

# POTAPOV IMPRESSES IN US DEBUT ON EXCITING "BROOKLYN BRAWL"

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (Nov 2, 2015) – World rated prospect Nikolay Potapov 14-0 of Padolsk Russia made an impressive US debut as he controlled every minute of the bout against the experienced Pedro Malo of Mexico 13-10.

The bout took place last Thursday as part of the latest installment of Salita Promotions Brooklyn Brawl series at the Aviator Sports Complex in Brooklyn.

Potapov hurt Melo on several occasions but the experienced Melo used his experience to survive in the 10 round contest as all score cards had it 100-90 for Potapov across the board. " Fighting in NYC was a great experience . I am grateful to all the fans that came out the media that showed me support and to my promoters PBL and Salita Promotions who did an outstanding job in introducing me to the US boxing community "

Every bout featured high-volume trading, and fans were treated to a solid rumble in the main event. Physical marvel Alicia Ashley used deft footwork, crisp combos and superior ring generalship to take UD10 win over Ireland's Christina McMahon. For her effort, the Jamaican-born Brooklyn resident, 48 years young, not only picks up the WBC super bantamweight world title, but she will get her entry in the Guinness Book of World Records refreshed, as the oldest female to hold a world title in the boxing sphere.

"History was made on "Brooklyn Brawl," in a very entertaining fight for WBC title with Ashley (23-10-1) and McMahon (7-1)," said promoter Salita.

Other standouts included Brooklyn welterweight Mikkel Lespierre, who had a strong test in front of him, in Philly's Evincii Dixon. "Slikk Mikk" is a sharp-shooting lefty who went

to 11-0-1 with a UD4.

Welterweight Giorgi Gelashvilli (3-0; living in Brooklyn) dominated Rashad Bogar UD4), from New Jersey;

Puerto Rican Emilio Salas (4-1-1), a cruiserweight, pot-shotted in-your-face Eric George, and the ref saw enough, calling a TKO in round four.

Bakhtiyar Eyubov, an all-action junior middleweight, scored a TKO1 win over Antonio Fernandes from Massachusetts, when he hit him to the body. Fernandes said it was low, and told the ref he couldn't continue.

"I was pleased with the effort from all the boxers," said Salita. "We encourage boxing fans to attend our live events, the atmosphere was last night and always is amazing!"

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## **Guinness World Record- WBC world title on line at Brooklyn Brawl October 29th**

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (Oct. 28, 2015) – She is a dean at the Bernard Hopkins School of Pugilism.

Alicia Ashley, 48 years old, will attempt to win a world title, the WBC world female super bantamweight crown, on Thursday evening in Brooklyn, and if she is successful, she will be honored with another incredible addition to her resume. She will gain another entry into the Guinness Book of World Records as the oldest female to win a world title, setting an even higher bar with her incredible longevity and durability.

The attempt will take place on another "Brooklyn Brawl" card promoted by Dmitriy Salita, and Ashley will be paired off with Christina McMahon, on a slate running at the Aviator complex in south Brooklyn.

Ashley sports a 22-10-1 (4 KOs) record, and shared some of what makes her tick, and continue to persevere past a point where even the sturdiest pugilists hang up the mitts.

"I feel I've had an illustrious career in boxing that sadly is not reflected monetarily," Ashley said. "I'm a four time world champion and have been in the Guinness Book of World Records as the oldest female boxing champion. I've fought all over the world and have garnered respect wherever and whenever I fight. For me, boxing is a performance and I always do my best to entertain."

Salita said that he expects she will do just that. "We are honored to have such a superior athlete and role model topping this fine card," he said. "Alicia is someone men, women and children can look up to, someone who has so many great qualities, as an athlete and a person."

Ashley fights for love of craft, and works on her skills after putting in a days work. "My main job is a personal and boxing trainer at Gleason's Gym," she continued. "I live in Bed Stuy, Brooklyn with my husband Matthieu, who I met at the gym six years ago."

And what she does she think of the lady who will try and take her down a peg Thursday night?

"Christina McMahon is an undefeated fighter who has gone in someone else's back yard and won a title. She will be a formidable opponent who will come to fight and that is perfect for my slick style. I'm a long distance fighter and predict that I will come away with a unanimous decision win."

Doors open at 6 p.m. with the first bout scheduled for 6:30

p.m., as the Brooklyn Brawl looks to once again captivate New York City with fistic fury. Tickets begin at \$20 and are available by calling 1-844-890-2120 or by visiting [SalitaPromotions.com](http://SalitaPromotions.com).

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## **WBC WORLD TITLE FIGHT FEATURING BROOKLYN'S ALICIA "SLICK" ASHLEY SET FOR OCT. 29 AT BROOKLYN BRAWL**

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (Oct. 7, 2015) – ATTENTION GUINNESS! The Book of World Records may need to be updated after the Thursday, Oct. 29 Brooklyn Brawl card at the Aviator Sports Complex. Boxing champion-turned-promoter Dmitriy Salita announced on Wednesday that an already-outstanding card is adding a female world title fight with possible historic implications.

Brooklyn's own Alicia "Slick" Ashley, who will be 48 years, 81 days when the bell rings later this month, is a former world titleholder who currently owns the Guinness World Record as the most mature female boxing world champion. She first earned the distinction on Oct. 13, 2013, when she defended the WBC Super Bantamweight belt with a victory over Zenny Sotomayer in Tijuana, Mexico, at 46 years, 61 days, thus etching her place in the renowned global archive.

Ashley (22-10-1, 4 KOs) – ranked second in her division by BoxRec and noted as one of the best pound-for-pound women's battlers in the world – has the chance to re-write history once again and put her own world record further out of reach when she challenges undefeated Irish fighter and current

Interim WBC Bantamweight champion Christina McMahon (7-0, 3 KOs). McMahon has compiled an unblemished slate since beginning her professional career in 2010 and will look to halt Ashley's attempt at extending her Guinness mark on Thursday, Oct. 29 – the winner takes home the vacant WBC Super Bantamweight title.

“This will be another, epic Brooklyn Brawl show with a WBC world title fight featured at the event. This show will have prospects and contenders, and fighters from all parts of the globe and from all around New York City,” said Salita, the former IBF, WBA and NABA International Junior Welterweight Champion who fights out of Flatbush, Brooklyn, as a professional. “Alicia is one of the most highly-regarded boxers in the world and is looking to follow in the footsteps of future Hall of Famer Bernard Hopkins by re-capturing a title at this point in her career. Her great skills will certainly be put to the test against an undefeated contender in Christina McMahon.”

On Thursday, Oct. 29, the Aviator Sports and Events Center in South Brooklyn will serve as the next proving ground for many New York City-based rising stars. The exciting undercards will build toward the featured events, where Ashley and McMahon will square off and unbeaten Russian and top-10 world-ranked bantamweight contender, Nikolay Potapov, is set to make his U.S.A. debut.

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Potapov – currently ranked as the No. 14 bantamweight in the world by the WBO and now rated No. 10 globally by BoxRec – will put his undefeated 13-0 record (6 KOs) on the line as he makes his debut on U.S. soil. The fast-rising battler piled up

more than 180 amateur tilts and amassed a number of national and international tournament victories, and now as a 25-year-old pro has climbed quickly to challenge himself with four 10-round bouts and a 12-rounder against top competition. In his last pro victory, Popatov earned the WBA Asian title by beating Jason Canoy, who is rated No. 14 in the WBC and No. 12 in the IBF.

Welterweight prospect "Trigger" Tresean Wiggins (7-1, 6 KOs) – fresh off a third-round knockout at the Aug. 25 Brooklyn Brawl: Boxing At The Beach affair – will be back on the Aviator card. The fighting pride of Newburgh, N.Y., was impressive last month against Baltimore's Kevin Womack Jr. and looks to add another stoppage victory to his burgeoning resume.

Undefeated junior lightweight contender Dimash Niyazov of Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, will have his mettle tested once again at the Aviator complex. The Brooklyn police officer, whose story was chronicled by the Wall Street Journal in August, improved to 8-0-3 (5 KOs) with a six-round Boxing At The Beach unanimous decision over local fighter Ariel "Fuego" Duran in a Brooklyn-Queens crosstown rivalry bout.

Detroit's James Gordon Smith (8-0, 5 KOs) is another rising star putting his unblemished record to the test in Brooklyn. The eight-time Motor City Golden Gloves title-winner and former national amateur champion is intent on making a name for himself in the pro ranks.

A light welterweight and Olympian making his professional debut, Serdar Hudayberdiyev comes to the Brooklyn Brawl after an accomplished international amateur career. The pride of his native Turkmenistan on the West Coast of the Caspian Sea, he captured gold in the Asian games and was selected his country's flag bearer in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

Heavyweight Emilio Salas (3-1-1, 1 K0) of Puerto Rico – who

opened up the Boxing At The Beach slate with a second round TKO at the expense of opponent Glenn Thomas – will add some thunder to the Oct. 29 card while welterweight Giorgi “Goga” Gelashvili (2-0, 2 KOs) of Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, will provide the lightning. Gelashvili, a former three-time Georgian national champion, overwhelmed opponent DeLoren Gray-Jordon last August with a speedy salvo of blows in round two, leading to his second stoppage victory in as many fights and as many months.

A product of Corona, Queens, Edward Valdez was recently added to the upcoming Brooklyn Brawl slate. A veteran at 13-11-2 (10 KOs), Valdez will face Aik Shakhnazaryan (16-2, 7 KOs) of Samara, Russia, in an eight-round lightweight contest.

Broadcast information will be announced at a later date. Interested corporate partners should contact Mark Fratto at [mfratto@linacremedia.com](mailto:mfratto@linacremedia.com).

For ticket information and updates on the Thursday, Oct. 29, Brooklyn Brawl please log on to [SalitaPromotions.com](http://SalitaPromotions.com) and [AviatorSports.com](http://AviatorSports.com). Follow all the action via social media leading up to the event – and on fight night – at [@BrooklynBrawlNY](https://twitter.com/BrooklynBrawlNY) on Twitter and Instagram, or by accessing the hashtag [#BrooklynBrawl](https://twitter.com/BrooklynBrawl).

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