

# Provodnikov seeks vengeance in 2016

Siberia, Russia (November 12, 2015)– After his dominant performance this past Saturday when he stopped previously undefeated Jesus Alvarez Rodriguez, former WBO junior welterweight champion, Ruslan Provodnikov is ready for a huge 2016 as he targets the best fighters at junior welterweight & welterweight.

At the top of his list is WBO Welterweight champion, Timothy Bradley.

Provodnikov stopped Rodriguez in 4 rounds in the main event at the 7th Edition Monte-Carlo Boxing Bonanza Night of Champions and is looking for the biggest fish to fry as he embarks on the new year.

The fight was his maiden voyage with new trainer Joel Diaz.

“This was a good win for me. I felt confident and my defense already felt better. I know that in the next camp things will come together for me and Joel’s training. My goal for next year is to avenge my losses to Lucas Matthyse, Mauricio Herrera, Timothy Bradley and Chris Algieri!”, said Provodnikov.

Said Diaz, “This was a fight to get him back after the tough fights. We had a strategy of working on defense and body punches. He did a little more of that than he did in previous fights. It will take a couple of fights to get him to where I want.”

“After the fight he said he wanted to redeem his losses to Matthyse, Bradley and Herrera. I like that, and there are other opponents such as Danny Garcia. That would be a great fight because they are both heavy hitters.

But Bradley is at the top of the list as a rematch of the 2013 Fight of the Year and would be the most desirable fight for the boxing fans.

Bradley, who was trained for two decades under Diaz, also won on Saturday as he stopped Brandon Rios in 9 rounds under the guidance of new trainer Teddy Atlas.

“Teddy is a great motivator, and he brings a lot of energy to the corner.”

One of the memorable moments from Saturday’s Bradley – Rios encounter was a spirited Atlas tirade where he was comparing Bradley to a fireman.

“Well if Bradley is a fireman, it is Ruslan that brings the inferno to the fight. If they rematch it would be a tough fight. After the first fight, everybody knows that Bradley was scarred from the bout. Bradley was damaged and in a rematch, that is what Bradley would be thinking about, and he would not be focused. Ruslan would take the initiative and knock him out”

“Ruslan looked great. The collaboration between Ruslan and Joel Diaz is going well,” said Provodnikov’s promoter Artie Pelullo.

“This win sets everything up for a big 2016. He indicated to me that he wants to avenge his losses and also seek the biggest fights. I think he is in prime position to do just that. I expect to have him in a big fight in the first quarter of 2016. ”

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# Provodnikov takes out Rodriguez in 4!!

Monte Carlo, Nov 7 – Ruslan Provodnikov (25-4, 18 KO's) promised to put on a show and he didn't disappoint as he overwhelmed unbeaten Jesus Alvarez Rodriguez (14-1, 11 KO's) in four rounds at the glitzy Salle Des Etoiles in Monte Carlo on Saturday night.

With HRH Prince Albert looking on, the former WBO junior-welterweight champion wasn't unduly stretched as he hit his stride early and pounded away until the finish of their scheduled 10-round welterweight clash. The Russian was the aggressor and although his Mexican opponent had some success counter-punching, he didn't have the strength to hold off Provodnikov.

Rodriguez was sent reeling in the fourth, taking an eight-count after a succession of hooks to the body. After Rodriguez was decked again soon after, referee Stan Christodoulou wisely called a halt. It was Provodnikov's first win since his narrow April defeat to Lucas Matthyse.

"I must praise Rodriguez," said the Russian later. "A lot of big names didn't want to fight, but he did."

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Monte Carlo, Nov 4 – Ruslan Provodnikov has been promised another world championship fight within six months, if he gets

through Saturday night's fight against Jesus Alvarez Rodriguez in Monte Carlo.

This was the pledge of US promoter Art Pelullo, who warned that the Russian junior-welterweight puncher cannot think beyond this weekend's assignment.

Pelullo was speaking at the media conference of the Golden Gloves "Night of Champions" tournament hosted at the world-famous Café de Paris in the shadow of the Monte Carlo Casino on Wednesday evening.

"HBO and Showtime want him," said Pelullo. "Ruslan is one of the premier fighters in the world. He's a murderous puncher and never been down once as an amateur or pro. I've had the privilege of promoting him his entire career. He destroys people and is one of the highest rated fighters on US television. He never does less than 1,5-million viewers. He's the Siberian Rocky; just a great fighter."

Pelullo is never short of a word or three, which is just as well because Provodnikov kept his pronouncements short and sweet, saying only "I will be world champion again".

Rodriguez, 23, spoke via his manager-trainer Carlos Espinosa, "In this business, everyone knows who Ruslan Provodnikov is. No-one knows the Mexican. But Jesus will be a big surprise, he is a strong man."

Pelullo was impressed by the courage of the unbeaten Mexican to fight Provodnikov, particularly as so many better-regarded fighters wanted nothing to do with him.

"This kid wants to beat Ruslan; he's embraced his chance. He sees the opportunity and he's coming to win, not to just put on a good showing. He's young and hungry and that makes him dangerous."

Pelullo praised the contribution of new trainer Joel Diaz,

promising a new dimension to Provodnikov's fighting style on Saturday.

Lead promoter Rodney Berman, who will be staging his seventh tournament in the principality, predicted a great event with Ricky Hatton protégé Zhanat Zhakiyanov threatening to steal the show. Top-rated Russian David Avanesyan also features, as do cruiserweight contender Yuri Kalenga and a host of other overseas contenders.

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## **Ruslan “The Siberian Rocky” Provodnikov to battle undefeated Jesus Alvarez Rodriguez on Saturday, November 7th in Monte Carlo**

Philadelphia / Monte Carlo (October 19, 2015)—On Saturday, November 7th, former WBO junior welterweight world champion, Ruslan “The Siberian Rocky” Provodnikov gets back in the ring when he headlines a special night of boxing when he takes on undefeated Mexican slugger, Jesus Alvarez Rodriguez.

The 10-round welterweight bout will headline the "Night of Champions" tournament event promoted by Rodney Berman's Golden Gloves Promotions and takes place at the Salle Des Etoiles in Monaco

"I am glad that finally I have a specific date and location for the fight! This will be a great experience for me because it's my first time fighting in Europe, and I heard Monte Carlo has a lot of boxing fans," said Provodnikov. "I know that next year I will be back in the ring and the networks will finally have an opponent that will fight me and not just say they want to fight me. Hopefully we can make a rematch with Matthysse or a fight with Brandon Rios, which would both be great fights for the fans!"

Said, Rodriguez, "I never thought I was going to get a fight against Ruslan. He is one of my favorite boxers to watch so this is a great opportunity for me, and I want to make a splash. I'm training very hard because I want the world to know who I am."

"Provodnikov is in great shape as he was in training," said Golden Gloves Rodney Berman, who reached agreement with Art Pelullo of Banner Promotions. "Provodnikov is all-action, a made-for-TV fighter who will add great value. I'm disappointed the Braehmer-Oosthuizen fight has fallen through, but I've been around long enough to know that such things are an occupational hazard."

Said Arthur Pelullo, President of Banner Promotions, "I am excited to see Ruslan back in the ring with his new trainer Joel Diaz. We expect him to thrill the fans in Monte Carlo, much the same way he has all around the world. I want to thank my friend Rodney Berman for the opportunity to fight on this show, and this should be a great main event to a great card."

Provodnikov of Beryzovo, Russia has a record of 24-4 with 17

knockouts and is considered the most exciting fighter in the world today.

He turned professional on December 3, 2006 and went on to win his first seventeen bouts. He scored a 2nd round stoppage over Victor Hugo Castro to win the WBO Intercontinental Super Lightweight title.. He has defeated former world champion Javier Jauregui. After suffering his first defeat, Provodnikov won five in a row with wins over undefeated Ivan Popoca (15-0-1), former world champion DeMarcus Corley, David Torres (21-2-2) and Jose Reynoso (16-3-1).

On March 16, 2013, Provodnikov challenged undefeated WBO Welterweight champion, Timothy Bradley. The fight was one of the most memorable battles as Provodnikov battered the champion throughout the fight. Bradley came back strong and had success in the middle rounds of what turned out to be the 2013 Fight of the Year. Provodnikov dropped Bradley late in round twelve but it was not enough as he came up on the short end of a unanimous decision.

On October 19, 2013, Provodnikov was undeterred as in his very next bout, he won the WBO junior welterweight world championship with a 10th round stoppage over reigning champion Mike Alvarado in the champion's hometown of Broomfield, Colorado.

Provodnikov lost his belt in a controversial split decision to Chris Algieri.

On November 28, 2014, Provodnikov stopped former world champion Jose Luis Castillo in five rounds in Moscow, Russia.

In Ruslan's last bout, he lost a 12-round majority decision to Lucas Matthyse in a bout that is a front runner for Fight of the Year. The bout took place on April 18, 2015 in Verona, New York.

Alvarez of the fighting city of Los Mochis, Mexico gained the

opportunity of a lifetime based on his record that reads 14-0 with 11 knockouts,

The 23 year-old upstart has has knocked out five of his last six opponents which includes his last bout when he made his American debut as he stopped Bryan Abraham in three rounds on February 20, 2015 in Verona, New York

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