

# **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 a 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.