

# **Four-Time, Two-Division World Champion Acelino “Popo” Freitas on International Boxing Hall of Fame Ballot**

PHILADELPHIA (October 7, 2021)—Former four-time, two-division world champion and the MOST POPULAR FIGHTER IN BRAZILIAN HISTORY, Acelino “Popo” Freitas is on the 2021 International Boxing Hall of Fame Ballot.

Freitas exploded onto the scene when he won the original Boxcino Tournament in 1997.

Freitas, who was promoted by Banner Promotions, captured the WBO Junior Lightweight world title with a first-round knockout over Anatoly Alexandrov on August 7, 1999, was able to start his career with a staggering 29 consecutive knockouts.

He defended the title 10-times and then became a unified champion as he added the WBA crown with a 12-round unanimous decision over Cuban Gold Medal winner Joel Casamayor.

On January 3, 2004, Freitas became a two-division champion by outpointing undefeated Artur Grigorian to win the WBO Lightweight world championship. On April 29, 2006, Freitas became a two-time lightweight champion as he re-won the WBO Lightweight title with a win over Zahir Raheem.

The Brazilian native became widely popular, especially in his home country of Brazil, and became must-see TV, as evidenced by his memorable brawl when he climbed off the deck twice to comeback and stop Jorge Barrios in a bloody affair on August 9, 2003. That fight was the most watched boxing match in South America.

Freitas, who throughout his title runs, was a staple on SHOWTIME Championship Boxing, retired with a Hall-of-Fame worthy record of 41-2 with 34 knockouts.

Following his career, Freitas has been a very influential figure in Brazilian politics as he served as a Senator. He has become a top boxing analyst in South America.

“Acelino was an amazing fighter who provided not only an incredible career when it came to winning and defending world titles, but he was the most exciting fighter with his incredible knockout prowess. I am so proud of him and extremely happy and fortunate to have promoted his career. He did as much for my career as I did for his,” said Freitas’ longtime promoter, Artie Pelullo of Banner Promotions.

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**Michael Dutchover takes on Nahir Albright in Lightweight Showdown TOMORROW Tuesday, September 14 from Hollywood,**

# Florida

PHILADELPHIA / Orange, Ca (September 13, 2021)–Lightweight's Michael Dutchover and Nahir Albright will square off in a 10-round bout on Tuesday, September 14th at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood, Florida.

The bout will be part of the Triller Fight Club, and is Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing.

The Dutchover – Albright fight will be streamed on FITE.TV and trillerfightclub.com beginning at 6 PM ET.

Dutchover of Midland, Texas, is promoted by Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing, has a record of 15-1 with 10 knockouts, weighed in at 137 lbs. at Monday's weigh-in.

The 23 year-old Dutchover is a five year-professional who has wins over Cesar Partida (1-0-1), Miguel Carrizoza (10-1), Ricardo Lopez Torres (7-1-2), Bergman Aguilar (14-3-1), Rosekie Cristobal (15-3), Jorge Marron (18-1) and in his last bout Dutchover won an eight-round unanimous decision over Ivan Leon Benitez on June 6th in Orange, California.

"This is a quick turnaround. I was going to fight on September 24th. I am ready. I have been in camp with Oscar Valdez. I am feeling strong. I am happy to be on this event and showcase my skills to new fans in Hollywood, Florida. Albright is a good opponent. He is quick, but I am preparing for a war. I know he will be ready as I will be ready and looking to put on a great show," said Dutchover.

Albright of Sicklerville, New Jersey has a record of 13-1 with six knockouts. The 25 year-old is a five-year professional, who after dropping his pro debut, has won 13 fights in a row. He has amassed victories over Danny Murray (1-0), Glenford Nickey (4-1-1), Roy McGill (6-1), Dante Cox (6-1), and his last bout when Albright took a eight-round unanimous decision

over Jeremy Hill (15-1) on July 23rd in Philadelphia.

Albright was 137.7 lbs.

“It’s going to be exciting and the fight to watch, and I feel it will come down to who wants it more. I know he is a pressure fighter who is skilled and a good fighter,” said Albright.

“This is a great opportunity for Michael to prove that he is one of the best lightweight prospects out there. He continues to show the willingness to fight anybody, and Tuesday night is no exception. We look for a great performance from Michael, and a fight like this is one those fights that will transition him from a top prospect to a legitimate contender. I want to thank Triller for this opportunity to feature Michael on the card,” said Artie Pelullo, President of Banner Promotions.

“This fight is the next in the continued progression of Michael. He is fighting a good fighter from Philadelphia, and a win will get Michael to the next level. I want to thank Triller for putting this fight on this big event,” said Ken Thompson, President of Thompson Boxing.

Thompson continued, “This is a great opportunity for Michael Dutchover to show the boxing world that he belongs on the big stage. We believe he’s ready to take his career to the next level and a win against a solid fighter like Nahir Albright will prove he’s on his way.”

“Nahir has surprised a lot of people. I am not surprised. This is a big step and test for him and I believe he will pass with flying colors and shock a lot of people,” Said Rodney Rice of RDR Promotions

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# **Demetrius Andrade Defends WBO Junior Middleweight Title Against Brian Rose on Classic Fight Night Night fubo Sports Network**

PHILADELPHIA (July 16, 2021)—Demetrius Andrade defends his WBO Junior Middleweight world title tonight against Brian Rose on the next installment of Classic Fight Night on fubo Sports Network.

Currently the WBO Middleweight champion, Andrade (20-0) met Rose (25-5-1) on June 14, 2014, at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York. Andrade was making the first defense of the crown that he had won just seven months prior with a win over Vanes Martirosyan. The former U.S Olympian was looking to make a statement in front of the New York crowd against Rose, who was riding an 11-fight winning streak, which included wins over former world champions Vivian Harris and Joachim Alcine.

Watch what happens when these two junior middleweights collided in this world title showdown at 8 PM ET.

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## **Demetrius Andrade against Vanes Martirosyan WBO Junior Middleweight World Title Fight on fubo Sports Network**

PHILADELPHIA (July 2, 2021)—Current WBO Middleweight champion Demetrius Andrade takes on Vanes Martirosyan for the WBO Junior Middleweight World Title, tonight on the next installment of Classic Fight Night on fubo Sports Network.

Andrade (19-0) met Martirosyan (33-0-1) on November 9, 2013 at The American Bank Center in Corpus Christie, Texas. This title fight was a battle of former United States Olympians, with the winner reaching a coveted goal of becoming a world champion.

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**AUDIO: Interview with undefeated Junior Lightweight Estivan Falcao**

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**VIDEO: Interview with undefeated Junior Lightweight Estivan Falcao**

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# Demetrius Andrade against Freddy Hernandez in a Junior Middleweight Fight on fubo Sports Network

PHILADELPHIA (June 11, 2021)—Current WBO Middleweight champion Demetrius Andrade takes on Freddy Hernandez tonight on the next installment of Classic Fight Night on fubo Sports Network.

On his way up, Andrade (18-0) met Hernandez on January 25, 2013 at The Paramount Theatre in Huntington, New York. Andrade arrived with considerable promise, and a victory would have set up a coveted title shot. Hernandez (30-3) was the perfect foil, as a former world title challenger.

Watch what happened in this crossroads battle at 8 PM ET.

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# Heavyweight Andrey Fedosov Ready for Heavyweight Elite

PHILADELPHIA (June 10, 2021)—After his first-round destruction of former world amateur champion Mahammadrasul Majidov on April 17th, Andrey Fedosov wants to fight the top heavyweights in the world.

Fedosov (32-3, 26 KOs) took out Majidov by scoring two vicious knockdowns, and stopped the accomplished fighter in 84 seconds in Hollywood, Florida.

With champions Tyson Fury and Anthony Joshua tied up with mandatory defenses, and presumably followed by two bouts against each other, the top contenders in the division will need quality opponents for the next 12-18 months.

Enter Fedosov.

The 35 year-old native of Shuya, Russia has not lost in eight years, and feels that bouts with the top contenders are a natural

“Look at my resume. It is as good as any, and now is my time to get my opportunity against one of the big names in the division. Guys like Andy Ruiz, Dillian Whyte, Joseph Parker, Luis Ortiz, Joe Joyce or Charles Martin are on my radar. I know these guys are waiting around for title shots, but if they really know is happening in the heavyweight division, they will be waiting a long time for that. They need to fight,

and I would like to get one of them in the ring,” said the 2015 Boxcino champion.

“Andrey is willing to fight anyone in the division. There are a lot of potential great matchups for Andrey. We are working to secure one of those top contenders,” said Banner Promotions President, Artie Pelullo.

Fedosov is promoted by Banner Promotions and Newsboy Boxing.

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## **MICHAEL DUTCHOVER WINS UNANIMOUS DECISION IN 2021 DEBUT**

Philadelphia, PA (June 7, 2021) – Lightweight prospect, Michael “The West Texas Warrior” Dutchover (15-1, 10 KOs), won a hard-fought unanimous decision against a game, Ivan Leon Benitez (14-5-1, 6 KOs) at the Omega Products International in Corona, California. Dutchover, who is promoted by Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing, outworked Benitez in every round but had to fend off the constant attack he was facing throughout the entire fight. Dutchover showed he has the skillset to box and fight on the inside when things got rough. Benitez showed a lot of heart, but never was in control of the fight. Scorecards read 80-72 twice and 78-74

“This was my first fight in almost a year, and I felt I had some rust to shake off, but overall, I’m happy with my performance,” said Dutchover. “Benitez came to fight as I expected, and I did what I had to do to get the win. Now its time to get right back in the ring and finish of the rest of this year with some good wins. I have a big fight coming up in September back in my home state of Texas that I’m looking

forward too. I'll be ready to go."

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## **Michael Dutchover Weighs in for Tonight's Fight against Ivan Leon Benitez**

CORONA, CA (June 6, 2021) – Lightweight prospect, Michael "The West Texas Warrior" Dutchover (14-1, 10 KOs), weighed in at 137.4 lbs., while his opponent Ivan Leon Benitez checked in at 138 lbs for tonight's main event at the Omega Products International Event Center in Corona, California.

Dutchover of Midland, Texas is promoted by Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing.

The bout will headline a Thompson Boxing 3.2.1 Boxing fight card.

The free stream will air live on the Thompson Boxing Promotions website ([www.thompsonboxing.com](http://www.thompsonboxing.com)), as well as their Facebook and YouTube pages. 3.2.1. Boxing will take place at the Omega Products International Event Center in Corona, CA, and will start at 2:30 p.m. PT / 5:30 p.m. ET.