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## **Take a ringside view, It's time to Rumble!!!!**

**Pune, April 7:** After having read the recent exploits of Vijender Singh, the starved Indian pro-boxing fans must be itching to see the icon in action. But before they can reserve a ringside seat to view of the Asian Title Fight, slated for June in the national capital, the fans get an opportunity to whet their appetite and feast on some of the best in business in the country.

Come Saturday, April 23, 2016, the fans of home-grown rare breeds and who's who of those who have turned professional will slug it out in the **"IBC-2"** event at the Sirifort Sports Complex DDA Squash Stadium.

Before the Saturday Night Fever catches up fast with the fans, the Indian Boxing Council (IBC) that governs and promotes pro-boxing in the country, offers you an entertaining and spectacular evening with 10 bouts in a spell-binding three-hour duration—between 6 and 9 p.m. No doubt, the event will be telecast live on DD Sports but IBC strictly recommends a ringside view as the best option.

Indeed, these bouts will be a prelude to Vijender's forthcoming Asian title-fight, but they offer you glimpses of what the future holds for these pros and what the IBC proposes to do to uplift their lot.

Of the 10 bouts on the Saturday evening, three are billed as the Blue Riband events, each of which having six rounds. The rest of the seven bouts will be of four rounds (3 minutes each). IBC promises deft footwork and greater skills that you will witness only in pro-boxing arena, apart from some explosive action.

Since pro-boxing is all about name, fame and money, you can be rest assured of action-packed bouts that has been the bane of India's starving fans, especially from close quarters! You will hear the thuds and groans, leather gloves travelling at a lightening pace with ferocious punches landing on faces, foreheads, chins and other parts of the bodies of boxers above their belt line. Catch your breath and be aware, there could be some KOs as well!

All these boxers, who will be seen in action in IBC-2 on April are now at an intensive training camp at Pune organised by the Indian Boxing Council with the legendary





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American Coach Joe Clough at work as Technical Director. Joe's track record as coach is very enviable and speaks volumes of his products.

Leo Randolph, the former Olympic Gold Medalist in 1976 and later World Super Bantam Weight Title holder in Pro Boxing along with Olympic Gold Medalist Sugar Ray Seales, World Champions Rocky Lockridge and Johnny Bumphus are all from the Tacoma Boys Club (USA) stable of Joe Clough.

At Pune, he is assisted by Gupta Bahadur Gurung as his Chief Coach who had trained and coached Indian greats such as Olympians and outstanding Indian boxers Gurcharan Singh, Devender Thapa, Dingko Singh, Som Bahadur Poon and Ramanand to name a few.

As for the Indian Pro Boxing circuit, it has been so designed in such a way to enter as four-round boxers and after attaining proficiency and skills graduate to the six-round level. Subsequently, the tough and talented pros move on to the more arduous 8 or 10 or 12-round levels.

The Indian National Title bouts will be of 8, 10 and 12-round bouts while the Zonal-State/City Titles will be of six and eight rounds, respectively. The IBC has a monitoring system through which the performances of these pro-boxers will be observed and recorded by the IBC Ranking and Rating Commission. Accordingly, each boxer will be graded and updated on the IBC website from August 2016. That is the timeline we are giving ourselves as we expect to have conducted sufficient bouts to come at a realistic judgement and rating of the Indian Pro Boxers.

It's some real show time, folks. Let's rumble again!

## **PRESS RELEASE FROM INDIAN BOXING COUNCIL (IBC)**

### **SHOWTIME IN BOXING : LET'S RUMBLE AGAIN: IBC-2**

Indian Boxing Council (IBC) the body which governs and promotes Pro Boxing in India, will be entertaining you with a spectacular Fight Card IBC-2 at the Sirifort Sports Complex DDA Squash Stadium, New Delhi on 23 April 2016 (Saturday). This event will be telecast live on DD Sports Channel. This will be a prelude to Vijender's forthcoming Asian Title Fight which is slated for June 2016 in Delhi.

