincide with The Atlantic City Boxing Hall of Fame weekend, is promoted by Mis Downing Promotions.

Webster of Glassboro, New Jersey has a record of 25-1 with 13 knockouts.

The 35 year-old is a nine-year veteran, and is riding a six-bout winning streak.

Webster, who has wins over Frankie Fillipone (22-5-1), Thomas Awimbono (25-5-1), Obodai Sai (23-1), is coming off an eight-round unanimous decision over Francisco Cordero (38-9) on February 10th in Philadelphia.

This will be Webster's 5th bout in Atlantic City.

Riojas of Monterrey, Mexico has a record of 16-9-1 with five knockouts.

The 34 year-old Riojas is a five year professional who won his first 11 bouts. Riojas has been in the ring with title challengers Ronald Gavril, Vyacheslav Shabranskyy as well as undefeated fighters Conrad Cummings, Immanuel Aleem, Francy Ntetu, Enrique Collazo & Ronald Ellis.

Riojas is coming off dropping an eight-round unanimous decision to Brandon Robinson on April 6th in Philadelphia.

In the special co-feature bout, Isiah Seldon of Atlantic City will take on Lamar Harris in a middleweight bout scheduled for six-rounds.

The bout will kick off an historic weekend for Seldon, as his father, the former WBA Heavyweight champion of the world Bruce Seldon will be inducted into the Atlantic City Boxing Hall of

Fame.

The 29 year-old Seldon has a record of 11-1-1 with four knockouts.

The eight-year professional is unbeaten in his last five bouts. In his last bout, Seldon got a disputed draw against Rudy Lozano on February 11th in Humble, Texas.

Harris of St. Louis, Missouri has a record of 9-14-4 with five knockouts.

The 33 year-old is a 13 year-professional who has faced top opposition who has a win over undefeated Earl Walker (7-0). Harris has also shared the ring with 12 undefeated fighters, which includes former world champion Shawn Porter and former world title challenger Matt Korobov.

Harris is coming off being stopped in 2 rounds by Webster on August 5, 2017 in Atlantic City.

In an eight-round bout, Prince Badi Ajamu (28-4-1, 15 KOs) of Camden, NJ will rematch Edgar Perez (7-24, 3 KOs) of Chicago in a cruiserweight bout.

In a six-round bout: Kevin Asmat (3-2, 2 KOs) of North Bergen, NJ takes on an opponent to be named in a featherweight bout.

In four-round bouts:

Isaiah Hart of Atlantic City, NJ will make his pro debut against against an opponent to be announced in a middleweight bout.

James Wilkins (3-0, 3 KOs) of Brooklyn, NY will battle Joe Gbolo (3-2-2, 1 KO) of Newbergh, NY in a featherweight bout.

Also appearing in four-round bouts against yet to be named opponents are featherweight Vidal Rivera (7-0, 4 KOs) of Camden, NJ; super flyweight Emmanuel Rodriguez (2-0) of

Newark, NJ and lightweight Lester Brown (3-0-1, 1 KO) the Bahamas.

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