

# Former World title Challenger Brandon Adams Ready for Big 2024

LOS ANGELES (November 26, 2023)—Brandon Adams is primed and ready for a big year when the calendar turns to 2024.

Adams of Los Angeles is now eager to get back in the ring after his eighth round stoppage over then perfect Serhii Bohachuk on March 4, 2021.

Bohachuk is now in line for a WBC Interim title bout with Sebastian Fundora, and Adams would like to get a crack at the winner of that bout.

Adams, 23-3 with 15 knockouts, is looking to get back in the ring in early of 2024, and then he should be ready, willing and able to take on all comers in the 154-pound division.

“By Bohachuk getting the opportunity to fight in the title bout, that is good for me because I am the only guy to beat him and I knocked him out. I am sure he would want to try to avenge that loss at some point and what better way to do it then with a belt on the line,” said Adams

“It’s been a long time coming by getting back in the ring. I feel by getting back in there and being active, I will get to fight the top fights against the top fighters in the world.”

“I’m excited for Brandon’s return to the ring,” said Adams manager Mark Habibi of Wise Owl Boxing. “He has some fight news that’s going to be announced soon. He deserves to be high up in the rankings too. People shouldn’t forget Brandon’s last opponent was Bohachuk who was stopped by Brandon in round eight. Bohachuk is now fighting for the interim title for the WBC and Brandon has been forgotten. He deserves a shot.”

Adams is promoted by Banner Promotions.

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# **Banner Promotions Signs Junior Lightweight Destiny Jones**

PHILADELPHIA (August 24, 2023)—Banner Promotions has signed junior lightweight contender Destiny Jones.

Jones, 24 years-old of Georgetown, Texas, has a record of 5-1 with two knockouts.

Jones who is known for her all-action and aggressive style who looks for knockouts, is the first female fighter signed to Banner Promotions.

“It is an honor to have Destiny signed to Banner Promotions. My good friend David Watson brought her to us, and she is a very aggressive fighter who makes good fights. She has the talent and ability to become a world champion, and we plan to make that happen for her,” said Banner Promotions President, Artie Pelullo.

“Being the first female fighter to sign with Banner makes me grateful, and I am looking forward to the opportunity to represent them. My goal is to not only become world champion, but undisputed champion,” said Jones.

Jones started boxing at the age of 13 as he uncle, Nelson Trevino was an amateur boxer. Jones began training in a shed in the backyard. “My uncle was actually trying to get my younger brother to start training, but I wanted to try. I punched my uncle once in the face, and made his nose bleed,”

continued Jones.

Destiny had over 100 amateur fights and won tournaments such The National Junior Open Championship, USA Boxing Eastern Elite, and National Women's Golden Gloves.

Jones turned professional with a four-round unanimous decision over Janina Lopez on September 25, 2021. In Destiny's most recent outing, she captured the ABF Inter-Continental Junior Lightweight champion with a first round stoppage over Brittany Ordonez on May 5th in San Antonio.

Nicknamed, "Too Sweet", Jones was a cheerleader before she took up boxing. She is trained and managed by Dave Watson.

Jones has a brother who a a wide receiver for Kansas Sate University.

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**AUDIO: Banner Promotions  
Matthew Rowland Breaks Down  
Spence – Crawford**

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# **VIDEO: Banner Promotions Matthew Rowland Breaks Down Spence – Crawford**

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## **Banner Promotions Artie Pelullo Saddened By The Passing of Former Fighter Antwun Echols**

PHILADELPHIA (July 13, 2023)—Banner Promotions President Artie Pelullo would like to send out heartfelt condolences to the family of former fighter and three-time world title challenger Antwun Echols

Echols, who fought under Banner Promotions, unexpectedly passed away in his hometown of Davenport, Iowa at the age of 51.

While with Banner Promotions, Echols captured both the NABF and USBA Middleweight titles, and twice challenged Bernard Hopkins for the IBF Middleweight World Championship. He also dropped a close decision to WBA Super Middleweight champion Anthony Mundine in Australia

“To say I was shocked is understatement,” said Pelullo. “I just spoke to Antwun a couple weeks before he passed. He was doing well. He went back to school and got his degree. He would call the office a handful of times a year and we would

have some great conversations. Antwun was a great guy and had a terrific sense of humor. He was a terrific fighter who had an outstanding career. Bernard Hopkins told me that Antwun was the hardest puncher that he had fought, and Antwun gave Bernard two excellent fights. I just want to give condolences to his family.”

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## **Banner Promotions Sends Condolences to Thompson Boxing on the Passing of Ken Thompson**

PHILADELPHIA (FEBRUARY 14, 2023)—Banner Promotions would like to send out heartfelt condolences to the family of promoter Ken Thompson on his recent passing.

Thompson and Banner Promotions were promotional partners on several fighters such as Ruben Villa, Michael Dutchover, Taras Shelestyuk and Juan Carlos Burgos.

“I want to give out my most sincere condolences to the Thompson family, most notably his wife Vera and their children as well as everyone at Thompson Boxing and Thompson Enterprises. They lost a giant of a man in many ways. I have co-promoted with many promoters over my 35 years in boxing, and Ken was the best partner that I have worked with. To say he was a good guy, would be one the biggest understatements that I could use. He was such a great guy, and I considered him a dear friend. In all of that time, I never had a contract with Kenny, and never signed a piece of paper. It was always a handshake, and we never had a problem or issue over anything.

When we would do shows together in California, he was the most hospitable host, and I will not only miss working with him, but more importantly the dinners and the social time that we spent together,” said Banner Promotions President, Artie Pelullo.

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## **Michael Dutchover Takes On Antonio Moran on Friday Night in Semifinal of Last Chance Tournament**

PHILADELPHIA, PA /Ontario, CA (August 4, 2022) – On Friday night, junior welterweight Michael Dutchover (16-2, 10 KOs) will take on Antonio Moran as part of the semifinal round of the The Last Chance Tournament at The Pro Box Event Center in Plant City, Florida.

Dutchover, of Midland, Texas is promoted by Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing.

Dutchover advanced in the tournament when he won an eight-round split decision over Clarence Booth on May 20th. The 24 year-old junior welterweight also has wins over Jorge Marron Jr. (18-1), Robeskie Cristobal (15-3), Bergman Aguilar (14-3-1), Ricardo Lopez Torres (7-1-2), Miguel Carriozza (10-1) and Cesar Partida (1-0-1).

Moran, 29 of Mexico City is 27-5-1 with 19 knockouts. The 10-year veteran defeated Jeffrey Torres (10-1) in his quarterfinal effort. Moran has also defeated Brandon Perez Morillon (1-0), Rodolfo Uriel Contreras (1-0), Mario Herrera

(2-0), Martin Islas (4-0), Etick Rosales (5-1), Uriel Perez (7-1), Richard Zamora (14-1), Salvador Bricino (13-2), Victor Gonzalez Rodriguez (18-2) and Emanuel Colon (17-1)

At Friday's weigh-in, Dutchover weighed 139.6 lbs. Moran was 139.8

The fight will be streamed live on ProBoxTV at 7 PM ET.

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## **Michael Dutchover Confident he can Win Last Chance Tournament After Victory Over Booth**

PHILADELPHIA, PA /ORANGE, CA (May 23, 2022) – Junior welterweight

Michael Dutchover (16-2, 10 KOs) advanced to the semifinal round in The Last Chance Tournament with an eight-round split-decision victory over veteran Clarence Booth (21-5, 13 KOs) this past Friday night in Plant City, Florida.

Dutchover of Midland, Texas, who is promoted by Banner Promotions and

Thompson Boxing, feels this victory is the first step toward getting back in the world title hunt.

Dutchover looked very solid throughout the contest as he was able to establish and score with power shots, and despite the cards ending in a split decision, most observers of the fight who were in attendance at The Pro Box Event Center and watching on Pro Box TV, thought that Dutchover won the bout handily. Scorecards read 78-74 and 77-75 for Dutchover and 77-75 for Booth.

"This fight was very important to me to get back in the winning column," said Dutchover. "We did our job. We are back. Right after I got my hand raised, I was ready to get back in there. I am ready to fight Antonio Moran. I am very confident that I can win this tournament and turn my career around. This is going to be a big year for me."

"I am very proud of Michael. I thought Michael performed great on Friday night," said Artie Pelullo, President of Banner Promotions. "He showed a lot of character by the way he fought in the opening round of the tournament. He fought with a lot of confidence, and I feel he will even better for his next fight,"

"It was a very gritty performance from Michael and he showed why he belongs in this tournament with this victory," said Alex Camponovo, General Manager for Thompson Boxing. "His preparation going into this bout was excellent and we are excited for his next challenge against Moran, a fight we believe he can win."

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# **AUDIO: Michael Dutchover talks Clarence Booth Fight and Last Chance Tournament**

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## **Michael Dutchover To take on Clarence Booth In Last Chance Tournament Friday Night in Plant City, Florida**

PHILADELPHIA, PA /Ontario, CA (May 19, 2022) – Junior welterweight Michael Dutchover (15-2, 10 KOs) will take part in The Last Chance Tournament when he battles veteran Clarence Booth (21-4, 13 KOs) in a scheduled 8-round bout on Friday night in Plant City, Florida. Dutchover of Midland, Texas is promoted by Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing. The fight will be streamed on the Probox TV App.

“It will be great to get under the bright lights again, I miss that feeling,” said the 24-year-old Dutchover. “We are taking this one fight at a time, and we have Booth in front of us on Friday.”

On Booth, “He has good fights under his belt and he has been in with some good contenders. I have studied some film on him, and I am looking forward to imposing my will on him. I am

ready to go.”

Dutchover is coming off a disappointing loss to Nahir Albright on September 14, 2021, and now looks to get back on the right course to major fights.

“I have never taken the easy route, my last fight was a learning experience,” continued Dutchover, “When you get knocked down, the key is how you get back up. This is a great opportunity for me to show how much I have improved from my last outing. I feel that I am the guy to beat. Whoever is the last man standing has a chance to rejuvenate their career and get bigger opportunities. My losses have taught me to be more composed and learning from my mistakes has made me a better fighter. I’ve had a great camp and my weight is on point. I want to thank everyone who has supported me and stuck by my side. I’m looking forward to a big performance on Friday night.”

“It is a great opportunity for the winner of the tournament, for which we believe it will be Michael Dutchover to advance his career and compete in big fights,” said Artie Pelullo, President of Banner Promotions.

“We know Dutchover has what it takes to get back on track toward his winning ways,” said Alex Camponovo, Thompson Boxing’s general manager. “Winning this tournament will be a tremendous accomplishment and we are behind him one hundred percent.”

Dutchover weighed 139.8 lbs. Booth was 138.8