

# **VIDEO: Giovanni Cabrera Mioletti**

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## **Banner Promotions Signs Undefeated Featherweight Giovanni Cabrera Mioletti**

PHILADELPHIA (JUNE 15, 2020)—Banner Promotions is pleased to announce the signing of undefeated featherweight Giovanni Cabrera Mioletti to a promotional contract.

“I am very excited to add Giovanni to our growing roster. He was brought to me by a friend of mine named Sam DiTusa. I have watched him fight and he is a very good prospect who already has some quality wins. I feel that his best fights are ahead of him, and he will be a real player in the featherweight division,” said Banner Promotions President, Artie Pelullo.

“I am very excited to start the next chapter of my career,” said Mioletti. “I want to be a world champion, and Banner Promotions can get me to that step,” said Mioletti.

Said co-manager/co-trainer, Sam DiTusa, “I have known Artie Pelullo for 15 years. I have total confidence in him, and when I knew it was time for Giovanni to take the next step up, I know Artie and Banner Promotions is the team that will get him there. Artie makes it easy for managers to do their job and,

he has the right vision to get Giovanni to the top.”

Mioletti, 25 years-old of Chicago has a record of 18-0 with seven knockouts.

Mioletti began boxing at the age of 16 after he caught the boxing bug when he watched the Manny Pacquiao – Miguel Cotto fight at a friends house.

“That fight piqued my interest in the sport, and I began reading up and watching Pacquiao and Muhammad Ali fights.”

Giovanni began his amateur career with a 10-second knockout. That fight was the beginning of a amateur tenure that saw him go 60-5, and he captured the 2013 Chicago Golden Gloves. Mioletti, then moved to Mexico, where he continued boxing and won the Leon Championships, and was a state champion in Guanajuato. He later won a Bronze Medal in the Mexican Olympic Trials.

Mioletti turned professional on April 22, 2016 with a 2nd round stoppage over DeShawn DuBose.

To say Mioletti has been matched tough is an understatement. He has defeated seven undefeated opponents in Gavino Guan (4-0), William Hernandez (3-0), Roberto Meza (8-0), Ray Lampkin (11-0), Elijah Price (8-0), & Headley Scott (11-0).

The 7th undefeated foe to fall was Luis Poroza (14-0) as Mioletti won a 10-round unanimous decision on July 12, 2019 in a bout that was shown on ShoBox: The New Generation on SHOWTIME.

Mioletti also has victories over distinguished veterans Tyrone Harris and Antonio Escalante.

In his last bout, Mioletti won a decision over Joshua Hernandez on October 12, 2019 in Chicago.

Mioletti, whose father is Mexican, and mother is Italian is

the middle of three children (older brother and younger sister). In his spare time, Giovanni considers himself a movie buff who says Raging Bull as a favorite film.

Mioletti is co-managed and co-trained by John Nocita.

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## **LIVE INTERVIEW WITH MICHAEL DUTCHOVER**

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## **Ruben Villa Closing In on Title Shot as He is Now Ranked #2 By The WBO**

HILADELPHIA, PA / ORANGE, CA- February 25, 2020 – The accolades continue to come in for undefeated featherweight Ruben Villa (18-0, 5 KOs) as he is now ranked #2 by the World Boxing Organization (WBO).

Last week it was announced that Villa is now ranked #9 by Ring Magazine

The new position has the Salinas, California native inching ever closer to a world title opportunity against amateur rival Shakur Stevenson. Villa and Stevenson split four bouts in their amateur career.

“Now to be ranked #2 by the WBO shows that the hard work is paying off. I am looking to face any champion. I am just being patient, and when my time comes, I will be ready for that opportunity,” said Villa.

Villa is co-promoted by Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing.

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## **Undefeated Featherweight Ruben Villa now Ranked Number-Nine by Ring Magazine**

PHILADELPHIA, PA / ORANGE, CA- February 20, 2020 – Undefeated featherweight Ruben Villa is now ranked #9 by Ring Magazine.

Villa (18-0, 5 KOs) of Salinas, California is just three weeks removed from an impressive 10-round unanimous decision over Alexei Collado in a bout that headlined a ShoBox: The New Generation card in Shreveport, Louisiana. With the win, Villa successfully defended his WBO International title.

In that bout, Villa was dominant throughout and displayed a diverse arsenal of punches that were very effective in decisively out punching the offensive minded Collado.

The ranking from the heralded magazine, adds to his world rankings of #5 by the WBO and #13 by the WBC.

“I was just surprised to get the recognition that I deserve. It’s been tough, but its finally starting to payoff. I am trying to get better with each fight and the people were happy. That the last fight against Collado meant a lot and opened up many doors,” said Villa

“Being recognized in the top-10 by Ring Magazine solidifies and validates Ruben of graduating from top-prospect to bona fide contender. In his next bout, we are looking for Ruben to really make a statement and face another world-ranked opponent in order to put him in position to fight for a world title,” said Banner Promotions President, Artie Pelullo.

“The rise of Ruben Villa has been gaining momentum since the world got to see him on Showtime last year. A world title bout is in his immediate future and it’s great to see the media, like Ring Magazine, recognizing his accomplishments.” stated Ken Thompson, CEO of Thompson Boxing Promotions.

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## **New Banner Promotions Signee Eduardo Diogo in action Tonight in Philadelphia**

Philadelphia, Pa. – February 14, 2020 – Tonight at the 2300 Arena in Philadelphia, new Banner Promotions signee and

undefeated super flyweight Eduardo Diogo will make his American debut when takes Philadelphia native and 12 fight veteran Jerrod Miner.

The fight, which will be part of the non-televised undercard to a ShoBox: The Generation card that will be televised live on SHOWTIME®(10 PM ET/PT)

Diogo of Sao Paulo, Brazil is 1-0 with one knockout, which was a 1st round knockout over Alessandro de Castro Siqueira in December 15, 2018 in Sao Paulo.

Things got a little testy at Thursday's weigh-in as Diogo weighed in at 115.8 lbs, while Miner was 114.3.

Diogo is managed by Simone Zagarino and Pat Zagarino.

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## **The Passing of Jimmy Thunder**

Philadelphia, Pa. – February 13, 2020 – Banner Promotions has issued the following statement on the passing of it's former fighter, heavyweight Jimmy Thunder, who passed away on Wednesday due to complications of a brian tumor at age 54 in New Zealand.

“My heartfelt condolences go out to Jimmy's family. I was saddened to hear that Jimmy passed away,” said Artie Pelullo, President of Banner Promotions. “He was a real good guy and true professional. It was my pleasure to be associated with Jimmy. He was a good fighter who gave the fans a lot of exciting fights when we promoted him, especially on the Tuesday Night Fights series on USA Network, where he had one of the fastest knockouts in boxing history when he knocked out Crawford Grimsley in 13 seconds. It's always sad to see

someone pass away at a young age.”

Included in Thunder’s record that read 35-14 with 28 knockouts were wins over three former heavyweight champions, Tony Tubbs, Trevor Berbick and Tim Witherspoon.

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## **Banner Promotions Signs Undefeated Heavyweight Isaac Munoz Gutierrez to a Co-Promotional Deal with United Promotions**

Philadelphia, Pa. – February 11, 2020 – Banner Promotions has signed undefeated heavyweight Isaac Munoz Gutierrez to a co-promotional deal with United Promotions.

Gutierrez, 27 years-old of Torreon Coahuila de Zaragoza, Mexico has a record of 12-0-1 with 10 knockouts.

“We are happy to bring Isaac to Banner Promotions. He is a very good prospect that was brought to my attention by Don MacDonald of United Promotions. I have seen him and he has good power. I feel that he will make waves in the heavyweight division,” said Banner Promotions President Artie Pelullo.

“I feel very happy to sign with Banner Promotions. Being with a big company will be great for my career. With Banner and

United Promotions, I feel my career can go to big heights, and I am grateful for that,” Said Gutierrez.

“I have known Artie Pelullo for 25 years, and I know what he can do. I feel Artie and Banner Promotions is the promoter that will make the inroads for Isaac in the heavyweight division,” said Don MacDonald of United Promotions.

Gutierrez was 220-20 as an amateur, and was a multi-time Mexican National champion, and was part of the Mexican National boxing team for two years. Gutierrez competed in the World Series of Boxing.

Gutierrez turned professional on September 9, 2011 with a 1st round stoppage over Misael Jossy Chavez. Gutierrez has established himself as a power puncher, and is coming off a 1st round stoppage over Jesus Alberto Martinez Torres on September 7th.

“We are extremely happy to sign with Banner Promotions. This is exactly what we wanted, and need for Isaac’s career. I have known about Banner Promotions and Artie Pelullo for a long time, and I know he can get Isaac to the top level,” said Gutierrez manager, Manuel Garrido.

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**Banner Promotions Signs  
Junior Welterweight**



# Jamshidbek Najmitdinov to a Co-Promotional Deal

Philadelphia, Pa. – February 10, 2020 – Banner Promotions is pleased to announce to the signing of top junior welterweight prospect Jamshidbek Najmitdinov (14-1, 11 KOs) to a co-promotional deal with Uprising Promotions.

Najmitdinov of of Yashkent, Uzbekistan is looking forward to getting started and moving up the ranks of the 140-pound division.

“I am very pleased to able to sign Jamshidbek, and to work with Ronson Frank and his company, Uprising Promotions. Jamshidbek is a very talented fighter who is television friendly, and we feel has the capability to be a real player in the 140 pound division, I saw his fight with Postol, and he won that fight in my opinion. He should have been credited with three knockdowns, but only got one. He is undefeated an fighter in my mind. ” said Banner Promotions President Artie Pelullo.

“I am very happy to sign with Banner Promotions. I am looking forward to fighting in America. Fans will love my style, as i try to take after Roy Jones and Manny Pacquiao. I was inspired by with my countryman Murodjon Akhmadliev who won the unified super bantamweight world championship. I been getting good sparring with (IBF Number-one ranked welterweight) Kudratillo Abdukakhorov,” said Najmitdinov.

“We are very excited to work with Banner Promotions. Artie Pelullo has been in the game a long time and has the ability to help get Jamshidbek to the highest level. He is very talented fighter with one disputed loss to a world champion. we are excited for this partnership that will create a lot of opportunities to be seen nationally on all the major platforms

out there,” said Ronson Frank, President of Uprising Promotions.

Najmitdinov on July 25, 2013 with a unanimous decision over Botir Nosirov. Najmitdinov won his first nine bouts before facing former world champion Viktor Postol.

That bout, which took place on September 16, 2017 saw Jamshidbek drop Postol three times but was denied those two of the knockdowns, due to Postol fighting in front of his home-country fans. Jamshidbek pushed the action, and established himself as one of the top-140 pounders in the world. Since that fight, Jamshidbek has won five in a row, which includes his last bout when he won the WBC CIS and Slovak titles with a 1st round stoppage over Giorgi Khutsishvili on October 6th in Uzbekistan.

“Against Postol, it was a fight that I took on short notice. I wasn’t in the best of shape. I want to fight him again. I hope that he beats Jose Ramirez, because I want to fight him for the world championship when I get the rematch. I just want to tell my fans, that the best is yet to come from me, and I am looking forward to getting started in the United States,” said Najmitdinov.

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**RUBEN VILLA CONTINUES TO**

# **IMPRESS WITH UNANIMOUS DECISION VICTORY ON SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION FRIDAY ON SHOWTIME®**

SHREVEPORT, La. – January 31, 2020 – After his fourth consecutive victory in a little more than 12 months on ShoBox: The New Generation, Ruben Villa is ready to graduate from the 19-year prospect series.

The undefeated featherweight Villa put on a boxing clinic in a dominating unanimous decision win over Alexei Collado. The judges scored the fight 99-91 and 98-92 twice in the main event Friday night from George's Pond at Hirsch Coliseum in Shreveport, La.

Photo By Emily Harney/Banner Promotions

The 22-year-old Salinas, Calif., native Villa (18-0, 5 KOs), who entered the ring paying tribute to the late Kobe Bryant by wearing his No. 8 Lakers jersey into the ring, called his performance "solid" against a "tough and aggressive fighter."

"He was challenging throughout the fight," said Villa. "I feel like I put on a good show. He was a big knockout puncher and he's no pushover. He brought out the best in me."

Villa, who was the was also the 2014 and 2016 National Golden Gloves Champion, is currently ranked No. 5 at 126 pounds by the WBO and No. 13 by the WBC. He said after the fight he's ready for the best his division has to offer.

The 31-year-old Cuban Collado (26-3, 23 KOs) who lives in Miami, lost for the first time in seven bouts. "It was a good fight," said Collado, who won the 2006 Junior World Title in the flyweight division. "We both brought everything. We put on

a good show for the fans. He moves a lot and he's a smart fighter. I feel like when I threw a lot I hit him but I wasn't active enough."

Villa said he stayed disciplined training during the holidays. "Now I'm going to take a few weeks off and then get right back in the gym," he said.

In the co-featured bout, undefeated Ukrainian and 2012 Olympic Bronze medalist Taras Shelestyuk (18-0, 10 KOs) recorded a dominating unanimous decision victory against Argentina's Luis Alberto Veron (18-2-2, 9 KOs). The judges scored the 10-round welterweight fight 97-93 and 98-92 twice.

Shelestyuk, who overcame a bad fifth-round cut on his forehead, had boxed just 10 rounds in the last three years.

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"It was a good fight," Shelestyuk said. "I hit him with some good shots, and controlled the fight. I have been out since March, and I feel that I performed well. I am happy to be back on television.

"The cut didn't bother me. This is professional boxing, and these things happen. I want to be back in May or June. If I come back in the next several months, I want to fight a big name – guys like Keith Thurman and Danny Garcia."

In the telecast opener, late replacement Sulaiman Segawa (12-2-1, 3 KOs) looked impressive in his ShoBox debut seemingly out-boxing Zhora Hamazaryan (9-1-2, 6 KOs) and recording the better stat sheet, but the close lightweight fight was called a split-decision draw. One judge had Segawa winning 78-74, another 77-75 for Hamazaryan and the third judge called it even, 76-76.

ShoBox analyst Steve Farhood had the fight scored 77-75 Segawa, while Barry Tompkins and Raul Marquez both saw it

78-74 in favor of Segawa.

“I won the fight,” said Segawa, who took the fight on just four days’ notice. “I maintained him and his aggressiveness. I came up to his weight and dictated the action. I staggered him a couple of times and he was not touching me.”

Segawa earned the better stats in nearly every category. Hamazaryan was more active (57.5 punches per round to Segawa’s 53.6) but Segawa outlanded him 130-100 overall, 42-14 jabs and 88-86 power and was more accurate in all phases (30%-22% overall, 28%-8% jabs, 31.3%-31.1% power). Segawa even led 25-22 in body connects

Segawa, 28, moved to Silver Spring, Md., two years ago and is originally from Kampala, Uganda. He has won six times against previously undefeated opponents with his two losses also to undefeated fighters.

Hamazaryan, who was making his third ShoBox appearance, returned to the ring after 16 months as he returned to his native Armenia to get his physical education degree.

“It was a good fight,” the 23-year-old Hamazaryan said. “I started slow because of the switch in opposition and felt rusty. I’m going to go right back to the gym and keep on learning. And I will be better.”

It was the second consecutive split draw for Hamazaryan, who also recorded a split draw against Thomas Mattice in his last ShoBox appearance in September of 2018.

Friday’s fights were promoted by Banner Promotions, Thompson Boxing and Bishop Promotions LLC. The full telecast will replay on Monday, February 3 at 10 p.m. ET/PT on SHOWTIME EXTREME and will be available on SHOWTIME ANYTIME® and SHOWTIME on DEMAND®.

Hall of Famer Barry Tompkins called the action from ringside

with fellow Hall of Famer Steve Farhood and former world champion Raul Marquez serving as expert analysts. The executive producer is Gordon Hall with Richard Gaughan producing and Rick Phillips directing.

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#### About ShoBox: The New Generation

Since its inception in July 2001, the critically acclaimed SHOWTIME boxing series, ShoBox: The New Generation has featured young talent matched tough. The ShoBox philosophy is to televise exciting, crowd-pleasing and competitive matches while providing a proving ground for willing prospects determined to fight for a world title. Some of the growing list of the 81 fighters who have appeared on ShoBox and advanced to garner world titles includes: Errol Spence Jr., Andre Ward, Deontay Wilder, Erislandy Lara, Shawn Porter, Gary Russell Jr., Lamont Peterson, Guillermo Rigondeaux, Nonito Donaire, Devon Alexander, Carl Froch, Robert Guerrero, Timothy Bradley, Jessie Vargas, Juan Manuel Lopez, Chad Dawson, Paulie Malignaggi, Ricky Hatton, Kelly Pavlik, Paul Williams and more.