

# **Boxcino 2014 Lightweight champion, Petr “Zar” Petrov to fight Liam Walsh in WBO Lightweight elimination bout on October 10 in Manchester, England**

Philadelphia, PA (September 3, 2015) – Boxcino 2014 champion Petr “Zar” Petrov (36-4-2, 17 K0’s) will fight undefeated Liam Walsh (19-0, 13 K0’s) in a WBO Lightweight elimination bout on October 10th in Manchester, England.

The winner of the fight will be the mandatory challenger for the winner of the WBO Lightweight title bout between Terry Flanagan and Diego Magdaleno, which will take place on the same card on October 10.

Petrov earned the opportunity on the strength of winning the 2014 Boxcino Lightweight championship when he defeated Fedor Papazov (14-0), Chris Rudd (13-1), and Fernando Carcamo (17-5).

“This is a great opportunity to fight in a WBO final eliminator, this brings me closer to a world title which has been a lifelong dream of mine. It’s been a long road for me to get to this position, and I want to make my family and friends proud. I want to thank Artie Pelullo for believing in me and for getting me the chance, I won’t disappoint,”said Petrov.

“Fighting Liam Walsh on his home turf will be tough, but at this point in my career there is no cutting corners. Walsh is in my way, and I must beat him to achieve my goals. He is a

young-strong fighter, but he has never seen anybody like me inside the ring.”

Said Banner Promotions President, Arthur Pelullo, “This is another case of Boxcino being the springboard to a huge opportunity. Petr has earned this opportunity, and we believe that he will win this fight and fight the winner of the main event between Flanagan and Magdaleno.”

On April 3rd, Petrov won a 10-round unanimous decision over former world champion Gamaliel Diaz in Corona, California.

Petrov will join Banner Promotions stablemate John Thompson who will challenge for the WBO Jr. Middleweight title against Liam Smith on the same card.

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## **Boxcino 2015 Jr. Middleweight champion, John “Apollo Kidd” Thompson to fight Liam Smith for vacant WBO Jr. Middleweight title on October 10 in Manchester, England**

Philadelphia, PA (August 24, 2015) – Boxcino 2015 champion John “Apollo Kidd” Thompson has signed to face undefeated Liam Smith for the vacant WBO world Jr. Middleweight title on October 10th in Manchester, England.

Thompson joins Willie Monroe Jr. as the 2nd Boxcino champion to fight for a world title in a five month span.

Thompson (17-1, 6 KO's) of Newark, New Jersey will participating in his first world title bout.

Thompson is co-promoted by Vito Mielnicki's GH3 Promotions and Arthur Pelullo's Banner Promotions.

Thompson gained the opportunity on the strength of winning the Boxcino 2015 Jr. Middleweight tournament with wins over Ricardo Pinell (10-1-1), Stanyslav Skorkhod (9-0) and a 2nd round stoppage over Brandon Adams (17-1).

"I am excited. These doors keep opening, and I just walk through them and close them. I have to do my job. I am going into this fight making sure that I am in tip-top shape. For me, the Boxcino tournament was a great opportunity to be established. It is a strong platform to show my talents. I fought very tough competition, and I knew from the beginning that's how you get prepared for these types of fights," said Thompson.

"I am very proud of John. He was a last minute replacement in Boxcino. He went on to win to the tournament in style by scoring a spectacular knockout over the heavily favored Brandon Adams. When the opportunity came about to fight Liam Smith for the title, John jumped all over it and said make it happen. John is a real fighter and understands when these types of opportunities come up, they are few are far between, and he jumped at the opportunity to fight for the WBO Jr. Middleweight world championship," said Arthur Pelullo of Banner Promotions.

Said Vito Mielnicki, President of GH3 Promotions, "John was the first fighter I signed at GH3 Promotions. He always has taken the tough fights as you look at his history. I feel he is by far the more dominant fighter in this fight, and he will show his talent on October 10. It won't matter that he his going into Smith's Backyard, John will put on a great performance."

The bout is promoted by Frank Warren's Queensberry Promotions, in association with Arthur Pelullo's Banner Promotions and Vito Mielnicki's GH3 Promotions.

The Smith – Thompson bout will join the WBO Middleweight title fight between Andy Lee and Billy Joe Saunders, as well as Terry Flanagan defending his WBO Lightweight title against Diego Magdaleno, which will make up a championship triple-header on October 10th from Manchester, England.

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## **WORLD CHAMP RUSLAN PROVODNIKOV TO GET SOME HOME COOKING AT RUSSIAN PRESS CONFERENCE LUNCHEON WITH WORLD-RATED CONTENDER CHRIS ALGIERI ANNOUNCING THEIR WORLD TITLE FIGHT**

BROOKLYN (April 16, 2014) – Banner Promotions will host a Russian press conference luncheon on the shores of Brighton Beach to celebrate the announcement of the WBO junior welterweight title fight between defending champion RUSLAN "The Siberian Rocky" PROVODNIKOV of Beryozovo, Russia and CHRIS ALGIERI of Huntington, Long Island, Tomorrow! Thursday, April 17, at 1:00 P.M. ET, at Tatiana Restaurant & Nightclub(3152 Brighton 6th St., Brooklyn, NY 11235.) Both fighters will be in attendance and available for one-on-one interviews.

“This isn’t your parents’ Borscht Belt,” said Arthur Pelullo, president of Banner Promotions. “The Russian Community has embraced this fight and Ruslan wants to embrace them back which is why we are hosting a second press conference in the heart of the Russian community.”

The Provodnikov – Algieri world title fight will take place Saturday night, June 14, at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, and will be televised live on HBO Boxing After Dark®.

The co-main event will feature undefeated WBO junior middleweight champion Demetrius “Boo Boo” Andrade making his first world title defense, against No. 1 contender and mandatory challenger Brian “The Lion” Rose.

The action-packed non-televised undercard will include undefeated WBC Continental America’s Light Heavyweight champion and Top-Five contender Seanie “Irish” Monaghan of Long Beach, Long Island, and the first professional woman’s fight at Barclays Center, featuring Brooklyn’s own Heather “The Heat” Hardy.

The event is promoted by Banner Promotions and Top Rank®, in association with Joe DeGuardia’s Star Boxing.

Located atop one of the largest transportation hubs in New York City, Barclays Center is accessible by 11 subway lines, The Long Island Rail Road and 11 bus lines.

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# INTERVIEWS

NEW YORK (JANUARY 24, 2013)–Below is the video from Thursday's press conference plus interviews with WBO Jr. Lightweight champion Mikey Garcia, challenger Juan Carlos Burgos and Hall of Fame promoter Bob Arum.

Websites and media outlets may use the video for media use by clicking the video and copy/paste the embed codes.

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## **START SPREADING THE NEWS, THE SIBERIAN ROCKY RUSLAN PROVODNIKOV ARRIVES IN NEW YORK FOR JUNE 14 TITLE DEFENSE WITH CHRIS ALGIERI**

NEW YORK (JUNE 2, 2014)–World Boxing Organization (WBO) junior welterweight champion, the "Siberian Rocky" RUSLAN PROVODNIKOV arrives at JFK (John F. Kennedy Airport) on June 1, 2014. Ruslan is schedule to defend his title against undefeated scholar-brawler CHRIS ALGIERI on June 14, 2014 at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, NY and televised live on HBO Boxing After Dark®.

Below are videos and pictures from his arrival.

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## **PETROV & MONROE JR. WIN BOXCINO, NABA & NABO TITLES**

PHILADELPHIA (MAY 27, 2014)–Petr Petrov and Willie Monroe Jr. won the Boxcino 2014 lightweight and middleweight tournaments respectively as Petrov stopped Fernando Carcamo in round 8, while Monroe pounded a 10-round unanimous decision over Brandon Adams at the Turning Stone Resort Casino.

Also in the process, Petrov and Monroe Jr. each took home the NABA and NABO titles as well.

The show and tournament was promoted by Banner Promotions and was broadcast on ESPN 2, ESPN Deportes and WatchESPN

Petrov landed a nice right in round three. Petrov kept up the solid pace as he landed some shots inside the long punches of Carcamo. In round four, Petrov landed two solid uppercuts and a right hand on the inside. In round five, Petrov began to work the body with hard lefts that set off a volume of punches to the head.

Petrov rocked Carcamo in round six with a flurry of punches that had Carcamo stumbling around the ring. In round seven, Petrov began to pound away in spots before landing a big right hand in the final twenty seconds of the round. Petrov landed a huge left and right just before the bell sounded for good measure. The fight could have been stopped in between rounds but Carcamo came out for the 8th but it did not last long as

Petrov landed a left and right and the fight was stopped 40 seconds into round 8.

Petrov, 134 lbs of Madrid, Spain is now 35-3 with 17 knockouts. Carcamo, 135 lbs of Ciudad, Obregon, Mexico is now 17-6.

"We had a game plan and it played out like we wanted," said Petrov.

"The key was my movement that kept him off balance. He never hurt me to the head, but I felt his body shots. This is a great boom to my career. I want to be big in the United States. This is where great events happen and I plan to have a great career here," finished Petrov.

Said Carcamo, "This was not my night. He was the better man."

Willie Monroe Jr. won the Boxcino, NABA and NABO Middleweight titles with a 10-round unanimous decision over previously undefeated Brandon Adams.

Monroe Jr. was successful with his jab in the first three rounds. Late in round three, Adams landed an overhand right that set off a nice exchange on the inside. Adams came on to start round four by battling on the inside but Monroe put together some crisp combinations to close out the frame. Adams began round five working well on the inside only to eat some hard shots in return. Adams came back to land a flush right in the corner.

In round six, Adams landed a good right hand that sent Monroe into the corner. Moments later, Monroe shot back with a good counter left. Adams got into a pattern of following Monroe around the ring and kept getting caught with combinations. Adams had a good round eight as he had Monroe against the ropes for an elongated period. Monroe was able to fight off in spots and land some solid blows. Adams continued to press the action but Monroe was deft at moving away and in round nine



began to dance around the ring.

Monroe Jr, 159 1/2 lbs of Rochester, NY won by scores of 99-91 on all cards and is now 17-1. Adams, 158 lbs of Los Angeles, CA is now 14-1.

"That kid is strong as hell,"said Monroe Jr.

"I knew he was strong, I just had to show him things that he has not seen. He shook me up a couple times."

Vitor Jones De Oliveira registered a 4-round unanimous decision over Michael Jackson in a Jr. Lightweight bout.

De Oliveira dropped Jackson with a left hook and round three and controlled the action throughout the fight.

De Oliveira, 131 lbs of Salvador, Brazil is the nephew of Brazilian legend Acelino Freitas and is now 4-0.

In a Heavyweight slug fest, Eric George picked up his 1st victory with a 4-round unanimous decision over Raymond Santiago.

George bloodied Santiago's nose as early as round two and landed the harder shots which led to his victory by scores of 40-36 on all cards.

George, 202 lbs of Niagara Falls, NY is 1-6. Santiago, 232 lbs of Albany, NY is 0-3.

Marcus Hall scored an 4-round majority decision over previously undefeated Cesar Vila in a Jr. Middleweight bout.

Scores were 40-36, 39-37 and 38-38 for Hall, 151 lbs of Rochester, NY and he is now 8-6-1. Vila, 154 lbs of Austin, TX is now 6-1.

Samuel Teah scored a 4-round unanimous decision over Jeremy Graves in Lightweight fight.

Scores were 40-36 on all cards for Teah, 137 lbs of Philadelphia and is now 4-0. Graves, 137 lbs of Niagara Falls, NY is now 0-3.

Oscar Torres scored a 1st round knockdown en route to a 4-round unanimous decision over Cornelius Whitlock in a battle of undefeated Welterweights.

Scores were 40-35 on all cards for Torres, 144 lbs of Anaheim, California and he is now 3-0. Whitlock, 144 lbs of Baltimore, MD is now 3-1-2.

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## **Boxcino 2014 Finals weigh in video**

Below is the weigh in video for tonight's Boxcino final that will take place at the Turning Stone Resort Casino. In the lightweight final, Fernando Carcamo will take on Petr Petrov while middleweights Willie Monroe Jr. will take on undefeated Brandon Adams. Three belts will be on the line as not only the Boxcino title but the NABA and NABO titles will be up for grabs in both fights.

Media outlets may use the video on their websites by copy/paste the embedded code.

The fights, which are promoted by Banner Promotions begin at 9 PM ET on ESPN 2, ESPN Deportes and watchESPN

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# WEIGHTS FROM VERONA, NY

Fernando Carcamo 135 – Petr Petrov 134  
(BOXCINO, NABA, NABO LIGHTWEIGHT TITLES)

Brandon Adams 158 – Willie Monroe Jr. 159.5  
(BOXCINO, NABA, NABO MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLES)

Jeremy Graves 136.5 – Sam Teah 137  
Oscar Torres 144 – Cornelius Whitlock 144  
Eric George 202 – Raymond Santiago 232  
Michael Jackson 129 – Vitor Jones De Oliveira 131  
Cesar Vila 154 – Marcus Hall 151

Promoter: Banner Promotions

Venue: Turning Stone Casino Resort

TV: ESPN 2

1st Bell: 7:00 pm ET / 9:00 ET for television

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## Boxcino 2014 Finals now for NABA & NABO titles

Verona, NY (May 21, 2014)–Once again the stakes have been raised for this Friday night's Boxcino 2014 championship bouts.

When the tournament began it was known that the fighters would be competing for the Boxcino championship belt. Now two more belts will be on the line as the NABA and the NABO belts will be up for grabs when lightweights Fernando Carcamo and Petr Petrov do battle while in the middleweight finals it will be undefeated Brandon Adams taking on Willie Monroe Jr. will

square off for the three titles.

The fights are promoted by Banner Promotions and will be televised live on ESPN 2, ESPN Deportes and WatchESPN beginning at 9 PM ET and will originate from the Turning Stone Resort and Casino.

“I want to thank the WBA and the WBO for making their North American title available for the fighters to compete for,” said Banner Promotions president Artie Pelullo.

“This has been an outstanding tournament and are delighted that these two organizations are rewarding these fighters for the opportunity to fight for these titles.”

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## **Boxcino 2014 spawns world ranked fighters and top contenders**

Philadelphia, PA (May 20, 2014)—THIS FRIDAY, The finals of the Boxcino 2014 tournament will take place at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino and the stakes just got bigger for the four fighters that will compete in the lightweight and middleweight championship bouts.

The show is promoted by Banner Promotions and will be broadcast live on ESPN 2, ESPN Deportes and WatchESPN and will begin at 9 PM ET.

In the lightweight finals, Petr Petrov will take on Fernando Carcamo while middleweight Brandon Adams will square off with Willie Monroe Jr.

Each has won two fights and because of their willingness to step up and fight top competition, the WBA has recognized each fighter with a world ranking.

Carcamo is ranked-11 & Petrov is ranked-12 at lightweight. In the middleweight division, Adams is ranked-6 while Monroe Jr. checked in at 14.

“We are very proud of all four fighters and want to congratulate them on stepping up to the plate and winning these fights,” said Banner Promotions president Arthur Pelullo.

“This is exactly what we envisioned when we put Boxcino together. Fighters fighting other top fighters and they will be rewarded with rankings that will facilitate their careers into title opportunities and big fights. I want to thank everyone at ESPN for having the same vision and putting this tournament together.”