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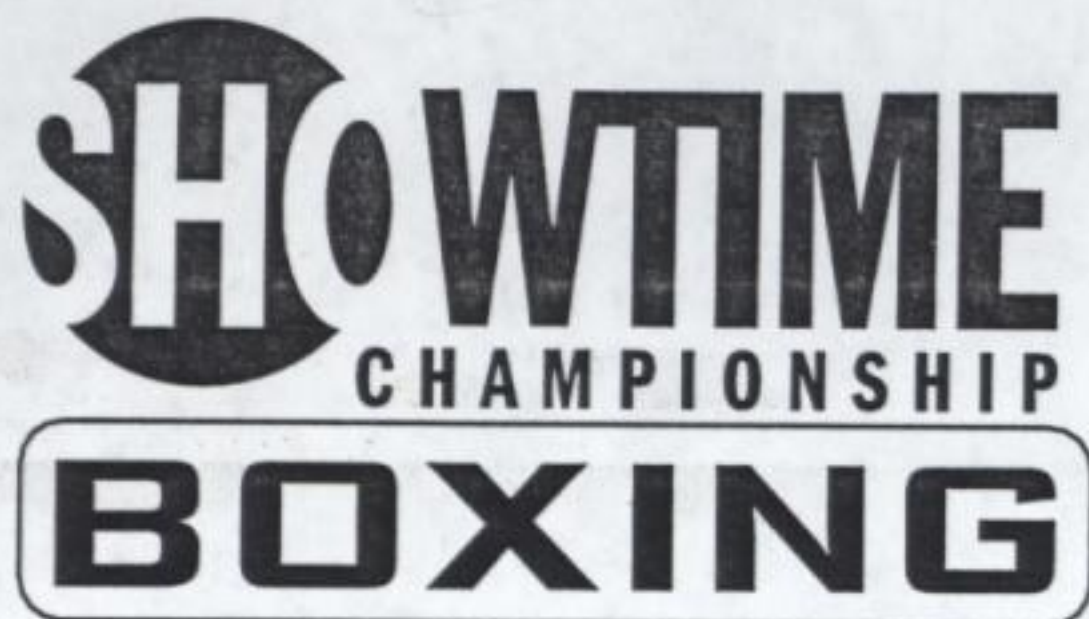
**PRINCIPALS:** WBC/WBA 105-LB. CHAMPIONSHIP - 12 ROUNDS  
Ricardo Lopez vs. Rosendo Alvarez  
46-0-1, 35 KOs 24-0-1, 16 KOs  
WBC 105-lb. Champion WBA 105-lb. Champion  
Mexico City, Mexico Managua, Nicaragua

WOMEN'S WBC/WBA LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP - 12 ROUNDS  
Christy Martin vs. Sumya Anani  
36-1-2, 28 KOs 11-0, 7 KOs  
Women's WBC/WBA 135-lb. Champion Female Contender  
Orlando, Florida Kansas City, Mo.

**TV TALENT:** Steve Albert - Blow-by-Blow Announcer  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**RICARDO LOPEZ AND ROSENDO ALVAREZ REMATCH  
TO HEADLINE SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING DOUBLEHEADER,  
ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, AT 10 PM ET/PT**

*Women's WBC/WBA Lightweight Champion Christy Martin Also to Defend Her Titles*

New York, NY (Oct. 22, 1998) – In one of the most highly anticipated rematches of the year, World-Boxing Council (WBC) Strawweight Champion Ricardo Lopez and World Boxing Association (WBA) Mini Flyweight Champion Rosendo Alvarez will square off to finally determine the world's best 105-lb. fighter. The rematch will headline a SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING doubleheader on Friday, Nov. 13, at 10 PM ET/PT from the Las Vegas Hilton.

This exciting night of championship boxing will also feature the world's top female fighter Christy Martin as she puts her Women's WBC/WBA lightweight titles on the line against undefeated Sumya Anani on this Don King Productions-promoted card.

In their first bout, on March 7, 1998, in Mexico City, Lopez and Alvarez fought to a technical draw after referee Arthur Mercante Sr. stopped the contest following an accidental head butt in the seventh round. Lopez found himself in trouble early, hitting the canvas for the first time in his professional career in the second round. He battled back gamely, but a seventh-round head butt, one of three in the fight, resulted in a cut over Lopez' right eye and a deduction of one point from Alvarez. Although the butt was ruled accidental, according to WBC and WBA rules, the fighter not cut in a clash of heads loses one point. The fight went to the judges' scorecards at the end of the seventh round. Judge Tom Kaczmarek (USA) scored the bout 67-64 for Lopez, Samuel Conde (Puerto Rico) had it at 68-64 for Alvarez, and Dalby Shirley (USA) scored it 66-66. With the decision, both fighters retained their titles.

Lopez (46-0-1, 35 KOs), from Cuernavaca, Mexico, is considered one of the best pound-for-pound fighters in the world despite fighting in the sport's lightest weight class (105 lbs.). Boxing's longest reigning champion won his WBC title on Oct. 25, 1990, with a fifth-round knockout of Hideyuki Ohashi in Tokyo, Japan. In his 21 defenses, only three men have managed to reach the final bell against Lopez while 10 were knocked out before the sixth round.

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**SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING - NOVEMBER 13**

Alvarez (24-0-1, 16 KOs), from Managua, Nicaragua, will be making his sixth title defense since capturing the WBA crown by outpointing Chana Porpaoin on Dec. 2, 1995. Alvarez, who has defended his title in Nicaragua, Japan and Thailand, has gained tremendous respect since his first performance against Lopez.

Martin (36-1-2, 28 KOs), from Orlando, Fla., scored a fifth-round TKO over Christine Robinson in her last bout on Sept. 19, 1998, in Atlanta. Considered the crown jewel of women's boxing, Martin has taken the female boxing game to a new level. "The Coal Miner's Daughter" is on a 15-fight win streak and has scored 19 knockouts in her last 23 bouts.

Anani (11-0, 7 KOs), from Kansas City, Mo., won the biggest fight of her career on March 28, 1998, when she scored a six-round decision over Andrea DeShong, who is the only fighter to defeat Martin.

SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING's Steve Albert, "Fight Doctor" Ferdie Pacheco and former world champion Bobby Czyz will call the action from ringside with Jim Gray serving as roving reporter. The executive producer of the SHOWTIME telecast is Jay Larkin, with Victor Gonzalez producing and Bob Dunphy directing.

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