

JUNE 11 MEDIA WORKOUT QUOTES: RUSLAN PROVODNIKOV, JOHN MOLINA JR., DEJAN ZLATACANIN FROM FORTUNE GYM, L.A.

LOS ANGELES (May 25, 2016) – Ruslan “The Siberian Rocky” Provodnikov was involved in the Fight of the Year in 2013 with Tim Bradley. John “The Gladiator” Molina Jr. was embroiled in the 2014 Fight of The Year with Lucas Matthyse.

On Saturday, June 11, Provodnikov (25-4, 18 KOs) a former WBO Junior Welterweight World Champion, and former world title challenger Molina (28-6, 23 KOs) will face each other in the 12-round main event of a SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING® tripleheader live on SHOWTIME (9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT), from Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, N.Y.

On Tuesday, Provodnikov, Molina and undefeated WBC No. 1-ranked lightweight contender Dejan Zlatacanin participated in a Media Workout Day at Fortune’s Gym in Los Angeles.

Zlatacanin (17-0, 10 KOs), of the Southeastern European country of Montenegro, will be opposed by fellow unbeaten and WBC No. 2-ranked Emiliano Marsili (32-0-1, 14 KOs), of Italy, for the vacant WBC Lightweight World Championship in the opening match of the SHOWTIME telecast.

In the co-feature, undefeated former 154-pound world champion Demetrius Andrade (22-0, 15 KOs), of Providence, R.I., battles Willie Nelson (25-2-1, 15 KOs), of Cleveland, Ohio, in a 12-round WBC Super Welterweight Title Eliminator.

Also on June 11, former world title challengers, Willie Monroe Jr. and John Thompson, will meet in a 10-round middleweight bout in the main event on SHOWTIME EXTREME (7 p.m. ET/PT). In

the SH0 EXTREME opener, heavyweight Andrey Fedosov (28-3, 23 KO's) takes on Mario Heredia (11-1, 9 KOs, 1-2 in WSB) in a 10-round heavyweight bout.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by Banner Promotions, Inc., are priced at \$85, \$60, \$45 and \$35 and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased in person at the Turning Stone Box Office, by calling 877.833.SH0W, or online at Ticketmaster (www.ticketmaster.com).

Below is what the boxers said Tuesday:

RUSLAN PROVODNIKOV

(On the importance of this fight)

"Every fight is important. I come out for every fight to give everything I have. For me, every fight is like the last fight. So this is a very important fight, just like any other.

"I don't like to make predictions too much; boxing is an unpredictable sport and it's hard to say what will happen. Anything can happen on June 11. We've got a little bit to wait and we'll see what happens.

"I don't know if it will go to the scorecards. Anything can happen. He is also a great fighter, so maybe it will go to the scorecards."

(On what he expects from John Molina Jr.)

"I'm expecting him to come to fight. No doubt he's a fighter, he's a warrior. For somebody to defeat me is a big motivation and I know he'll be coming to win.

"No matter what, he's going to do anything possible to win this fight. That's what I expect from people that take a fight with me – that they'll die in the ring to defeat me because it would be a great accomplishment. So I'm expecting a real war, a real fight."

(On the style of fighting and the matchup)

"I think this is the type of fight that will be exciting and all-action. I think it's a great matchup and it will be exciting for the fans."

(On who he's looking to fight next)

"I'm not thinking about that too much right now. Luckily my weight classes, both 140 and 147, there's no problem with the opposition. There (are) a lot of guys, a lot of stars. After this fight on June 11 we'll be able to start thinking about what's next."

"I've always said that I'm willing to fight anyone at 140 and 147, just let me know when and I'll be there. I'm ready to fight any of the top guys."

(On if he would rather fight a boxer or a come-forward fighter like Molina)

"I definitely like the guys that come to fight. For me that is a better, more enjoyable fight. I like to fight a guy that wants to brawl."

(On if he's ready to box if Molina choses to box instead of brawl)

"On June 11, I'll be ready for anything that can happen in the ring. I've been watching previous fights and correcting my mistakes and I'll be ready for anything he decides to bring."

(On not fighting for eight months)

"I don't see too much of a negative side to that. I just wanted some time off and now I'm ready to come back. I'm always in shape; I'm always in the gym, always training."

"I'm training all the time and always moving around even when I'm at home. Right now, training camp is going very well. Joel

Diaz is very happy with training and he says everything is going a lot better than the last training camp. Everything is 100 percent. I'm not worried at all."

(On his relationship with trainer Joel Diaz)

"Everything is going great. When Joel and I are training together it's always very positive. That's important for me. I'm enjoying the training camp and I'm having a good time, which is the most important thing.

"Boxing-wise I've added a lot of different things. Most importantly, I've increased my defensive skills and that's going to show in this fight very much and I'm positive of that. More than that, my punching combinations have gotten better in the last few camps and that's going to show. Joel and I work well together and that's definitely important."

JOHN MOLINA JR.

(Thoughts leading up to the fight)

"I am really excited. Ruslan is a hell of a fighter and competitor. I think it's a can't-miss, all-action fight when you have someone like myself and Ruslan in there.

"Stylistically I think there are things that I have to my advantage. Stature-wise: my height, my reach. But with that being said, when the fight starts, all of that is going to go out the window and we're going to fight.

"We were both in Fights of the Year, but we were both on the losing ends. Now we want to be on the winning end. I think that is an unwritten motivation for both of us.

"Stylistically it's a great matchup. We've had a common opponent and of course you can draw that he was in a Fight of the Year with some other fighter. But I'm not that stature. I am 5-feet-11 with a reach that he can't compare with. On June 11 after the first bell rings, I'll be able to tell you

exactly how the fight is going to play out.”

(On the importance of winning this fight)

“Every fight is important. Fortunately and unfortunately, boxing is a ‘what have you done for me lately’ type of sport. For me, I didn’t have an extensive amateur career so the pros were, in essence, my amateur career. But I believe I’m at the right spot right now, where I need to be to hit my stride.

“Of course a victory is always the goal. I don’t like to lose at checkers and I don’t want to lose at boxing. To keep the lifestyle that I have going, I have to continue to be victorious and move forward.

“We definitely want to catapult off of a big marquee name. We want to be on the winning side. That is the goal 110 percent. We won’t be satisfied with anything less than a victory. I’m not content with getting in these fights because people love to watch me fight. I want to be content with getting these fights because I’m victorious and that’s what we’re planning on doing on June 11.

“I feel like you’re going to get the best of me now. I feel like my longevity isn’t a question because I didn’t have the extensive amateur career. A lot of these guys have been boxing since they were eight years old. I didn’t start until I was 17. I didn’t turn pro until I was 24. I only had 22 amateur fights. So the miles on my odometer, so to speak, are less than someone like Ruslan who had an extensive amateur career. He’s been in more wars than me.

“Either way you slice it, boxing takes something from you. Whether it’s your youth, your sharpness, boxing is that kind of a sport where it draws something from your body. I believe he’s had it worse than me. I feel stronger and more experienced for lacking those years.”

DEJAN ZLATCANIN

(On what this fight means for his career)

"This is the most important fight for me because the WBC title has been my dream since the first day I went to the gym. I will be the new champion.

"I was always the underdog in every fight but now I don't get underestimated. My opponent is going to get the best of me on June 11. I think those who underestimated me were wrong all along, but I will put some good shots on him and he'll go down. I will knock him out.

"I think they [fans] will cheer for me like I am a home fighter and I will do my best to bring the good fight."

(On his opponent)

"He's a boxer. He's smart, but he has no power. He will try to box, keep a distance and use his height advantage. He will use his footwork to keep me at bay, but it won't work."

(Thoughts on fighting for first world title)

"I am very excited and I am very happy to be fighting for my first world title. I am coming from a little country and I want everyone to know where Montenegro is and I can't wait to get in the ring.

(On fighting in U.S. for first time)

"People in America, they're fans, they love good boxing. It doesn't matter where you are from, they just like good fights. They like my style because I am a fighter and I go forward."

Ruslan Provodnikov – John Molina Jr. Promotional video

“The Siberian Rocky” Ruslan Provodnikov hits camp in advance of his June 11 bout with John Molina Jr.

INDIO, Calif. (May 10, 2016) – Former WBO junior welterweight world champion, “The Siberian Rocky”, Ruslan Provodnikov is deep in training in Indio, Calif. with his trainer Joel Diaz for his June 11 main event bout with John Molina Jr. at The Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, N.Y. live on SHOWTIME® (9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT) .

“Knowing exactly the date and the opponent makes me unstoppable and mentally confident in training,”Provodnikov said. “This fight will start a new page in my career. I want to show the people that have already written me off the books what I can do in the ring.

“I will be ready for another war on June 11. I am very happy with the way training camp is going. Joel Diaz is a great trainer and is helping me correct some of the bad habits that I had in previous fights.”

Provodnikov-Molina Jr. will headline a tripleheader live on SHOWTIME (9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT) that will also feature a WBC Super Welterweight Elimination bout between Demetrius Andrade

and Willie Nelson, plus a battle for the vacant WBC Lightweight World Championship that will pit No. 1 Dejan Zlatikanin against No. 2 Emiliano Marsili

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by Banner Promotions, Inc., are priced at \$85, \$60, \$45 and \$35 and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased in person at the Turning Stone Box Office, by calling 877.833.SHOW, or online at Ticketmaster (www.ticketmaster.com).

Turning Stone Resort Casino is no stranger to hosting high caliber nationally televised boxing events. Last year, Turning Stone hosted the epic battle between Provodnikov and Matthysee, selected over arenas in Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Miami. When Provodnikov returns to Turning Stone on June 11th, it will mark Turning Stone's 18th nationally-televised boxing event, cementing the resort as a mecca for knockout fights. Located in Upstate New York, Turning Stone is an award-winning destination resort, offering world-class amenities including four hotels, 21 restaurants and dining options, two luxurious spas, 1,200 square foot Las Vegas style gaming floor, five beautiful golf courses, and several bars, cocktail lounges and nightlife venues.

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Ruslan Provodnikov, John Molina Jr. & Demetrius Andrade Luncheon Quotes

NEW YORK (April 12, 2016) – Former junior welterweight world champion Ruslan Provodnikov, former world title challenger John Molina Jr. and undefeated former 154-pound world champion Demetrius Andrade participated in a media luncheon on Tuesday hosted by SHOWTIME® and Banner Promotions before beginning training camp for their June 11 fights, live on SHOWTIME® from Turning Stone Casino in Verona, N.Y.

Former Fight of the Year participants Provodnikov and Molina will meet in the June 11 SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING® main event. The tripleheader begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT and features former WBO Junior Middleweight Champion Demetrius Andrade facing off against Willie Nelson in a WBC Super Welterweight Title Eliminator. In the opening bout, WBC No. 1-ranked lightweight Dejan Zlatcanin will challenge No. 2-ranked Emiliano Marsili for the vacant WBC Lightweight World Championship.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by Banner Promotions, Inc., are priced at \$85, \$60, \$45 and \$35 and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased in person at the Turning Stone Box Office, by calling 877.833.SHOW, or online at Ticketmaster (www.ticketmaster.com).

Below is what the fighters had to say:

RUSLAN PROVODNIKOV

“As soon as I heard the name John Molina, I jumped on it. Molina fights with the type of style that people want to see.

He brings the action.

"June 11 is another Fight of the Year-type fight. You can expect fireworks.

"People expect action fights when I get in the ring. I appreciate that SHOWTIME saw a value in what I can offer and I want to make sure that I don't let them down.

"I've only seen one fight of his, and that was the fight with (Lucas) Matthysse. That fight shows the type of fighter he is.

"I think our styles are going to clash. The reason people love this is because it's unpredictable. Nobody knows what's going to happen on June 11. Nobody can even predict which way it's going to go. We're both punchers, we both go forward, we both fight in a risky style. I think that's going to make this fight a fight that everybody should watch.

"The fight is already a huge motivation, but the fact that the Hall of Fame is the same weekend is definitely great. I'm definitely pleased to know that because hopefully one day I can be a part of that."

JOHN MOLINA JR.

"We're never say die fighters. We come forward. It's literally like two trains that are going to collide. It's a can't miss fight.

"He's a hell of a fighter. He has a big heart and a big will.

"Right now, my only focus is – and I know it sounds generic – but my only focus is on Ruslan Provodnikov. He deserves my undivided attention right now because he's that kind of fighter.

"I have to prepare for someone that has a never say die attitude. He's like a virus that will never go away. He's a hell of a fighter – he has a big heart and a big will. It's

tough to beat a guy that wants to win.

"We're going to give the fans a treat, a Gatti-Ward type fight. I expect nothing less. We can have a phone booth, we don't need a big ring.

"The judges probably don't even need to be there because we're going to decide the fight ourselves."

DEMETRIUS ANDRADE

"Willie Nelson, he's going to come in and he's going to try and throw those power shots. He's going to try to stomp me down and make a statement, but I've been doing this for too long. I'm just ready to be where I need to be, where I deserve to be, and that's on the top.

"I'm not worried about ring rust. I stayed in the gym like a true champion should. I'm still young in the game so I don't think I should have any problems seeing or ducking any punches.

"I'm confident and I know I'm the best 154-pounder out there and this fight right here is going to let people know that I'm back in business.

"Everybody knows the work that I've put in. The time is now and the time is coming.

"I'm ready to re-introduce myself to boxing fans and show them I'm the best 154-pounder in the world.

"After this fight with Willie Nelson, I plan on fighting the winner of Jermell Charlo and John Jackson and getting that WBC belt. And after that, I want to face the rest of the division and prove I'm the best."

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Demetrius Andrade vs. Willie Nelson WBC Super Welterweight Title Eliminator Added to SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING® on June 11

NEW YORK (April 11, 2016) – An outstanding super welterweight clash has been added to SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING on Saturday, June 11 as undefeated, former WBO Junior Middleweight Champion Demetrius Andrade will face hard-hitting perennial contender Willie Nelson in a WBC Super Welterweight Title Eliminator. The winner of the 12-round co-feature will become the mandatory challenger to the winner of the May 21 showdown between Jermell Charlo and John Jackson, who face off for the vacant WBC 154-pound title on SHOWTIME.

Andrade vs. Nelson will serve as the chief support to the all-action matchup between former junior middleweight world champion Ruslan Provodnikov and former world title challenger John Molina Jr., live on SHOWTIME (9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT) from Turning Stone Casino in Verona, New York. Andrade vs. Nelson is a co-promotion with Banner Promotions, Joe DeGuardia's Star Boxing and DiBella Entertainment

In the opening bout of the SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING tripleheader during International Boxing Hall of Fame weekend, WBC No. 1-ranked lightweight Dejan Zlatikanin will take on No. 2-ranked Emiliano Marsili for the vacant WBC Lightweight World

Championship.

Fighting out of his native Providence, R.I., the 28-year-old Andrade has compiled an unblemished record of 22-0 with 15 knockouts since turning professional in 2008 after representing the United States in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China.

A crafty southpaw with a piston-like jab and knockout power in each hand, Andrade won the vacant WBO Junior Middleweight World Championship with a career-best performance over Vanes Martirosyan on November 9, 2013 and successfully defended the title against No. 1-ranked mandatory challenger Brian Rose on June 14, 2014. Most recently Andrade, who is a consensus top-5 super welterweight, scored a second-round knockout over Dario Fabian Pucheta on October 17, 2015.

A true road warrior who is extremely tall for a junior middleweight at 6-foot-3, Nelson (25-2-1, 15 KO's) has faced and defeated numerous top contenders over his 10-year career. Fighting only once in 2015, the Cleveland native upset highly regarded and undefeated junior middleweight prospect Tony Harrison with a ninth-round knockout on July 11 in Tampa, Florida. In his first start of 2016, Nelson stopped Jonathan Batista in the second round on March 25.

Other notable names the all-action Nelson has defeated include John Jackson, Luciano Cuello, Michael Medina and Yudel Jackson. On October 14, 2014, Nelson came up just short against Martirosyan, losing a hotly contested 10-round decision on SHOWTIME.

The southpaw Zlaticanin (17-0, 10 KOs) was an accomplished amateur in Eastern Europe before making a statement in his U.S. debut with an impressive fourth-round TKO of previously undefeated Ivan Redkach in a 135-pound title eliminator last June 13 on SHOWTIME.

Two bouts prior to the win over Redkach, Dejan (pronounced

“DAY-han) Zlaticanin (silent “z” – pronounced “la-ti-CAH-nin) earned a well-deserved 12-round split decision over hometown favorite and former two-division world champion Ricky Burns in 2014.

The 31-year-old Zlaticanin is an offensive-minded fighter who constantly pressures his opponents, outworks them and wears them down. Zlaticanin, of the Southeastern European country of Montenegro, will be making his first start in nearly 12 months.

The win over Redkach last June earned Redkach the WBC’s mandatory position at 135 pounds. He was scheduled to face WBC Champion Jorge Linares in early 2016, but Linares pulled out of the bout with a broken hand. Due to the injury, the WBC has since named Linares their champion in recess, creating the opportunity for the vacant title shot.

The Italian Marsili (32-0-1, 14 KOs) will make his 2016, U.S. and SHOWTIME debut. The undefeated southpaw has fought all but one of his professional fights in Italy, the lone exception a 2012 TKO of veteran contender Derry Matthews in Britain.

The 39-year old fought twice in 2015, a seventh-round TKO of Gyorgy Mizsei Jr., for the European lightweight belt and a 12-round unanimous decision over Gamaliel Diaz for the WBC’s 135-pound silver title.

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“The Siberian Rocky” Ruslan Provodnikov Returns To Headline SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING® on June 11 Against John Molina Jr., From Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, N.Y.

Philadelphia, Pa. (March 11, 2016) – Former WBO Junior Welterweight World Champion Ruslan Provodnikov “The Siberian Rocky,” returns to the ring on Saturday, June 11 to headline on SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING as he takes on former world title challenger John Molina Jr. in a 12-round super lightweight from bout from Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, N.Y. The clash will be televised live on SHOWTIME (9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT) and it will be available in Spanish via secondary audio programming.

The fight is promoted by Banner Promotions and tickets for the event will go on sale at a later date.

Dubbed the “Siberian Rocky” for his aggressive attack and unyielding will to win, Beryozovo, Russia’s native Ruslan Provodnikov (25-4, 18 KOs) has earned himself a loyal fan base around the globe for his humble nature outside the ring and ferocious intensity inside the ropes.

A nine-year pro, Provodnikov followed up a stellar amateur career with an even more impressive campaign in the professional game. He has had notable wins over several top foes, including a 2015 ‘Fight of the Year’ nominee with Lucas Matthyse, a 2013 Fight of the Year with Timothy Bradley and a

2013 10th- round stoppage over Mike Alvarado that yielded him the WBO Super Lightweight World title.

Covina, California's John Molina (28-6, 23 KOs) is also highly regarded among boxing fans for his exciting fights. Since turning pro in 2006, the aggressive-minded Molina has delivered action-packed fights such as his 2014 BWAA 'Fight of the Year' against Argentine slugger Matthyse and a surprising upset knockout against previously unbeaten Mickey Bey, Jr. in July 2013.

"I have been waiting for a long time to get back in the ring and to give my fans another fight. The opportunity has finally come and I appreciate that SHOWTIME is looking at me as a future star on their network, and I will not let them down," said Provodnikov.

"I'm very thankful to SHOWTIME and TGB Promotions for this opportunity and promise the fans a great fight. I'm very familiar with Ruslan and have long believed that our styles would make for an outstanding war on June 11," Molina said. "Fighting on the Hall of Fame weekend means a great deal to me having been a long-time fan of Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini, who is being inducted this year. It would be an honor to fight in front of him and the rest of the inductees."

"We are very excited to have Ruslan making his SHOWTIME debut on June 11 at Turning Stone Resort Casino during the International Boxing Hall of Fame weekend. This will be another great event, as Ruslan is always in fan-friendly and TV-friendly fights," said Banner Promotions President Arthur Pelullo.

"Ruslan participated in the Fight of the Year in 2013, Molina was part of the 2014 Fight of the Year, and Provodnikov-Matthyse was a 2015 Fight of the Year nominee. Put all that together, and we expect another Fight of the Year candidate on June 11. As the viewership numbers show across the board,

Ruslan is one of the top stars in boxing. He doesn't know how to make a bad fight.

"On behalf of everybody, I especially want to thank Stephen Espinoza of SHOWTIME for all of his help and work to bring Ruslan to SHOWTIME. This has been a work in progress, and his tireless efforts and patience in getting this deal done have been greatly appreciated. He has shown a real commitment to Ruslan and Banner Promotions, and this is just the beginning of our relationship in making the best and biggest fights possible for Ruslan."

"We're very excited for the SHOWTIME debut of Provodnikov on Boxing Hall of Fame weekend. It's a crossroads fight. Expect fireworks," said Stephen Espinoza, Executive Vice President & General Manager of SHOWTIME Sports.

Vadim Kornilov, Provodnikov's manager, said "This is a great opportunity for us. Ruslan is always in Fight of the Year candidates. I think that with all the fans that have been long waiting to see Ruslan return to the ring in the U.S., SHOWTIME has made a great business decision to give Ruslan an opportunity to come back and his fans an opportunity to see him in more of those brawls that they don't get to see very often!"

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