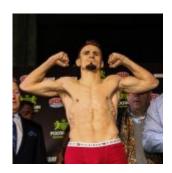
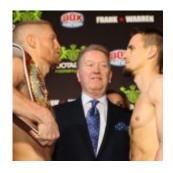
Flanagan 134.5 lbs — Petrov 134.6 lbs

WBO Lightweight world champion Terry Flanagan weighed in at 134.5 lbs while number-2 ranked Petr Petrov checked in at 134.6 lbs for Saturday's WBO Lightweight world title fight in Manchester, England.

The live stream of Saturday's Championship fight will be available for free to logged-in and logged-out users exclusively on Twitter and connected devices in the United States. Access to the live stream will be available Saturday night at boxing.twitter.com and on @BannerBoxing at 5 PM ET.





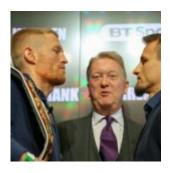


Terry Flanagan — Petr Petrov Press Conference Photos

Below are images from Thursday's Press conference featuring WBO Lightweight world champion Terry Flanagan and number-2 contender Petr Petrov. Flanagan and Petrov will meet this Saturday, and the fight will be streamed in the United States Live on Twitter.

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Banner Promotions Partners with Twitter to stream WBO Lightweight World Championship Bout

Banner Promotions is pleased to announce that it will livestream the WBO Lightweight world championship bout between undefeated champion Terry Flanagan and number-two contender Petr Petrov live exclusively on Twitter in the United States this Saturday.

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"I am very excited about the opportunity to bring the WBO Lightweight World Championship exclusively to Twitter in the United States on April 8th ," said Banner Promotions President, Artie Pelullo. "This is a great opportunity to partner with Twitter on this unique medium, in order to reach a broader fan base and to reach potential new fans of boxing."

"We are thrilled to partner with Banner Promotions to bring more live boxing to Twitter," said Anthony Noto, COO at Twitter. "Our passionate boxing fans can view the live stream of the WBO Lightweight World Championship and join the live conversation all on Twitter."

Saturday's title bout features the undefeated Flanagan, who will be attempting to make the 5th defense of the title that he won on July 11th, 2015 with a 2nd round stoppage over Jose Zepeda. Flanagan, 27 years-old, has made defenses of former world champion Mzonke Fana as well as his last bout when he stopped Orlando Cruz in eight-rounds on November 26th.

Petrov of Madrid, Spain has a record of 38-4-2 with 19 knockouts, and has won six straight bouts. The 2014 Boxcino Lightweight champion has victories over undefeated Fedor Papazov (14-0), Chris Rudd (13-1), former world champion Gamaliel Diaz, and Marvin Quintero (28-6). In his last bout, he stopped Michael Perez in six rounds on September 30th.

PHILLY PROMOTER ARTIE PELULLO: "FLANAGAN-PETROV STEALS THE SHOW AND COULD BE FIGHT OF THE YEAR!"

Philadelphia, PA / Manchester, UK (March 30, 2017)—Legendary Philadelphia fight face Artie Pelullo lands in the UK early next week confident of adding a 45th world champion to his stellar CV.

The 61 year old Italian-American's highly regarded lightweight Petr Petrov (38-4-2) makes a mandatory challenge to home hero 'Turbo Terry' Flanagan, the undefeated WBO king, at Manchester Arena on Saturday week and he looks like being frantic. BT Sport and BoxNation screen live in the UK.

Last Wednesday, Glynn Evans spoke to the Philly-based promoter.

It's been extremely difficult to find any background info regarding Petrov's personality. Can you enlighten us?

I've been promoting fighters for almost 30 years now, including 44 world champions and I have to say that Petr is one of the nicer individuals I've come across; the type you'd have over your house. He's just married the girl he'd been dating for a very long time. He's a gentleman, a pleasure to work with.

Psychologically, how will he cope performing before thousands of baying Brits?

I've consistently gone on record as saying that the British fight fans are terrific. You'll recall I had dealings with Ricky Hatton. They support their heroes like no other. But I

guarantee that the crowd will not adversely affect Petrov.

Being on the road is actually like being at home for him because he's never ever fought in Russia and hasn't featured in his adopted homeland of Spain for five years. He's won all six of his fights in the US and, before that, he competed in Germany, Argentina and Montenegro. I guarantee that facing a partisan crowd in Manchester will not affect his job. In fact, it will energize him, excite him.

And I've no problem whatsoever with the officials in the UK. Matter of fact, I won my first world title in Britain when Otis Grant outpointed Ryan Rhodes in his hometown of Sheffield for the vacant WBO Middleweight title way back in (December) 1997.

Before that, my fighter Tyrell Biggs was officially ahead on the referee's card before Gary Mason knocked him out on a Mickey Duff show at the Royal Albert Hall (October 1989) and John Thompson was up on the cards before Liam Smith put him to bed at this very venue 18 months back. You always get a fair shake with the Brits.

What are Petrov's qualities as a fighter?

I discovered him during his involvement in the ESPN Boxcino Lightweight tournament in early 2014 and, trust me, between the ropes, he's the real deal. You only have to watch his tapes to appreciate that he's relentless, smart, can box or punch and he's blessed with a very good eye. Petr has a real understanding of what is going on in the ring at any given moment and he can adopt accordingly. He gives a 110% effort every time.

What is your assessment of champion Flanagan? What does Petrov need to be mindful of?

I was ringside the night Terry Flanagan hammered Diego Magdaleno in two rounds because John Thompson challenged Liam Smith that night and what I saw was a very, very good fighter. Terry's a smart southpaw who's very tough and keeps coming. No doubt, he'll be looking to extend his very impressive unbeaten streak.

What course did you see the fight taking? What key factor will determine the winner?

This fight steals the show and could well be Fight of the Year, seriously. It's that good a match up. Both Terry and Petr are TV friendly and fan friendly. It's gonna be great theatre.

There's no main factor that distinguishes one over the other. It'll be about how two fighters at the very top of their games handle the pressure and stay with their game plan.

Tickets for April 8 priced £50, £70, £100, £150, £200, £300 and VIP £500 are available from eventim at www.eventim.co.uk and 0844 249 1000 and the Manchester Arena at www.manchester-arena.com and 0844 847 8000.

Birthday Boy Petr Petrov finishing up training camp in Madrid, Spain as he prepares

Madrid Spain (March 28, 2017)—WBO Lightweight world title challenger arrived in his hometown of Madrid, Spain to finish up preparations for his April 8th world title bout with undefeated world champion Terry Flanagen at the Manchester Arena in Manchester, England.

Petrov arrived Sunday, and has been hard at work with head

trainer Danny Zamora. To prove that Petrov is clearly only focused on winning this world title,, he put in two hard workout's on Tuesday, which just happens to be his 34th birthday.

"I am so focused and I can't wait for this fight," said Petrov. "There is no time for parties and cake now. That will come after the fight, as I will have plenty of reasons to celebrate, one would be my birthday and the other will be for winning the world championship."

Petrov will continue to train in his homeland until he leaves for Manchester early next week. Petrov finished up the California leg of his training camp this past Friday before leaving for Madrid.







