

# **WBO JR. WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION RUSLAN PROVODNIKOV TO MAKE FIRST WORLD TITLE DEFENSE AGAINST NEW YORK'S UNDEFEATED CHRIS ALGIERI**

BROOKLYN (April 16, 2014) – World Championship boxing returns to Barclays Center when the “The Siberian Rocky” RUSLAN PROVODNIKOV makes the first defense of his World Boxing Organization (WBO) junior welterweight title and his Brooklyn debut against undefeated world-rated contender and New York product CHRIS ALGIERI. Provodnikov vs. Algieri will take place Saturday, June 14 and will be televised live on HBO Boxing After Dark®, beginning at 10:00 p.m. ET/PT.

The co-main event will feature undefeated WBO junior middleweight champion DEMETRIUS “Boo Boo” ANDRADE making his first title defense, against No. 1 contender and mandatory challenger BRIAN “The Lion” ROSE.

These four gladiators boast a combined record of 87-3-1 (44 KOs)- a 96 percent winning percentage, with more than half of their total victories coming by way of knockout.

The action-packed undercard will feature undefeated World Boxing Council (WBC) Continental Americas champion, Top-Five contender and Long Beach, Long Island fan favorite “Irish” SEANIE MONAGHAN, and the debut of professional women’s boxing at Barclays Center with HEATHER “The Heat” HARDY of Brooklyn risking her undefeated record.

Promoted by Banner Promotions and Top Rank®, in association with Joe DeGuardia’s Star Boxing, tickets to the Provodnikov-Algieri world champion event are \$31, \$56, \$86, \$106 and \$206.

Tickets will go on sale beginning Thursday, April 24 at 10:00 a.m. and can be purchased online via Ticketmaster by visiting [www.barclayscenter.com](http://www.barclayscenter.com) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or by calling 800-745-3000. Tickets are also available at the American Express Box Office at Barclays Center beginning Friday, April 25 at noon. Group tickets are also available by calling 855-GROUP-BK. For information on individual suites, please call 718-BK-SUITE.

"I am very excited to be fighting in Brooklyn at Barclays Center and look forward to this fight very much," said Provodnikov. "I know a lot of my fans from Russia will be flying in to see this great event. I also hope that my fans from the United States, including the great Russian community in Brooklyn, will be there to support me."

"I cannot wait for June 14," said Algieri. "Ruslan is a great champion and a feared and avoided guy in the junior welterweight division, which is exactly why I am eager for the chance to fight him. I am ready."

"This will be a great event," said Arthur Pelullo, President of Banner Promotions. "Ruslan has proven in his last two bouts that he is one of the best fighters in the world and he knows that the biggest fights are ahead of him. Algieri is hungry and will be fighting close to home so we know this will be an outstanding fight with both men each bringing in a legion of fans to support them. We look forward to bringing this great event to Barclays Center in front of the great fans in Brooklyn."

"We have been grooming Chris for this opportunity and I know he is ready," said Joe DeGuardia of Star Boxing. "Chris is in top shape and thrilled to be fighting Ruslan, one of the toughest and most highly-regarded fighters in boxing. This show will be captivating and I am looking forward to watching it at one of the most premiere arenas in the world."

"We are excited to continue hosting such great boxing events at Barclays Center," said Barclays Center CEO Brett Yormark. "Between the large Russian community in Brooklyn coming out to support Ruslan, and the other local fighters on the card, we expect a great crowd and a lot of excitement in Brooklyn on June 14. I also want to thank our boxing partner Golden Boy Promotions for graciously enabling us to host this fight for the boxing fans of this borough."

Provodnikov (23-2, 16 KOs), born and raised in Berezovo, Khanty-Mansi, Russia in Siberia, is trained by Hall of Famer Freddie Roach. He had an incredible year in 2013. On March 16, he was on the wrong end of a hotly-disputed unanimous decision loss to undefeated WBO welterweight champion Timothy Bradley, Jr. Provodnikov, who moved up in weight for his first title shot, hurt Bradley numerous times during their slugfest, nearly knocking out the defending champion in the first and second rounds and scoring a knockdown in the final round. Two of the three scorecards had Bradley winning by only one point. It was voted the Fight of the Year by the Boxing Writers Association of America. Provodnikov moved down to his natural weight in his next fight and challenged WBO junior welterweight champion Mike Alvarado, scoring a dramatic 10th round stoppage to claim his world title, last October 19. Five of Provodnikov's last six victories have been by knockout.

Algieri (19-0 8 KOs), hails from nearby Huntington, NY. Over the last 18 months Chris has elevated himself to a world-class contender after accumulating significant victories over top prospect Jose Alejo, former USBA champion Mike Arnaoutis, and most recently highly-rated contender Emmanuel Taylor in February. He's as much a scholar as he is a brawler. He graduated from Stony Brook University with Honors in 2007 with a Bachelors of Science in Health Care Management and then went on to receive his Masters degree from the New York Institute of Technology. He aspires to attend Medical School.

"We are excited to have Demetrius make his first defense on

this card," said Pelullo, Andrade's co-promoter. " He is one of the future stars of boxing. To be at Barclays Center in Brooklyn is just fabulous"

"I am thrilled that Demetrius Andrade will be defending his WBO World Championship on this fantastic card," added Andrade co-promoter DeGuardia. " I've always felt Demetrius would rise to stardom and, on June 14, he will be able to do it in spectacular fashion at the beautiful Barclay Center in Brooklyn, NY."

Andrade (20-0, 13 K0), of Providence, RI, has been a mainstay on television since making his professional debut following his stint on the 2008 U.S. Olympic team. Co-promoted by Banner Promotions and Star Boxing, Andrade's aggressive style has attracted and created fans on both coasts of the U.S. He captured the vacant world title on November 9, defeating fellow U.S. Olympian Vanes Martirosyan in a battle of undefeated top-rated contenders. One doesn't have to look any further than his recent record where Andrade has stopped five of his last eight opponents. Career highlights include victories over former world title challengers Freddy Hernandez and Angel Hernandez as well as former Contender champion Grady Brewer.

Rose (25-1-1, 7 K0s), from Blackpool, Lancashire, England, will be fighting outside the United Kingdom for the first time. He enters his first world title tilt riding a four-year, 11-bout winning streak, which has included BBBofC British, BBBofC English and WBO Inter-Continental junior middleweight title victories. In his last fight, on October 26, he won a split decision over Javier Maciel in a title elimination bout which made Rose the WBO's mandatory junior middleweight challenger and No. 1 contender. Career highlights include knockout victories over former world champions Joachim Alcine and Vivian Harris.

For fight updates go to [www.banner-promotions.com](http://www.banner-promotions.com) or

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# **WORLD CHAMPION RUSLAN PROVODNIKOV OF RUSSIA AND CHRIS ALGIERI OF LONG ISLAND TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE AT BARCLAYS CENTER IN BROOKLYN**

Philadelphia (April 14, 2014)—Barclays Center and Banner Promotions will host a press conference to announce the WBO jr. welterweight title fight between champion Ruslan “The Siberian Rocky” Provodnikov of Beryozovo, Russia and Chris Algieri of Huntington, Long Island on Wednesday, April 16 at noon in the GEICO Atrium in Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

The fight will take place Saturday night, June 14, and will be televised live on HBO Boxing After Dark. Provodnikov – Algieri will headline a championship night of boxing.

A strong undercard will include the WBC Continental America’s Light Heavyweight championship bout between Seanie “Irish” Monaghan of Long Beach, Long Island against an opponent to be named. In addition the card will include the first professional woman’s fight at Barclays Center featuring Heather “The Heat” Hardy of Brooklyn.

The show is promoted by Banner Promotions, Top Rank in association with Joe DeGuardia’s Star Boxing.

The Press conference will begin at noon with the doors opening at 11:30 AM

WHO: Ruslan Provodnikov (23-2, 16 KO's)-WBO Jr. Welterweight champion

Chris Algieri (19-0, 8 KO's)-WBO number-13 Contender-Huntington, NY

Artie Pelullo-CEO Banner Promotions

Joe DeGuardia-President of Star Boxing

Brett Yormark-CEO Barclays Center

Carl Moretti-Vice President of Top Rank

Sean Monaghan-(23-0 13 KO's)

Heather Hardy (9-0, 2 KO's)

Simeon Hardy (11-0, 8 KOs)

WHAT: Press Conference to announce HBO Boxing After Dark fights for June 14

WHEN: Wednesday, April 16 at noon; Doors open at 11:30 AM

WHERE: Barclays Center

620 Atlantic Ave.

Brooklyn, NY 11217

Media should enter through main entrance

Located atop one of the largest transportation hubs in New York City, Barclays Center is accessible by 11 subway lines, The Long Island Rail Road and 11 bus lines.

For more information on Barclays Center, please visit [barclayscenter.com](http://barclayscenter.com)

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# **WBO Jr. Welterweight champion Ruslan Provodnikov defends his title against undefeated Chris Algieri on Saturday, June 14 at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn Live on HBO**

Philadelphia (April 14, 2014)—On Saturday night, June 14, WBO Jr. Welterweight champion Ruslan Provodnikov will make the 1st defense of his title when he takes on undefeated Chris Algieri in 12-round bout from the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York.

The fight will be televised live on HBO Boxing After Dark.

The show is promoted by Banner Promotions, Top Rank in association with Joe DeGuardia's Star Boxing.

Provodnikov (23-2, 16 KO's) of Beryozovo, Russia has become one of the most popular fighters in the world due to his exciting non-stop style. He won his first 17 bouts with wins over former world champions Javier Juaragui and DeMarcus Corley (for the WBC Asian Council Jr. Welterweight title). He also has quality wins over previously undefeated fighters Brian Gordon, Abdulaziz Matazimov & Ivan Popoca. He won the WBO Intercontinental Jr. Welterweight title with a 2nd round stoppage over Victor Castro. He recaptured the WBO Intercontinental title with a 6th round stoppage over David Torres and defended it with a 2nd round destruction over Jose Reynoso.

Provodnikov made his presence on the world stage when he battered and knocked down undefeated WBO Welterweight champion in what was the 2013 BWAA "Fight of the Year."

On October 19, Provodnikov won the WBO Jr. Welterweight title when reigning champion Mike Alvarado could not continue at the end of the 10th round.

Algieri (19-0, 8 KO's) of nearby Huntington, New York will be making his 1st attempt at a world title.

He is ranked number-13 by the WBO and he earned the title shot based on some string wins that came in front of his hometown fans in Huntington.

He has amassed a strong fan base that saw him score big wins over Jose Peralta, former world title challenger Mike Arnaoutis and in his last bout when he scored an impressive unanimous decision over world-ranked Emanuel Taylor on February 14 in Huntington, New York.

"This is will be a great event," said Banner Promotions President Artie Pelullo.

"Ruslan has proven in his last two bouts that he is one of the best fighters in the world and he knows that the biggest fights are ahead of him. Algieri is hungry and will be fighting close to home so we know this will be an outstanding fight. We look forward to bringing this great event to the Barclays Center in front of the many great fans of Brooklyn," finished Pelullo.

Said Provodnikov, "I am very excited to be fighting in Brooklyn at the Barclays Center. I am looking forward to this fight very much. I know a lot of my fans from Russia will be flying in to see this great fight. I also hope that my fans from the United States and including the great Russian community will be there to support me."



Said Algieri, "I am Very excited for June 14. Ruslan is a great champion and a feared and avoided guy in the 140 lb. division, which is exactly why I am eager for the chance to fight him. I am ready."

Algieri's promoter Joe DeGuardia of Star Boxing said, "We've been grooming Chris for this opportunity and I know he is ready. Chris is in top shape and thrilled to be fighting Ruslan, one of the toughest and most highly regarded fighters in boxing. This show will be captivating and I am looking forward to watching it at one of the most premiere arenas in the United States."

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## **WBO JR. WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION RUSLAN PROVODNIKOV AND CHRIS ALGIERI TO HOLD TWO NEW YORK PRESS CONFERENCES APRIL 15 AND APRIL 16**

PHILADELPHIA (APRIL 10, 2014)—On Tuesday, April 15th and Wednesday, April 16th, WBO Junior Welterweight champion Ruslan Provodnikov (23-2, 16 K0's) will be hosting two press conferences to announce his much anticipated return to the ring, as he will defend his title against undefeated Chris Algieri (19-0, 8 K0's) that will take place on Saturday, June 14th at the Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, Long Island.

The fight will headline an HBO Boxing After Dark card and is promoted by Banner Promotions, Top Rank and in association with Joe DeGuardia's Star Boxing.

Provodnikov of Beryozovo, Russia announced his arrival on boxing's big stage with his "2013 Fight of the Year" with Timothy Bradley on March 16th. He then captured the WBO Junior Welterweight title with a 10 round beat down of defending champion Mike Alvarado on October 19, 2013 in Broomfield, Colorado.

Algieri of nearby Huntington, Long Island is ranked number thirteen by the WBO. He will be making his 1st attempt at a world title and earned this opportunity with wins over Bayan Jargal (15-2-3), Jose Peralta (10-1) and Emanuel Taylor (17-1).

The first press conference will take place at 12 noon on Tuesday, April 15th at The Nassau Coliseum to formally announce the fight.

The very next day at 1 PM, Provodnikov & Algieri will be at Tatiana Restaurant / Nightclub in the Brighton Beach section of Brooklyn.

WHO: Ruslan Provodnikov (23-2, 16 KO's)–WBO Jr. Welterweight world champion

Chris Algieri (19-0, 8 KO's)–Undefeated challenger from Huntington.

Seanie Monaghan (20-0, 13KO's)–undefeated light heavy, Long Beach.

Artie Pelullo–CEO Banner Promotions

Joe DeGuardia–President of Star Boxing

WHAT: Press conferences to announce June 14 HBO Boxing After Dark event

WHEN: Tuesday, April 15th at Noon ET

Nassau Coliseum

1255 Hempstead Pike

Uniondale, NY 11553

Wednesday, April 16 at 1 PM ET

Tatiana Restaurant / Night Club  
3152 Brighton 6th Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11235

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## **Ruslan Provodnikov – Chris Algieri Media Week Videos**

BROOKLYN (April 21, 2014) – Below are videos of last week's Ruslan Provodnikov – Chris Algieri media week festivities that featured a kick off press conference at Barclay's Center and then the following day at Tatiana's Restaurant / Nightclub in the Brighton Beach section of Brooklyn.

Provodnikov (23-2, 16 KO's) will defend his WBO Jr. Welterweight title against Algieri (19-0, 8 KO's) on June 14 at Barclays Center and will be televised live on HBO Boxing After Dark.

Below are videos of both press conferences as well as interviews with Providnikov, Algieri and Demetrius Andrade. Andrade will defend his WBO Jr. Middleweight title against number-one contender Brian Rose in the televised co-feature. Media outlets may use the videos for editorial use on their websites by copy and pasting the embedded codes.

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## **PROVODNIKOV – BRADLEY GARNERS FIGHT OF THE YEAR HONORS**

PHILADELPHIA (DECEMBER 30, 2013)—This past March 16th at the Home Depot Center in Carson, California, WBO Welterweight Champion Timothy Bradley and Ruslan Provodnikov waged a memorable battle that saw Bradley barely hold on to his title by winning a razor- thin unanimous decision.

Provodnikov, knocked Bradley down with just seconds remaining in the bout and Bradley was rocked and badly hurt several more times in the bout that saw many ebbs and flows throughout the thrilling contest.

Even though the “Siberian Rocky” came up a bit short in the scorecards, he became a star that night because of his terrific performance

As 2013 draws to a close, many in the boxing community are

giving the bout the accolades it deserves by naming it the "2013 Fight of the Year."

Kevin Iole of Yahoo.com; secondsout.com; fighthype.com; sportsmedia101.com; Robert Morales; Chris Mannix of Sportsillustrated.com; Boxingnews24.com; ringtv.com & USA Today are just a few of the many outlets that has given the fight it's highest accolade.

There are still outlets such as espn.com and the prestigious Boxing Writers Association of America that will surely follow suit and add to the recognition of the great fight.

Provodnikov (23-2, 16 KO's) would go on to capture the WBO jr. welterweight championship with a 10th – round stoppage over Mike Alvarado on October 19th, in Alvarado's hometown of Broomfield, Colorado.

"This was a great fight and we are ecstatic that the world got to see what we already knew: That Ruslan is a world championship fighter and his win over Mike Alvarado proved that," said Banner Promotions CEO Artie Pelullo.

"I would like to thank all of the media that recognized this sensational fight. Ruslan has become must see television. He has many memorable nights in store for years to come."