

Pacquiao-Barrera tiff likely in San Francisco

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THERES A possibility that Manny Pacquias much-awaited featherweight debut will end up in San Francisco, where a huge Filipino population is expected to cheer for his every move.

This was revealed in an article written by boxing scribe John Whisler in the San Antonio Express-News recently.

Whisler wrote that the Alamodome in downtown San Antonio, Texas, is the leading candidate to play host to Pacquias clash with Mexican Marco Antonio Barrera on November 15.

But people involved in the negotiations have revealed that the Bay Area, alongside Texas cities El Paso and Laredo have also expressed interest in landing the big bout. Another city trying to host the fight is Atlantic City, according to Pacquias business manager Rod Nazario.

Probably the reason why San Francisco came up is because when Pacquiao fought there almost two years ago, the arena was packed, said Nazario, citing that Peter Howes, who staged Pacquias duel with Agapito Sanchez at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium in November 2001, could be keen on bringing it there.

The same article by Whisler stated that San Antonio is 70 percent sure of hosting the Barrera-Pacquiao encounter.

Pacquiao has fought four times on US shores. He had won the International Boxing Federation (IBF) super-bantam throne in June 2001 in Las Vegas, and had defended it in San Francisco, Memphis and more recently in Los Angeles.

Pacquiao is assured of a paycheck of \$350,000 in his bout with Barrera.

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