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**GREAT OPPORTUNITY --** Meacher Major, 36, knows his boxing career is closing out. He is presently, tentatively scheduled to be one of the boxers in the ring, going after the vacant Commonwealth Boxing Council Caribbean Zonal Lightweight Championship.

**MAJOR WON WBA REGIONAL TITLE 12 YEARS AGO**

Major determined to take advantage of Commonwealth Zonal opportunity

Promoter Vincent Seifert has been given the go-ahead by the Bahamas Boxing Commission (BBC) to utilize all of the avenues available to bring the Commonwealth Zonal Lightweight Championship bout to The Bahamas.

The Commonwealth Boxing Council (CBC) has signed off on the proposed title match between Bahamian Meacher Major and Guyana's Dexter Gonzales. The representative for Guyana on the CBC, Steve Hiscock, and I, as the Bahamian BBC Director, have interacted with Gonzales's camp and a purse has been agreed to.

The ball as they say is in Seifert's court. Perhaps, more appropriate in this case, Seifert is in the center of the ring with all and sundry from the related boxing communities focused on his next move.

Eagerly awaiting the next step by Promoter Seifert is none other than Major, who was quite realistic when we had a recent chat.

Let me point out with emphasis, Major indicated a sincere willingness to work as closely with Seifert as is possible, but freely admitted that at this point in his career, he, the boxer, is the priority.

to let this opportunity slip away from me. I count it as a big blessing. I am not young in this business. I

have preserved myself by avoiding situations in this game that have destroyed the careers of other boxers, some I know very well. I'll tell you, though, I have accepted that I'm into the last part of my career. That's why this opportunity for a Common-

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this get away. I have a chance to close out my career on a high note and I am thankful to the people at the CBC for putting The Bahamas in the position to do this show. I am hoping that things will fall in place soon. I'd like to see all of the initial matters taken care of,

like the signing of the principal boxers, and the date for the contest, so that we can all go ahead and work towards something big in boxing for the sport in this country and the Caribbean.

“Boxing in The Bahamas and Guyana will be boosted. This could be the start of something very good for the Caribbean and I want very much to be a part of that,” said Major.

At 36, Major has good reason for being anxious. Time is certainly running out on him as an active boxer. He is a former regional titleholder. He won the World Boxing Association Caribbean Federation (FEDICAR-IBE) lightweight title way back on May 19 of 2006, almost 12 full years ago.

He yearns to close out a respectable (to this point for sure) career with an even more prestigious championship.

The CBC is quite lenient when it comes to working with smaller member regions. So, there is a grace period that Seifert is being afforded. I understand Major's approach. He happens to be a prime part of the proposed Zonal title mix and deserves this shot to build upon his sports legacy.

Seifert indeed needs to work very hard on delivering the Commonwealth Zonal boxing package to The Bahamas.

**SPORTS SCOPE**



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