

Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing Promotions Sign Elite Amateur Michael Dutchover

Philadelphia, Penn. /Orange, Calif. (Oct. 28, 2016) – Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing are proud to announce the signing of elite amateur Michael Dutchover (1-0, 1 KOs) out of Midland, Tex.

Dutchover, 18, will campaign as a junior lightweight. The Texas native won numerous regional tournaments as an amateur and was a runner up at this year's National Golden Gloves competition in the 132-pound division. He enters the professional ranks well prepared having gone 130-17 in the unpaid arena.

"I felt an overwhelming amount of joy when I was signing my contract," said Dutchover, who is trained and managed by Danny Zamora. "I've been doing this since I was eight years old. This is just the beginning. I'm going to work hard to become a world champion. That's all I want."

"I am very excited to be promoting Michael with Ken Thompson of Thompson Boxing," said Artie Pelullo of Banner Promotions. "He had a big amateur background. His style as an amateur was more pro oriented then anything else. He is a great young talent and I know he has a big future. We look forward to getting him started on what we hope will be a journey towards a world championship."

"We are very pleased with the addition of Michael Dutchover," said Ken Thompson, president at Thompson Boxing. "Michael brings a dynamic fighting style to the ring. He looked incredible in his pro debut last week. It's going to be

exciting watching his career take off.”

Dutchover appeared on the most recent Thompson Boxing card last Friday, Oct. 21. Dutchover started his career with a third round knockout over Cesar Partida.

He worked off an effective jab that allowed him to land crisp power shots. In the third, he connected on a crushing combination that resulted in the fight’s only knockdown. Partida survived the round, but was not allowed to come out for the fourth and final round.

“Partida was a tough opponent,” said Dutchover after the fight. “He took a lot of quality punches. I was able to drop him in the third and I knew he was hurt. It feels great to start my career with a knockout win.”