

SERGEI 'THE WHITE WOLF' LIAKHOVICH

Former World Heavyweight Boxing Champion & 1996 Olympian

Liakhovich sets Chambers story straight Calls out Arreola

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona (January 18, 2012) - Former world heavyweight champion **Sergei "The White Wolf" Liakhovich** is not fighting this Saturday because his scheduled opponent, **"Fast" Eddie Chambers**, failed in a timely fashion to notify Team Liakhovich that he was pulling out of their fight due to broken ribs, which resulted in the cancellation of their fight as well as insufficient time to find a suitable replacement for Chambers..

Liakhovich (25-4, 16 KOs) and Chambers (36-2, 18 KOs) were scheduled to headline Saturday's NBC Sport Network's "Fight Night" debut show live from Philadelphia's Asylum Arena.

"Eddie Chambers is trying to save face in the press, but I want to set the story straight by telling everyone what really happened," Liakhovich said. "Chambers' medical report about his broken ribs is dated, January 6, 2012. He knew about his broken ribs back then, but he didn't let us know until January 13, seven days before our fight. Instead of shooting his mouth off to the press for a week about how easily he was going to beat me, when he already knew he was not going to fight me, he and his team should have acted professionally and immediately informed my team of his injury. If we had two weeks' notice, I have no doubt that finding a suitable replacement and making training adjustments wouldn't have been a problem, but it was a serious problem trying to do so with only seven days to go before the fight.

"I think boxers like Chambers should be punished by every promoter and networks should know how he operates. He plays the good guy to the press, but Chambers is a fake. He didn't have the simple decency to tell another athlete about him pulling out of the fight as soon as he knew. It was his obligation to inform everyone immediately. I wasted six weeks of training, as well as the expenses for training camp, and now I'm not fighting because of his actions. NBC Sport Network, Main Events and everyone involved had to scramble to put together a main event at the last minute, all the results of Chamber's action. He is all talk and no action. So, for now, Chambers is history."

Liakhovich, a 1996 Bellarusian Olympian, captured the World Boxing Association ("WBO") heavyweight title in 2006 by way of a unanimous 12-round decision over **Lamon Brewster**.



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Already in top shape for his now cancelled fight against Chambers, Sergei is now targeting world heavyweight contender **Chris Arreola**. "Arreola is waiting for another big payday to fight one of the Klitschkos," Liakhovich commented. "He's been fighting journeyman after journeyman. How about a real fight with me? I challenge Arreola to take a fight with me. This is a fight boxing fans would love to watch!"