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Alen Babic: “Boxing saved my life” ahead of world title fight.



(credit: Matchroomboxing)

Polish Knockout Promotions announced that the fight for the vacant WBC Bridgerweight world title between Lukasz Rozanski (14-0) and Croatian born Alen “The Savage” Babic (11-0) will go ahead on April 22nd in Rzeszow Poland.

In an exclusive interview with the *Evening standard*, Croatian knockout star Alen Babic has his say on how boxing has changed his life.

“Boxing saved my life. Boxing is my life, and I will enjoy this privileged life as long as I have boxing covering my back. Without boxing I am nothing!”

Babic who only started his professional boxing career in 2019 believes that his world championship fight in April is part of his underdog boxing story.

“It's amazing, truly breath-taking that one underdog gets to fight for the WBC gold! I could not have scripted it better myself.”

The heavy-handed Babic’s last fight was nine months ago. A feature fight on the Joshua Buatsi versus Craig Richards fight card at the O2 arena in London. While the main event was a thrilling fight, the largest roar at the O2 arena that night was for Babic’s fight against Polish fighter Adam Balski. Babic came through early adversity after being knocked down in the first round, to win an unanimous decision Infront of the sold out O2 arena.

“It definitely was (a hard fight). He was a true tough man, and I am honoured to have him on my record”

Despite his last fight being his toughest to date, Babic believes he learned many things about himself as a fighter on that night.

“I learned that I do everything right and will continue to do so, I was reassured in my steel chin.”

The “Savage” has knocked out 91 percent of his opponents in his so far undefeated career and was recently pictured sparring Heavyweight champion Tyson Fury. It was later revealed that Fury had brought in Babic for his training camp in preparation for his world title fight against Derick Chisora. Fury had high praise for Babic calling him a “future world champion” having sparred him 4 times a week during training camp.

Although having grown up in Zagreb Croatia, English boxing fans have really taken to Babic as one of their own. This is most likely due to his fan-friendly, all guns blazing style combined with having fought the majority of his professional bouts on UK soil.

Despite last night’s announcement that he will be fighting for the world title in April, Babic is somewhat disappointed the fight is not happening in the UK.

“That was always the plan to win my first title in the UK and then defend it in Croatia, but on the other hand I love being the underdog and finally, on the away turf, I will be.”

Polish Knockout Promotions are hoping to capitalise on Babic’ loyal Croatian and UK fanbase to gain as many viewers as possible for their fight card. Especially considering they out bid Eddie Hearn’s Matchroom boxing and DAZN for the rights to broadcast the Croats first shot at the world title.

The WBC Silver Bridgerweight champion feels that by winning a world title he can help to inspire the next generation of Croatian boxers.

“It would mean a lot, especially for the boxing generations to come. It shows that everything’s possible when you believe.”

