

Michael Dutchover (11-0, 8 KOs) Delivered Another Knockout Win on Friday Night

PHILADELPHIA, PENN. / ORANGE, Calif. (Sept. 24, 2018) Junior lightweight Michael Dutchover (11-0, 8 KOs) put on another impressive performance on Friday night, this time knocking out the bigger Bergman Aguilar (14-4-1, 4 KOs) in the fifth round of Thompson Boxing's "New Blood" main event.

Dutchover, 20, used controlled body punching to end Aguilar's night in the fifth round of a scheduled 8-round fight. The Midland, Texas native, who conducts training camp in Los Angeles, zeroed in on the body from the outset.

A pinpoint left hook to the body sent Aguilar to one knee in the fourth round. By the fifth, Dutchover had knockout on his mind.

"Once I started letting my hands go, that's when things started opening up," said Dutchover, who is promoted by Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing. "In the third round I turned up the pace. By the fourth everything started to click. I rocked him with some body shots and got a knockdown. I knew he was getting tired. I knew my punches were wearing him out so I made the choice to take him out in the fifth."

Official stoppage time came at the 2:31 mark of the fifth round.

To watch the full slate of fights, including the Dutchover knockout, please click here for YouTube link.

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Michael Dutchover weighs in for Tonight's battle with Bergman Aguilar

Philadelphia, Penn. / Orange, Calif. (Sept. 21, 2018) – Elite prospect Michael Dutchover (10-0, 7 KOs) weighed in successfully at 136 lbs., while challenger Bergman Aguilar (14-3-1, 4 KOs) hit his mark at 135.7 lbs. during Thursday's "New Blood" weigh in.

The pair battle in the 8-round main event from the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario, Calif. TONIGHT, Sept. 21.

Dutchover, 20, typically fights several pounds over the junior lightweight limit. For Friday's headlining bout, Dutchover will fight at the heaviest weight of his career. Aguilar will pose a challenge to the young Dutchover in that he will be the naturally bigger fighter of the two.

"Weight doesn't win fights," remarked Dutchover after weighing in. "Skill wins fights. I'm more skillful than him. I don't see how this guy is going to beat me."

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Michael Dutchover Learning from WBA World Champion Danny Roman

Philadelphia, Penn. / Orange, Calif. (Sept. 18, 2018) – Junior lightweight Michael Dutchover (10-0, 7 KOs) has been receiving a priceless education in the lead up to his main event showdown with Bergman Aguilar (14-3-1, 4 KOs) this Friday night from the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario, Calif.

Dutchover, 20, has been sparring with reigning WBA super bantamweight champion Danny Roman in Los Angeles. The unbeaten prospect dishes on his relationship with Roman, his new found culinary skills, and what the fans in attendance and on the LiveStream can expect from the surging prospect this Friday night.

Tickets for “New Blood” are priced at \$40, \$60, & \$100, and are available for purchase by calling 714-935-0900, or online at ThompsonBoxing.com.

You were originally scheduled to face Luis Lopez, but he dropped out last week due to illness. The replacement fighter is Bergman Aguilar of Nicaragua. How do you stay focused on what you need to do to win?

“It’s one of those things that happens in boxing, especially

to young guys like myself. I don't let it affect me. I have a new guy in front of me. That's how I view it. He's in my way in what I want to accomplish, which is to win a world title. He's not going to stop me from getting to that point."

You've been sparring with WBA champion Danny Roman. What's it like to learn from one of the best?

"Every single time I spar with Danny I learn something new. He's a skillful fighter. A very smart boxer. I love working with him. I'm happy to have him in my corner. He helps me how to think through my punches. He talks to me after we spar and we go over things. It's great to learn from a world champion."

If boxing wasn't a career option for you, what would you get yourself into? We hear you're developing new culinary skills.

"I love everything related to fitness and nutrition. So I think I'd go the nutritionist route or study to become a physical trainer. I'm already learning a lot about nutrition. I cook my own meals. I do my own meal prep. I'm eating a lot of lean meats and vegetables and making them taste great. I get down in the kitchen. I'm learning how to cook on the fly and it's great. When I go back home to Midland [Texas] to cook for my family, they come away very impressed."

How do you expect to perform on Friday night?

"From when the first bell rings, I'm going to fight my fight. I'm not shooting for a knockout, but if it's there, I'll take it. I'm in peak shape right now. Come Friday, it's showtime."

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