

PETROV & MONROE JR. WIN BOXCINO, NABA & NABO TITLES

PHILADELPHIA (MAY 27, 2014)—Petr Petrov and Willie Monroe Jr. won the Boxcino 2014 lightweight and middleweight tournaments respectively as Petrov stopped Fernando Carcamo in round 8, while Monroe pounded a 10-round unanimous decision over Brandon Adams at the Turning Stone Resort Casino.

Also in the process, Petrov and Monroe Jr. each took home the NABA and NABO titles as well.

The show and tournament was promoted by Banner Promotions and was broadcast on ESPN 2, ESPN Deportes and WatchESPN

Petrov landed a nice right in round three. Petrov kept up the solid pace as he landed some shots inside the long punches of Carcamo. In round four, Petrov landed two solid uppercuts and a right hand on the inside. In round five, Petrov began to work the body with hard lefts that set off a volume of punches to the head.

Petrov rocked Carcamo in round six with a flurry of punches that had Carcamo stumbling around the ring. In round seven, Petrov began to pound away in spots before landing a big right hand in the final twenty seconds of the round. Petrov landed a huge left and right just before the bell sounded for good measure. The fight could have been stopped in between rounds but Carcamo came out for the 8th but it did not last long as Petrov landed a left and right and the fight was stopped 40 seconds into round 8.

Petrov, 134 lbs of Madrid, Spain is now 35-3 with 17 knockouts. Carcamo, 135 lbs of Ciudad, Obregon, Mexico is now 17-6.

“We had a game plan and it played out like we wanted,”said

Petrov.

“The key was my movement that kept him off balance. He never hurt me to the head, but I felt his body shots. This is a great boom to my career. I want to be big in the United States. This is where great events happen and I plan to have a great career here,” finished Petrov.

Said Carcamo, “This was not my night. He was the better man.”

Willie Monroe Jr. won the Boxcino, NABA and NABO Middleweight titles with a 10-round unanimous decision over previously undefeated Brandon Adams.

Monroe Jr. was successful with his jab in the first three rounds. Late in round three, Adams landed an overhand right that set off a nice exchange on the inside. Adams came on to start round four by battling on the inside but Monroe put together some crisp combinations to close out the frame. Adams began round five working well on the inside only to eat some hard shots in return. Adams came back to land a flush right in the corner.

In round six, Adams landed a good right hand that sent Monroe into the corner. Moments later, Monroe shot back with a good counter left. Adams got into a pattern of following Monroe around the ring and kept getting caught with combinations. Adams had a good round eight as he had Monroe against the ropes for an elongated period. Monroe was able to fight off in spots and land some solid blows. Adams continued to press the action but Monroe was deft at moving away and in round nine began to dance around the ring.

Monroe Jr, 159 1/2 lbs of Rochester, NY won by scores of 99-91 on all cards and is now 17-1. Adams, 158 lbs of Los Angeles, CA is now 14-1.

“That kid is strong as hell,”said Monroe Jr.

"I knew he was strong, I just had to show him things that he has not seen. He shook me up a couple times."

Vitor Jones De Oliviera registered a 4-round unanimous decision over Michael Jackson in a Jr. Lightweight bout.

De Oliviera dropped Jackson with a left hook and round three and controlled the action throughout the fight.

De Oliviera, 131 lbs of Salvador, Brazil is the nephew of Brazilian legend Acelino Freitas and is now 4-0.

In a Heavyweight slug fest, Eric George picked up his 1st victory with a 4-round unanimous decision over Raymond Santiago.

George bloodied Santiago's nose as early as round two and landed the harder shots which led to his victory by scores of 40-36 on all cards.

George, 202 lbs of Niagara Falls, NY is 1-6. Santiago, 232 lbs of Albany, NY is 0-3.

Marcus Hall scored an 4-round majority decision over previously undefeated Cesar Vila in a Jr. Middleweight bout.

Scores were 40-36, 39-37 and 38-38 for Hall, 151 lbs of Rochester, NY and he is now 8-6-1. Vila, 154 lbs of Austin, TX is now 6-1.

Samuel Teah scored a 4-round unanimous decision over Jeremy Graves in Lightweight fight.

Scores were 40-36 on all cards for Teah, 137 lbs of Philadelphia and is now 4-0. Graves, 137 lbs of Niagara Falls, NY is now 0-3.

Oscar Torres scored a 1st round knockdown en route to a 4-round unanimous decision over Cornelius Whitlock in a battle of undefeated Welterweights.

Scores were 40-35 on all cards for Torres, 144 lbs of Anaheim, California and he is now 3-0. Whitlock, 144 lbs of Baltimore, MD is now 3-1-2.

Boxcino 2014 Finals weigh in video

Below is the weigh in video for tonight's Boxcino final that will take place at the Turning Stone Resort Casino. In the lightweight final, Fernando Carcamo will take on Petr Petrov while middleweights Willie Monroe Jr. will take on undefeated Brandon Adams. Three belts will be on the line as not only the Boxcino title but the NABA and NABO titles will be up for grabs in both fights.

Media outlets may use the video on their websites by copy/paste the embedded code.

The fights, which are promoted by Banner Promotions begin at 9 PM ET on ESPN 2, ESPN Deportes and watchESPN

WEIGHTS FROM VERONA, NY

Fernando Carcamo 135 – Petr Petrov 134
(BOXCINO, NABA, NABO LIGHTWEIGHT TITLES)

Brandon Adams 158 – Willie Monroe Jr. 159.5
(BOXCINO, NABA, NABO MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLES)

Jeremy Graves 136.5 – Sam Teah 137
Oscar Torres 144 – Cornelius Whitlock 144
Eric George 202 – Raymond Santiago 232
Michael Jackson 129 – Vitor Jones De Oliviera 131
Cesar Vila 154 – Marcus Hall 151

Promoter: Banner Promotions

Venue: Turning Stone Casino Resort

TV: ESPN 2

1st Bell: 7:00 pm ET / 9:00 ET for television

Boxcino 2014 Finals now for NABA & NABO titles

Verona, NY (May 21, 2014)—Once again the stakes have been raised for this Friday night's Boxcino 2014 championship bouts.

When the tournament began it was known that the fighters would be competing for the Boxcino championship belt. Now two more belts will be on the line as the NABA and the NABO belts will be up for grabs when lightweights Fernando Carcamo and Petr Petrov do battle while in the middleweight finals it will be undefeated Brandon Adams taking on Willie Monroe Jr. will square off for the three titles.

The fights are promoted by Banner Promotions and will be televised live on ESPN 2. ESPN Deportes and WatchESPN beginning at 9 PM ET and will originate from the Turning Stone Resort and Casino.

"I want to thank the WBA and the WBO for making their North American title available for the fighters to compete for,"said

Banner Promotions president Artie Pelullo.

“This has been an outstanding tournament and are delighted that these two organizations are rewarding these fighters for the opportunity to fight for these titles.”

Boxcino 2014 spawns world ranked fighters and top contenders

Philadelphia, PA (May 20, 2014)—THIS FRIDAY, The finals of the Boxcino 2014 tournament will take place at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino and the stakes just got bigger for the four fighters that will compete in the lightweight and middleweight championship bouts.

The show is promoted by Banner Promotions and will be broadcast live on ESPN 2, ESPN Deportes and WatchESPN and will begin at 9 PM ET.

In the lightweight finals, Petr Petrov will take on Fernando Carcamo while middleweight Brandon Adams will square off with Willie Monroe Jr.

Each has won two fights and because of their willingness to step up and fight top competition, the WBA has recognized each fighter with a world ranking.

Carcamo is ranked-11 & Petrov is ranked-12 at lightweight. In the middleweight division, Adams is ranked-6 while Monroe Jr. checked in at 14.

“We are very proud of all four fighters and want to

congratulate them on stepping up to the plate and winning these fights,” said Banner Promotions president Arthur Pelullo.

“This is exactly what we envisioned when we put Boxcino together. Fighters fighting other top fighters and they will be rewarded with rankings that will facilitate their careers into title opportunities and big fights. I want to thank everyone at ESPN for having the same vision and putting this tournament together.”

Boxcino Finals set for This Friday at the Turning Stone Casino Resort LIVE on ESPN FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS

Verona, NY (May 19, 2014)—This Friday Night, The finals of the popular Boxcino 2014 lightweight and middleweight tournaments will be held at the Turning Stone Resort Casino.

The fights will be broadcast live on ESPN2, ESPN Deportes & WatchESPN at 9 PM ET.

After 3 months of great action, 4 men will battle for 2 belts to be called 2014 Boxcino Champion.

In the lightweight finals, Petr Petrov (34-4-2, 16 KO's) of Madrid, Spain via Russia will take on Fernando Carcamo (17-5, 13 KO's) of Ciudad, Mexico.

In the middleweight championship, undefeated Brandon Adams (14-0, 9 KO's) of Los Angeles, CA will take on Willie Monroe

Jr. (17-1, 6 KO's) of Rochester, NY.

Petrov reached the finals with a 6-round unanimous decision over previously undefeated Fedor Papazov and a 4th-round stoppage of Chris Rudd.

Carcamo reached this point with a 2nd-round stoppage over previously undefeated Samuel Neequaye as well as a 8-round split decision over Miguel Gonzalez.

Adams and Monroe will be in familiar surroundings as they each won their semifinal bouts at the Turning Stone Casino Resort on April 18.

Adams scored a 4th-round stoppage over Daniel Edouard and then followed that up with his semifinal split decision win over Raymond Gatica on April 18.

Monroe went into the hometown of Donatas Bondorovas and took home a split decision. In his semifinal bout, he boxed his way to a 8-round unanimous decision over previously undefeated Vitalii Kopylenko.

"This has been a great tournament and these four guys have a tremendous opportunity on May 23," said Banner Promotions president Artie Pelullo.

"I want to thank ESPN for getting behind Boxcino and I know they have been happy with the fights so far. These are two excellent match ups for the finals and we are excited to crown 2 champions."

Adams and Monroe Jr. win and earn spots in Boxcino Middleweight final

Verona, NY (APRIL 21, 2014)—Brandon Adams and Willie Monroe Jr. each took home decision victories and punched their tickets to the finals of Boxcino 2014.

The finals will take place at the same venue as the semifinals, that being the Turning Stone Resort and Casino and is promoted by Banner Promotions and the semifinals were broadcast on ESPN 2.

The finals will take place on May 23 as will the lightweight finals that will feature Fernando Carcamo and Petr Petrov. Both bouts are scheduled for 10 rounds.

Adams scored an exciting 8-round split decision over Raymond Gatica while Monroe boxed his way to an 8-round unanimous decision over previously undefeated Vitalii Kopylenko.

Adams and Gatica put on a good show that saw them stand toe to toe all over the ring. Adams mixed it up being the aggressor and counter-punching effectively.

The action picked up in round three with some good exchanges. Adams rocked Gatica with a solid right in the next frame. Later in the round, Adams landed another right hand that buckled his opponent. In round six, Gatica tried to make a stand by landing a combination on the ropes but that was short lived as Adams successfully fired off a pair of right hands to stop that flurry. Adams boxed well down the stretch and even put a stamp on the fight by landing a hard right at the bell.

Right hand from Adams

Adams, 161 lbs of San Diego, CA won by scores of 78-74 twice

and Gatica, 158 lbs of Austin, TX took a card 77-75.

Adams is now 14-0. Gatica is now 14-3.

"He is a tough guy," said Adams. "This is the 1st southpaw I had fought. It is a lot tougher, but I got the job done. He taught me a lot in the ring and it was a fun fight."

Said Gatica, "I won the fight. I was busier and I landed more punches."

Monroe darted in and out and boxed at a comfortable range. He was quick with his right hooks and quick left hands. Kopylenko looked and remained dangerous throughout the fight and landed a big right hand in round five that sent the mouthpiece of Monroe flying. That was Kopylenko's high point of the contest as Monroe got back to effective boxing and won by scores of 79-73 twice and 78-74."

Monroe Jr. lands a jab

Monroe Jr, is now 17-1. Kopylenko is now 23-1.

"It was hard but fair," said Monroe. "I gave him his 1st loss. He was coming but we fought at my range and set up feints and landed good shots."

Adams commented on the final by saying, "We are going to dance. This is very exciting. He is a flashy southpaw. I am going to train for a slick southpaw. He put on a good show tonight.

Nate Heaven remained undefeated by scoring an explosive 1st round stoppage over Donovan Dennis in a scheduled 8-round Heavyweight bout.

Both guys landed heavy shots until Heaven landed a crushing right to the jaw that sent Dennis down. Dennis got to his feet but was wobbly and the fight was stopped at 3:00 of round one.

"I give all hail to god,"said Heaven. "The right hand is my weapon. I saw him on youtube and saw that he gained weight and got slower. My coach said to relax and I would get him."

Heaven, 233 lbs of Ocala, FL is now 9-0-1 with 7 knockouts. Dennis, 226 lbs of Davenport, IA is now 11-2.

Marcus Hall scored a 4-round unanimous decision over Raphael Luna in a Jr. Middleweight bout.

Scores were 40-36 on all cards for Hall, 153 lbs of Rochester, NY and is now 7-6. Luna, 152.5 lbs of Albany, NY is now 3-8-3.

Simeon Hardy destroyed Rahman Yusubov inside of a round of their scheduled 6-round Jr. Middleweight bout.

Hardy scored three knockdowns with the 1st and 3rd coming from devastating left hooks at 2:36 of round one.

Simeon Hardy

Hardy, 155 lbs of Brooklyn, NY is now 12-0 with 10 knockouts. Yusubov, 155 lbs of Dallas is now 9-15.

Cecil McCalla remained perfect by scoring a 6-round unanimous decision over Antonio Chaves Fernandez in a Welterweight bout.

McCalla hurt Fernandes in the 4th and cruised home to the victory by scores of 60-54 on all cards.

McCalla, 149 lbs of Randallstown, MD is now 18-0. Fernandes, 150 lbs of Brockton, MA is now 4-17-2.

Weights from Verona, NY

Brandon Adams 161 – Raymond Gatica 158
Vitalii Kopylenko 160 – Willie Monroe Jr. 160
(BOXCINO MIDDLEWEIGHT SEMIFINAL BOUTS)

Donovan Dennis 226 – Nat Heaven 233
Cornelius Whitlock 145 – Greg Jackson 144
Cecil McCalla 149 – Antonio Chaves Fernandez 150
Simeon Hardy 155 – Rahman Yusubov 155
Marcus Hall 153 – Raphael Luna 152.5

Promoter: Banner Promotions
Venue: Turning Stone Resort Casino
Time: ESPN 2 Broadcast is at 9 PM ET

Brandon Adams looks to stay undefeated with win over Gatica in Boxcino semifinals

Philadelphia, PA (APRIL 18, 2014)–Two undefeated fighters remain in the Boxcino 2014 Middleweight tournament. Brandon Adams of Los Angeles raised a lot of eyebrows with his 4th round stoppage over Daniel Edouard in the quarterfinals that took place on February 28 in Hammond, Indiana.

Adams, who is now 13-0 with 9 knockouts takes Raymond Gatica (14-2, 9 KO's) in the 8-round semifinal bout this tonight at the Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, New York.

The bout, along with the 2nd semifinal bout between undefeated Vitalli Kopylenko and Willie Monroe Jr. will be broadcast live

on ESPN2, ESPNDeportes+ and WatchESPN beginning at 9 pm ET.

Adams was very happy with his 1st performance in the national stage with the stoppage win over Edouard.

"I did what my corner wanted me to do. My camp wanted me to work off the jab. We watched a little bit of tape on him and we wanted to see where he positioned himself,"said Adams.

With the quick 6-week turnaround, Adams did not much have much time to savor his impressive victory.

"I train everyday. I have been feeling real good. I am ready for Gatica. He is my first southpaw and I have been getting good work and I am feeling very good."

After their respective fights on February 28, Gatica and Adams had a very respectable if not friendly exchange in the middle of the ring.

"I know how to separate friends. He is not an enemy. We are just in here working and I will do what it takes to win."

Adams also has a lot of respect for Gatica the fighter and expects a good show for the fans.

"I saw his fight with Agbeko. He is a crowd pleaser. He comes forward and likes to throw big shots but that is nothing I am unfamiliar with. The only difference is that he is a southpaw. Come April 18, I will show that I am different. I plan on stopping him."

With the 1st fight down, Adams sees that he can be the Boxcino champion.

"I am satisfied that we took care of the 1st fight. I am not looking past Gatica. This is one fight at a time and I dream of winning. I am going for Brandon Adams. i feel strongly and I look forward to giving the audience at Turning Stone and watching on ESPN what they want to see on April 18," said

Adams.

Raymond Gatica looking for ticket to finals with win over Brandon Adams

Philadelphia, PA (APRIL 8, 2014)—One of the great great things about the concept of the Boxcino 2014 tournament is that it gives opportunity to fighters who just need a stage to showcase their talents.

Some of have flown under the radar, others have been victims of bad decisions. Both of those factors were evident early in the career of Raymond Gatica. But since entering the Boxcino tournament, Gatica has been given the opportunity that many boxers desire.

On February 28, he scored an impressive victory in stopping previously undefeated knockout artist Sena Agbeko in the fourth round of their quarterfinal matchup in Hammond, Indiana.

Gatica (14-2, 9 KOs's) of Austin, Texas will now fight another undefeated opponent in Brandon Adams (13-0, 9 KO's) of Los Angeles on April 18 at the Turning Stone Resort Casino.

Adams is coming off a stoppage over Daniel Edouard in his quarterfinal bout.

The winner of the Gatica / Adams fight will take on the winner of the Vitalli Kopylenko (23-0, 13 KO's) / Willie Monroe Jr. (16-1, 6 KO's) semifinal battle that will take place on the same card.

The fights will be broadcast live on ESPN2, ESPNDeportes+ and WatchESPN beginning at 9 PM ET.

Gatica knows he will have to improve to reach the finals.

“I felt I was a little sloppy but it came down to who would throw the harder punches,” said Gatica.

“My training for this fight is going well and I am getting in shape. I will be in better condition and we are working on my technique.”

Gatica is excited about the opportunity in fighting Adams.

“Brandon is a good fight for me. He is worthy with good skills. He is strong and in good shape. I am glad to be fighting him.”

Gatica believes that this fight pits two of the better fighters in the tournament.

“It could be us in the finals but that’s the way tournament shook out. I see myself winning the whole thing, but I am taking this one fight at a time.”

Gatica has received a lot of support from the boxing fans around the world who watched his first bout in Boxcino.

“People are glad that I am in Boxcino. It is exciting and I believe I will be in the final. They have liked my fights and have got great feedback on the concept of Boxcino. It gets people to fight and not be protected,” finished Gatica.