## 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 Matthysse.

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. 1ranked 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 KO's), of Cleveland, Ohio, in a 12round 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 SHO 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.SHOW, 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 thing 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 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."

## Timothy Bradley to attend Box Fan Expo, September 12 in Las Vegas

Las Vegas (Aug. 20, 2015) – Five-Time World Champion Tim "Desert Storm" Bradley has confirmed that he will appear and have a booth at the Las Vegas Convention Center for the second annual Box Fan Expo that will take place Saturday Sept.12, 2015. The Boxing Expo will coincide with the Floyd Mayweather vs. Andre Berto championship fight, which will take place later that evening, along with Mexican Independence weekend.

Tickets to the Box Fan Expo are available online at: http://BoxFanExpo.eventbrite.com.

The current title holder, Bradley is a two-time WBO welterweight champion; he is also a two-time WBC junior welterweight champion and lastly the former WBO junior welterweight champion. Bradley is trained by former title contender Joel Diaz. He holds wins over world champions Manny Pacquaio, Juan Manuel Marquez, Devon Alexander and Ruslan Provodnikov.

Bradley will also have on hand his "B" Desert Storm brand of clothing for fans to purchase and enjoy.

Bradley joins Roberto Duran, Zab Judah, James Toney, Sergio Martinez, Shawn Porter, Mia St. John, Terry Norris, Joel Casamayor, Fernando Vargas, Ruslan Provodnikov, the World Boxing Council (WBC) and the World Boxing Association (WBA) among early commitments to this year's Box Fan Expo.

This unique fan experience event, which allowed fans to meet and greet boxing legends, past and current champions and other celebrities of the sport, debuted last September. This year the Expo will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and once again, allow fans a chance to collect autographs, take photos and purchase merchandise and memorabilia.

Exhibitors such as boxing gear, apparel, broadcasting media and other brand companies who wish to participate will have a chance to showcase their products to fans and the whole boxing industry.

Last year's inaugural Box Fan Expo featured some of the most popular fighters and boxing celebrities in recent history. Fans were treated to visits with Mike Tyson, Roy Jones Jr, Martinez, Amir Khan, Zab Judah, Mikey Garcia, Toney, Riddick Bowe, Leon Spinks Terry Norris, Porter, Chris Byrd, Jesse James Leija ,Lamon Brewster, Ray Mercer, Earnie Shavers, St-John, Erislandy Lara, Quillin, Jean Pascal and Austin Trout. Also appearing were current WBC Champion Deontay Wilder, the charismatic Vinny Pazienza, Paul Williams, noted commentator Al Bernstein and trainer Roger Mayweather of Mayweather Promotions.

The roster of attendees for this year's Box Fan Expo will be announced throughout the next several weeks leading up to the event.

For anyone in the boxing industry or brand companies who wish to be involved and reserve a booth as an exhibitor or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Box Fan Expo at:

U.S.A telephone number: (702) 997-1927 or (514) 572-7222

For any inquiries please email: boxfanexpo@gmail.com

More information on the Box Fan Expo is available at: http://www.boxfanexpo.com

To watch Tim Bradley video about Box Fan Expo go to: http://goo.gl/u3KeUP

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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."