Carcamo & Petrov advance to Boxcino lightweight finals with impressive victories in New Town, North Dakota

New Town, North Dakota (March 31, 2014)—Fernando Carcamo and Petr Petrov punched their tickets to the Boxcino lightweight finals with impressive wins over Miguel Gonzalez and Chris Rudd respectively this past Friday night at the 4 Bears Casino & Lodge.

The bouts were televised LIVE on ESPN.

Carcamo outlasted Gonzalez via 8-round majority decision in a thrilling bout that saw many ebbs and flows. The contest almost ended seconds into the bout when Carcamo landed a huge left on the ropes that made the body of Gonzalez go limp and defenseless on the ropes and was ruled a knockdown. Gonzalez did well to fight back and fought inside while trying to work the body. Carcamo hit the body well and landed some solid shots from distance with both hands. Gonzalez landed some decent power punches. The two battled down the stretch but it was the knockdown and the body attack for Carcamo that proved to be difference as Carcamo won by scores of 78-74, 77-75 and 76-76.

Carcamo of Sonora, Mexico is now 17-5. Gonzalez of Cleveland, Ohio is 23-4.

"I thought the fight was stopped in the 1st round,"said Carcamo. "The ref told me to stop punching. I thought I did a very good job and I am looking forward to the final."

Said Gonzalez, "It was a hell of a fight. Carcamo is a strong fighter but I was out-boxing him. He is slow. I got caught

with a punch in the 1st round but I continued to fight like a champion."

Petrov scored a 4th round stoppage over Rudd

Petrov started out landing body and head shots in the 1st round. Petrov hurt Rudd for the 1st time as he landed a few body shots on the ropes and landed a hard right as the two migrated towards the center of the ring. Rudd tried to sit down and slug with Petrov but the Russian landed the harder blows. Petrov started round four by landing a big right hand that sent Rudd to the ropes. Petrov jumped on Rudd and landed a barrage of punches inside the wide attempts of Rudd and after taking too many head shots the fight was stopped 51 seconds into round four by referee Billy Johnson.

Petrov is now 34-4-2 with 16 knockouts while Rudd of Covington, Tennessee is now 13-2.

"I am very happy,"said Petrov. "I did what I had to do. I worked the body and broke him down. We are very happy to going to New York for the finals," finished Petrov.

Said Rudd, "I fought hard. The head shots hurt me. I will work on getting better. I will be back."

Carcamo and Petrov will meet in the finals on May 23 at the Turning Stone Resort in Verona, New York.

The Boxcino middleweight semifinals will take place on Friday, April 18th at the Turning Stone Resort in Verona, New York as Brandon Adams will take on Raymond Gatica and Vitalii Kopylenko will take on Willie Monroe Jr.

Four of Banner Promotions prized prospects all scored exciting wins on the undercard.

2012 Olympic Bronze medal winner Taras Shelestyuk (8-0, 6 KO's) needed just 92 seconds to take out Romon Barber in a scheduled 6-round Jr. Middleweight bout.

Heavyweight Donovan Dennis (9-0, 8 K0's) scored his 4th consecutive stoppage as he took out Travis Fulton just 23 seconds into round two of their scheduled 6-round bout.

Michael Seals (18-0, 14 K0's) made a successful Banner Promotions debut by stopping Willis Lockett on cuts at 2:50 of round five of a scheduled 8-round light heavyweight bout.

In a terrific action fight, 19-year old Ruben Ozuna (2-1) scored a 4-round unanimous decision over Wayne Smith in a lightweight bout. Scores were 40-36 twice and 39-36.

David Laque and Cody Land fought to a four round draw in a welterweight bout.