

Ruslan Provodnikov, John Molina Jr. & Demetrius Andrade Luncheon Quotes

NEW YORK (April 12, 2016) – Former junior welterweight world champion Ruslan Provodnikov, former world title challenger John Molina Jr. and undefeated former 154-pound world champion Demetrius Andrade participated in a media luncheon on Tuesday hosted by SHOWTIME® and Banner Promotions before beginning training camp for their June 11 fights, live on SHOWTIME® from Turning Stone Casino in Verona, N.Y.

Former Fight of the Year participants Provodnikov and Molina will meet in the June 11 SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING® main event. The tripleheader begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT and features former WBO Junior Middleweight Champion Demetrius Andrade facing off against Willie Nelson in a WBC Super Welterweight Title Eliminator. In the opening bout, WBC No. 1-ranked lightweight Dejan Zlatcanin will challenge No. 2-ranked Emiliano Marsili for the vacant WBC Lightweight World Championship.

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 fighters had to say:

RUSLAN PROVODNIKOV

“As soon as I heard the name John Molina, I jumped on it. Molina fights with the type of style that people want to see. He brings the action.

“June 11 is another Fight of the Year-type fight. You can

expect fireworks.

“People expect action fights when I get in the ring. I appreciate that SHOWTIME saw a value in what I can offer and I want to make sure that I don’t let them down.

“I’ve only seen one fight of his, and that was the fight with (Lucas) Matthyse. That fight shows the type of fighter he is.

“I think our styles are going to clash. The reason people love this is because it’s unpredictable. Nobody knows what’s going to happen on June 11. Nobody can even predict which way it’s going to go. We’re both punchers, we both go forward, we both fight in a risky style. I think that’s going to make this fight a fight that everybody should watch.

“The fight is already a huge motivation, but the fact that the Hall of Fame is the same weekend is definitely great. I’m definitely pleased to know that because hopefully one day I can be a part of that.”

JOHN MOLINA JR.

“We’re never say die fighters. We come forward. It’s literally like two trains that are going to collide. It’s a can’t miss fight.

“He’s a hell of a fighter. He has a big heart and a big will.

“Right now, my only focus is – and I know it sounds generic – but my only focus is on Ruslan Provodnikov. He deserves my undivided attention right now because he’s that kind of fighter.

“I have to prepare for someone that has a never say die attitude. He’s like a virus that will never go away. He’s a hell of a fighter – he has a big heart and a big will. It’s tough to beat a guy that wants to win.

“We’re going to give the fans a treat, a Gatti-Ward type

fight. I expect nothing less. We can have a phone booth, we don't need a big ring.

"The judges probably don't even need to be there because we're going to decide the fight ourselves."

DEMETRIUS ANDRADE

"Willie Nelson, he's going to come in and he's going to try and throw those power shots. He's going to try to stomp me down and make a statement, but I've been doing this for too long. I'm just ready to be where I need to be, where I deserve to be, and that's on the top.

"I'm not worried about ring rust. I stayed in the gym like a true champion should. I'm still young in the game so I don't think I should have any problems seeing or ducking any punches.

"I'm confident and I know I'm the best 154-pounder out there and this fight right here is going to let people know that I'm back in business.

"Everybody knows the work that I've put in. The time is now and the time is coming.

"I'm ready to re-introduce myself to boxing fans and show them I'm the best 154-pounder in the world.

"After this fight with Willie Nelson, I plan on fighting the winner of Jermell Charlo and John Jackson and getting that WBC belt. And after that, I want to face the rest of the division and prove I'm the best."

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