

# Two World Title Fights Highlight Classic Fight Night as Liam Smith battles John Thompson for the WBO Junior Middleweight Title PLUS Dejan Zlaticanin Fights Franklin Mamani for the WBC Lightweight Title

January 20, 2021–TONIGHT!!! Two world title bouts highlight a night of Classic Fights on fubo Sports Network.

In a bout that took place on October 10, 2015, Liam Smith (20-0-1, 10 KOs) took on John Thompson (17-0-1, 6 KOs) for the vacant WBO junior middleweight world title. The fight, which took place at the famed Manchester Arena, in Manchester, England, saw an evenly matched fight turn suddenly at the halfway point

Also on the doubleheader, the vacant WBC lightweight world title was on the line when Dejan Zlaticanin (21-0, 14 KOs) took on Franklin Mamani (21-2-1, 12 KOs). The bout, which took place on June 11, 2016, at Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, New York, was a chance for Zlaticanin to present himself to the American fight fans.

The action begins at 8 PM ET.

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## **John Thompson chimes in on his bout with Willie Monroe Jr. that takes on on June 11 on SHOWTIME EXTREME®**

Verona, NY (June 10, 2016)—They were Boxcino champions, and in each of their last bouts, Willie Monroe Jr. and John Thompson fought for world titles. This Saturday night, June 11 they will meet in a very important bout at the Turning Stone Resort Casino.

Monroe and Thompson will fight in a middleweight bout scheduled for 10 rounds and will be televised live on SHOWTIME EXTREME® (7 p.m. ET/PT).

Both have been training hard for this important bout, for which the winner will most likely land a big opportunity or

another shot at a world title.

John "Apollo Kidd" Thompson (17-2, 6 K0's)–Newark, NJ

"Everything is going great in camp. I am ready to get this party rolling," said Thompson, who is coming off a 7th round stoppage defeat to Liam Smith in Manchester, England for the WBO Junior Middleweight world title. "In that fight, I learned some good and bad stuff. The only things that make you better is fighting better opposition. I know that after this win in June 11, I will be back in a big fight and I look forward to seeing everyone in Verona."

On Saturday, June 11, Ruslan Provodnikov (25-4, 18 K0s), a former WBO Junior Welterweight World Champion, and former world title challenger John Molina Jr. (28-6, 23 K0s), of West Covina, Calif., will face each other in the 12-round main event. In the co-feature, undefeated former 154-pound world champion and 2008 U.S. Olympian Demetrius Andrade (22-0, 15 K0s), of Providence, R.I., will face Willie Nelson (25-2-1, 15 K0s) of Cleveland, Ohio, in a 12-round WBC Super Welterweight Title Eliminator.

Opening the SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING® tripleheader is a battle for the vacant WBC Lightweight World Championship between No. 1 ranked Dejan Zlatikanin (17-0, 10 K0s), of the Southeastern European country of Montenegro, and WBC No.5-ranked Franklin Mamani (21-2-1, 12 K0s) of Bolivia. In the SHOWTIME BOXING on SHO EXTREME® opener, heavyweight Andrey Fedosov (28-3, 23 K0s) takes on Mario Heredia (11-1, 9 K0s, 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.SHOW, or online at Ticketmaster ([www.ticketmaster.com](http://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, five beautiful golf courses, and several bars, cocktail lounges and nightlife venues.

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# Former Boxcino champions and World Title Challengers

# **Willie Monroe Jr. and John Thompson Clash in Middleweight Bout On Saturday, June 11 at The Turning Stone Casino Resort, Live on SHOWTIME EXTREME®**

PHILADELPHIA (May 16, 2016) – It will be a battle of the Boxcino champions when former world title challengers, Willie Monroe Jr. and John Thompson, square off in a 10-round middleweight bout in the main event of SHOWTIME BOXING on SHO EXTREME on Saturday, June 11, live 7 p.m. ET/PT from The Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, N.Y.

In the SHO EXTREME co-feature, Boxcino 2015 heavyweight champion Andrey Fedosov (28-3, 23 KOs) will face Mario Heredia (11-1, 9 KOs, 1-2 in WSB) in a 10-round heavyweight bout.

The SHO EXTREME bouts will precede a SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING tripleheader that will feature Ruslan Provodnikov taking on John Molina Jr. in what should be an action-packed junior welterweight bout for as long as it lasts.

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Monroe Jr., of nearby Rochester, N.Y., and Thompson, of Newark, N.J., have near identical records. Monroe is 19-2 with six knockouts, Thompson's 17-2 with six knockouts.

The 29 year-old Monroe won the 2014 Boxcino Middleweight Tournament with victories over Donatas Bondorovas (18-4-1), Vitaly Koppylenko (23-0) and Brandon Adams (14-0). He followed Boxcino up with an impressive 10-round unanimous decision over perennial contender Brian Vera last January.

Monroe's win streak set up an opportunity on May 16, 2015, to fight middleweight kingpin Gennady Golovkin. Monroe put up a solid effort and gave Golovkin his toughest test to date, but came up short in his title opportunity.

"I am glad to be back, and I look forward to fighting in front of my loyal fans who will come from Rochester to see me fight," Monroe said.

The 27 year-old Thompson won the 2015 Boxcino Junior Middleweight tournament with wins over Ricardo Pinell (10-1-1), Stanyslav Skorokhod (9-0) and Brandon Adams (17-1).

Following the 2015 Boxcino tournament, Thompson traveled to Manchester, England to fight undefeated Liam Smith for the WBO Junior Middleweight title on Oct. 10, 2015. Thompson was impressive and was ahead on the scorecards before being stopped in the seventh round.

"I have been training hard, and I look forward to fighting another Boxcino champion like Willie Monroe," Thompson said. "It should make for a great fight."

Since winning the Boxcino tournament, when he stopped Donovan Dennis in the eighth round on May 22, 2015, Fedosov has been out of the ring with lingering injuries. Now he is back training at the famed Wild Card Gym in Los Angeles readying for his ring return.

"I am glad that I will finally be getting back in the ring," Fedosov said. "I got some time to rest and now I feel better and stronger than ever. I just want to get in that ring on June 11. I am looking forward to putting on a great show as I

look for a major fight.”

Heredia, of Merida, Mexico, will be looking for a signature victory to catapult his career and become a player in the suddenly open heavyweight division.

“This is a big opportunity for me,” he said. “I was scheduled to be in the Boxcino tournament, but I had an injury, and I feel I would have won it. Now to be able to face and beat the champion will prove what I thought all along.”

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Provodnikov-Molina Jr. will headline a live SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING 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.

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## **VIDEO: WORLD WAR III WEIGH IN**

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## **Video: John Thompson media workout**

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## **John “Apollo Kidd” Thompson arrives in Manchester,**



# England for October 10th WBO Junior Middleweight world title fight with Liam Smith

Manchester, England (October 1, 2015)—WBO number-five ranked junior middleweight contender & Boxcino 2015 champion, John “Apollo Kidd” Thompson arrived Thursday morning in Manchester, England in advance of his October 10th WBO junior middleweight world title clash with Liam Smith that will take place at the Manchester Arena.

Thompson of Newark, New Jersey, is promoted by GH3 Promotions and Banner Promotions, is excited for the opportunity to become world champion.



“I am glad to be here, but I have a job to do and on October 10. That night I will become world champion.”

Photo Credit: Marc Abrams

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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 and 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 is 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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## **GH3 Promotions Thompson, Douglas and Odom look to**

# shine Friday night in Memphis

Nutley, NJ (January 15, 2014)- Three members of the GH3 Promotions' stable will be in action in action on Friday in Memphis, Tennessee, with two of them featured on national television as part of Showtime's SHOBXX: The New Generation.

Undefeated jr. middleweight John "Apollo Kidd" Thompson (14-0, 5 KO's) takes on Frank Galarza (11-0-2, 7 KO's) in an 8-round bout. Also, undefeated middleweight Antoine "Action" Douglas (11-0, 7 KO's) takes on Marquis Davis (8-0-2, 5 KO's) in an 8-round bout.

Both Thompson and Douglas will be part of the live SHOBXX broadcast, while undefeated super middleweight Jerry Odom (7-0, 7 first-round KO's) battles Demetrius Walker (6-2-1, 4 KO's) in a six-round bout that will take place before the cameras roll.

"Camp was excellent and I had great sparring," said Thompson, who lives and trains in Newark, New Jersey. "I see that Galarza likes to box and comes forward but i believe he is a bit slow."

The 24-year-old Thompson doesn't see the bout as a battle for Metro New York supremacy, even though Galarza in from nearby Brooklyn. "Nobody in New Jersey knows who he is. Everybody knows who I am", said Thompson.

This will be Thompson's second bout on SHOBXX. In May 2013, he scored four knockdowns en route to an 8-round unanimous decision over previously undefeated Geovanny Rodriguez.

"This fight is no big deal. I have been through this before. I have to come prepared regardless."

Facing Galarza fits into Thompson's plan of fighting top competition, as his last four opponents had a combined record

of 37-4-1. Thompson knows these types of fights will advance his career. "To be the best, you have to beat the best. I am not here to just fight anybody", said Thompson.

Thompson is an accomplished artist and he has something very special planned for his ring entrance.

"I am going to bring my paintings into the ring. You see guys with the entourage bring their belts. Well on Friday, I am going to bring my paintings."

Douglas of Burke, Virginia, will be making his SHOBX debut against the undefeated Davis. "It's a good fight," said Douglas. "A step up and its for the WBC FECARBOX title and it is on Showtime., so I am ready. I just know he is undefeated. Other than that, I really do not know much on him.

"This is a great opportunity to show the fans what I am made of and capable of. I am just ready to fight."

Odom, of Washington, DC, is looking to keep his knockout streak alive, as none of his seven opponents have made it out of the first round.

"My camp has been good and I feel strong and fast. Everything is coming together and I am learning something new everyday", said the 20-year-old Odom.

Odom has never seen Walker fight, and has no scouting report of his opponent. "All I know that he is a southpaw", said Odom. ""I am just going to fight my fight. I am ready and just want to thank my team for the opportunity to fight and show the people my talent."

Said GH3 Promotions Vito Mielnicki: "I am very excited for these three kids. John and Antoine have a chance to make big statements on the televised portion, and I believe that it won't be long before Jerry joins them on the same platform."