



## MUMBAI FIGHTERS ADDS TWO MORE BOXERS TO ITS ROSTER

With the New Year break behind them, World Series Boxing team Venky's Mumbai Fighters has geared up for second phase of the season of pro-boxing league adding two new names to the squad.

The Indian outfits have signed Ukraine's Sergii Melnik in the Light Heavyweight category and Mihail Muntean in Heavyweight.

Hailing from Moldova, Muntean will strengthen the Indian outfit as he comes with a full season of WSB experience in his kitty. The 31-year old fought for Pohang Poseidon's last season with an impressive 3-3 record. The heavyweight pugilist will hit the ring straight when Fighters take on Milano Thunder in their match in Milan on 13 January.

Melnik, 24, is Ukraine's No. 2 boxer, only behind the Ukraine and World No. 1 Oleksandr Usyk. Like his Light Heavyweight teammate Leanid Charnabayeu, a Belarus army man, Melnik too comes from the Ukrainian army.

The Fighters are currently fifth in Group A with seven points in their kitty. To make the cut for the next stage, Fighters need to earn eight more points.

Not to be left behind, the Baku Fires have signed teenage sensation and current Aiba World Boxing Championships silver medallist Teymur Mammadov in a move that has reinforced their status as one of the competition's favourites.

Dynamo Moscow, battling hard in Group A, has made two significant signings with Lightweight European silver medallist Dmitriy Polyanskiy now representing the outfit, and more significantly former European Youth Heavyweight Champion Maksim Babanin, a hard-hitter with a lethal right-hand.

Last year's champions Paris United, who had a rocky start to their campaign, have added Lightweight southpaw Franck Petitjean and 19-year-old Middleweight Farrhad Saad to their roster.

Istanbul Bosphorus, who will be facing Paris United this weekend, have swelled their roster with a further six boxers, of which 2007 National Champion Huseyin Dunder and 2009 Aiba World Boxing Championships quarter-finalist Kerem Gorgen who will take to the ring in the Bantam and Lightweight fights respectively.