

# **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.

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## Michael Dutchover vs. Ivan Benitez Training Camp Quotes

CORONA, CA (June 3, 2021) – Lightweight prospect, Michael “The West Texas Warrior” Dutchover (14-1, 10 KOs), is scheduled to face Ivan Leon Benitez (14-4-1, 6 KOs) in an 8-round main event showdown this Sunday June, 6th, 2021, on the next edition of 3.2.1. Boxing.

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.

Here is what Michael Dutchover had to say about his recent training camp, his matchup with Benitez, and more.

On his recent training camp:

"I've been working hard with my coach, Danny Zamora, and we had a great training camp. I am just really focused on getting to the next level, and it all starts with good training in the gym. It's been almost a year since I last fought so I'm ready to unleash all the stuff I've been working on during this long layoff."

On his matchup with Ivan Leon Benitez:

"He is a good fighter, who just had a draw against a guy who was undefeated. I'm sure he got better during the pandemic as a lot of fighters were training hard during their time off. I have to come in well-prepared and at the best of my abilities, as he has shown he can beat anyone on any given night. This is a great test for me and I'm confident I'll be able to win this fight."

On making his 2021 debut:

"I am really excited to get back in the ring, this past year has been hard on everyone, and I have had to battle back from a few things myself. When boxing is in my life everything else falls into place, and I am so happy to be back in the ring in this Sunday."

On fighting on 3.2.1 Boxing:

"I love what Thompson Boxing and Banner Promotions has done for me. Even though there won't be any fans in attendance, I love the atmosphere of the 3.2.1. Boxing shows. I'm grateful just to be fighting and thankful that all my friends and family back home will be able to watch live on the internet."

Ivan Benitez gives his thoughts on his recent training camp, his matchup with Dutchover and more.

On his recent training camp:

“This is a big opportunity for me to get my career back on track and I put a lot of hard work into this training camp. I worked very hard as this is a big moment in my life. This will be the best fight of my career. I’m in great shape and I’m going to give Dutchover hell.”

On his matchup with Michael Dutchover:

“Dutchover is a great fighter with a lot of confidence, but I found myself as a fighter in my last fight. I am now much more different than ever before, and everyone watching will see the improvements I’ve made. I respect Michael Dutchover, but I’m going to win this fight.”

On making his 2021 debut:

“You know it is good to be back since I discovered a lot of things about myself in my last fight, and the longer you stay out of the ring, the more you lose it. I fought in December of 2021 and I am ready to shock the world with a victory.”

On fighting on 3.2.1 Boxing:

“It is always a great honor to fight on a Thompson Boxing card, they treat the fighters well and offer high-quality boxing shows. I love whenever I get the call to fight on their cards because I know there will be some good quality fights. 3.2.1. Boxing has staged some great fights of late and I going to bring an exciting fight to the show myself.”

Interview with Michael Dutchover

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# Michael Dutchover vs. Ivan Benitez Headlines Next Edition of 3.2.1 Boxing on Sunday, June 6th in Corona, California

CORONA, CA (May 26, 2021) – Junior welterweight, Michael Dutchover will return on Sunday, June 6th, 2021, as he faces Ivan Leon Benitez in a eight-round main event bout of a Thompson Boxing promoted 3.2.1 Boxing event at The Omega Products International Event Center in Corona, California.

Dutchover (14-1, 10 KOs), of Midland, Texas, who is co-promoted by Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing, is eager to return to the ring as the man known to fans as the “West Texas Warrior” will look to continue his ascent up the rankings.

“I am happy to be back in the ring, making my 2021 debut. I have been training all year, but a couple dates fell out and finally looking to showcase my skills. I have not seen much of Benitez, but I know, he is game, and he is looking to take my spot,. He has nothing to lose, so I will have to take it to him. It’s all part of the game..”

Dutchover’s opponent, Benitez (14-4-1, 6 KOs), of Cancun, Mexico, is looking to spoil the show.

“People are largely discounting me in this fight,” said Benitez. “I have wins over two undefeated opponents and am coming off a draw against Francisco Corrales, in which I felt I won in December. I have never felt this good in my career and I am ready upset the house fighter.”

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Promotions website ([www.thompsonboxing.com](http://www.thompsonboxing.com)), as well as their Facebook and YouTube pages. 3.2.1. and will start at 2:30 p.m. PT / 5:30 p.m. ET.

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## **Michael Dutchover Takes on Ivan Leon Benitez on Friday, May 28th at Reed Arena in Bryan-College Station, Texas and LIVE on UFC FIGHT PASS®**

BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION, Texas (APRIL 7, 2021)—Memorial Day weekend promises to start out with a bang, as junior welterweight Michael Dutchover will look to thrill his Lone Star State fans when he takes on Ivan Leon Benitez in the headlining 10-round bout of what will be an explosive night of boxing on Friday, May 28th at Reed Arena on the campus of Texas A&M University and LIVE and exclusively on UFC FIGHT PASS®, the world's leading streaming service for combat sports. The card will begin at 7 PM ET / 6 PM CT /4 PM PT.

The show is presented by Reed Arena and Texas A&M University and promoted by Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing.

Dutchover, of Midland, Texas, has a record of 14-1 with 10 knockouts. The 23- year-old turned professional five years ago.

Dutchover, known as the "West Texas Warrior," has wins over Miguel Cariozza (10-1); Ricardo Lopez (7-1-2); Bergman Aguilar (14-3-1); Rosekie Cristobal (15-3), and his last bout when he won an eight-round unanimous decision over Jorge Marron (18-1) on July 26th in Orange, California.

Dutchover is promoted by Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing.

"In December I was supposed to fight, but I had an injury, and things happen for a reason. I am back in California training and am excited to get back in the ring. There is no place that I would rather fight than in Texas. I will have fans there from Midland and all over the state. This is my fifth year as a professional, and this is the year that I become a contender," said Dutchover.

Benitez, of Cancun, Mexico, has a record of 14-4-1 with 6 knockouts.

Just 20 years old, Benitez is already a six-year professional. He has wins over two undefeated opponents and is coming off a draw with undefeated Francisco Javier Lopez Corrales (12-0) on December 8th in Mexico.

"I will have a difficult task ahead of me in fighting Dutchover, but May 28th will be my day. I will be prepared to give the fans a great show and to beat my opponent. This is what I work for everyday, and he will not derail my dreams of becoming a future champion," said Benitez.

Seeing action in the 10-round co-feature will be heavyweight Isaac Munoz Gutierrez.

Gutierrez of Mexicali, Mexico is undefeated with a record of 12-0-1 with 10 knockouts.

The 29-year-old Gutierrez, who will be making his United States debut, was a former amateur star in Mexico and competed

in the World Series of Boxing.

Gutierrez has stopped his last six opponents and is coming off a first-round stoppage of 35-fight veteran Jesus Alberto Torres Martinez on September 7, 2019 Naucalpan, Mexico.

Seeing action in an 8-round bout will be undefeated lightweight, Miguel Madueno.

Madueno, 22-years-old from Orange, California, has an impressive record of 22-0 with 20 knockouts.

Madueno is a four-year professional who has shot up the prospect rankings with wins over Cristian Flores (7-1-2); Jesus Rendon (13-1-1); former world-title challenger Cosme Rivera; and his last bout when Madueno stopped Jesus Quintero Velarde in two rounds on December 18th in Sonora, Mexico.

Opening up the broadcast will see Jamshidbek Najmitdinov take part in an 8-round junior welterweight fight.

Najmitdinov, of Tashkent, Uzbekistan, has a record of 16-1 with 13 knockouts.

Najmitdinov is an eight-year professional who will be making his American debut.

Najmitdinov has been in several all-action fights, with a style that will appeal to the American audience. The only blemish on his record was a very disputed decision loss to former world champion Viktor Postol. That bout saw Najmitdinov go into the home country of Postol in the Ukraine, and Jamshidbek dropped Postol on two occasions and rocked him several other times during the fight, yet fell short on the judges' scorecards.

Najmitdinov is coming off a first-round stoppage over Giorgi Khutsishvili on October 6, 2019 to win the WBC CIS Title.

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combat sports fans,” said Crowley Sullivan, Vice President and General Manager, UFC FIGHT PASS. “We’re thrilled to showcase the exciting talent from Banner Promotions to our subscribers. With boxers putting their undefeated records on the line, this action-packed event is one our subscribers won’t want to miss.”

“I am looking forward to working with UFC Fight Pass and Darren Davis with Reed Arena. We are very excited to be putting on this show to kick off a holiday weekend. This show promises to feature fan-friendly fights. When Michael Dutchover fights in Texas, it is always a great crowd, and we are excited about his continued ascent up the rankings. We also are looking forward to getting a glimpse of a future player in the heavyweight division in Isaac Munoz Gutierrez. The fans watching in the arena and around the world are in for a terrific night of boxing,” said Banner Promotions President, Artie Pelullo.

“We are very happy to see the return of Michel Dutchover, and what better place than at the Reed Arena at Texas A&M. Michael will make a run for a world title and this is the best way to get him going,” said Ken Thompson, President of Thompson Boxing.

“We are thrilled to be hosting this marquee fight with Banner Promotions. Adding to a growing list of exciting events we are bringing to Bryan-College Station, this fight will be one any boxing fan will not want to miss,” says Darren Davis, General Manager of Reed Arena.

“We couldn’t be happier to be working with Banner Promotions, to bring a championship event to a great Texas Arena. Reed Arena is going to be a great new venue for boxing, the Gig’Em spirit will be alive and well,” said Daren Libonati of the Libonati Group.

Tickets go on-sale on Thursday, April 8th at 10 AM CT

WHEN: Friday, May 28th, 2021

Doors open 5:45pm with First Bell at 6:00pm CT.

WHERE: Reed Arena

Texas A&M University

730 Olsen Blvd.

College Station, TX 77843

TICKETS: Tickets start at \$25

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About Reed Arena:

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