

# Contender Potapov Part of Eastern European Talent Surge this Thursday night in Brooklyn

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (Oct. 26, 2015) – On Thursday, Oct. 29, blue-chip contender Nikolay Potapov, ranked No. 9 in the world among bantamweight, will show off his considerable skills in the borough of kings.

His impressive ranking comes after just 13 professional fights, all wins.

Promoter Dmitriy Salita is putting the finishing touches on a rock-solid fight card, which will unfold at the Aviator complex in south Brooklyn.

“Nikolay is a top contender and I look forward to his fight on the Brooklyn Brawl series as his introduction to American fight fans,” said the promoter, who has been instrumental in fanning the flames of the sweet science in NYC for the past several years. “He has all the skills to compete with the best in the world.”

Potapov hails from Russia, and is part of a new wave of Eastern European battlers who are taking control of the sport, cut from the cloth of the Gennady Golovkins and Sergey Kovalevs.

He puts his 13-0 (6 Kos) record on the line against a sturdy Mexican, Pedro Melo, a veteran of 25 pro fights in a bout scheduled for 10-rounds.

Like many Russian fighters, Potapov is a patient predator, likes to come forward, be first, has solid basics, puts

punches together well, knows the value of a focused body attack, picks his spots smartly...basically, he will be someone bantamweight aces will need to contend with, soon. But first, he has to handle business on Thursday night.

Many attending the show will recall the thrilling main event at the last Salita card, in Coney Island, when Cornelius Lock upset Alex Miskirtchian. Fan-friendly matchmaking is a Salita trademark; other bouts on tap include a title fight, pitting Alicia Ashley (22-10-1) against Christina McMahon (7-0) in a 10-round bout for the vacant WBC world female super bantamweight crown.

Hard hitters Bakhtiyar Eyubov (8-0; super welterweight), junior middleweight Steve Martinez (15-2) and super welter Mikkel LesPierre (10-0-1) are all seeking to make a splash in six round bouts, in the form of a knockout performance, at the Aviator. Cruiserweight Emilio Salas (3-1-1), super lightweight Giorgi Gelashvilli (2-0) and debuting super welter Serdar Hudayberviyev will be showcased in four round bouts, as well.

“Our momentum with our Brooklyn Brawl series continues to grow,” said Salita. “I, and all the hard-working professional fighters on the card, appreciate your support! Come see this young and talented bunch of boxers show you why boxing is the most valiant sport in the world!”

Doors open at 6 p.m. with the first bout scheduled for 6:30 p.m., as the Brooklyn Brawl looks to once again captivate New York City with fistic fury. Tickets begin at \$20 and are available by calling 1-844-890-2120 or by visiting [SalitaPromotions.com](http://SalitaPromotions.com).