

# **RONALD ELLIS vs. DeANDRE WARE FINAL WEIGHTS, QUOTES FOR SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION TOMORROW LIVE ON SHOWTIME®**

ROCHESTER – January 31, 2019 – Undefeated super middleweight prospect Ronald Ellis and once-beaten DeAndre Ware both made weight on Thursday for their 10-round super middleweight clash in the main event of a ShoBox: The New Generation doubleheader tomorrow/Friday live on SHOWTIME (10 p.m. ET/PT) from Main Street Armory in Rochester.

Ellis (15-0-2, 10 KOs), who recently sparred with Canelo Alvarez and Sergey Kovalev, returns to ShoBox for the fourth time seeking a statement win. The Lynn, Mass., native faces Ware (12-1-2, 8 KOs), a come-forward fighter out of Toledo, Ohio who trained with Tony Harrison in preparation for his upset win over Jermell Charlo.

The event is promoted by GH3 Promotions in association with Greg Cohen Promotions. Tickets can be purchased by calling 585-232-3221.

In the opening bout of the telecast, undefeated lightweights Thomas Mattice and Will Madera will face off in an eight-round 135-pound matchup. Like Ellis, Mattice (13-0-1, 10 KOs), of Cleveland, returns for his fourth bout on the prospect developmental series. Madera (12-0-2, 6 KOs), a three-time New York Golden Gloves Champion out of Albany, N.Y., will make his television debut.

The scheduled televised opener between Abraham Nova and Oluwaseun Joshua Wahab was cancelled after Wahab was forced to withdraw from the bout due to immigration issues entering the U.S. from Ghana.

## FINAL WEIGHTS

Super Middleweight 10-Round Bout

Ronald Ellis – 167  $\frac{1}{2}$  Pounds

DeAndre Ware – 166  $\frac{3}{4}$  Pounds

Lightweight 8-Round Bout

Thomas Mattice – 134  $\frac{1}{4}$  Pounds

Will Madera – 134  $\frac{1}{2}$  Pounds

## FINAL QUOTES:

### RONALD ELLIS

“It’s my fourth time on ShoBox, this time I have to get it right, this time I have to go out with a bang.

“I’m going to show a lot, I’m going to show boxing, banging, whatever they want to see we’re going to bring.

“I trained at Buddy McGirt’s new boxing gym in Northridge, Calif. I sparred Canelo Alvarez for his last fight and was in camp with Sergey Kovalev for his fight this weekend.

“I learned a lot from Canelo and Kovalev. I feel like sparring with them gave me an edge, so I’m going to look like a whole different fighter in there. Canelo is more compact and he comes a little bit faster. Kovalev, he’s big and he’s a banger.

“DeAndre Ware is tough. He’s just a real tough guy who comes to fight. He got a lot of heart and he’s just going to do what he got to do. He’s not going to stick and move. He’s going to be there all night unless I get him out. I think his game plan is just going to be to come in and do what he does.

“I think it’s a perfect fight for SHOWTIME. This one is going to be entertaining.”

### DeANDRE WARE

"I'm feeling great, feeling strong. We had a full camp this time around so I'm looking for good things. My training camp was about six to eight weeks at the Glass City Gym in Toledo. Prior to that, I was in Tony Harrison's camp helping him to get ready to fight (Jermell) Charlo.

"Sparring was great, it was probably the best sparring and best camp I've had so far. I only had about 12 days to prepare for my last fight and I'm in much better shape this time. I think that's going to play a big difference in this fight tomorrow night.

"Ronald Ellis is just another guy in my way. I think Ellis is a tough fighter. From what I've seen, he's a come-forward guy. He tries to box a little bit – there's skill. I respect anybody that gets in that ring, but come fight time, all that stuff goes out the door. I'm coming to win."

THOMAS MATTICE

"It's a great feeling to come back to ShoBox for the fourth time. My last fight [a draw against Hamazaryan] was a great fight, a very exciting fight, but I thought I edged it five rounds to three. We're going to do what we have to do to make sure this fight doesn't turn out like that."

"If I use my skills and my ability to use the ring it should help me tomorrow night. I don't really know much about my opponent, I haven't watched him since he was a last-second opponent and I got him like two weeks ago.

"Training camp was great. We were training for a southpaw and then they switched it when my opponent switched but I'm confident and I feel ready.

"I'm better than what I've shown in the past. My plan is to show that tomorrow night."

WILL MADERA

“I feel great, I’m confident and I’m looking to put on a show. I had a great camp, I trained hard and I have no worries.

“For tomorrow, the key is pressure, intelligent pressure. I don’t want to come in overwhelming myself but still keep the pressure on him.

“Our styles should make for an exciting fight. If I bring the pressure it’s going to be a fun fight

[The Hamazaryan fight] was controversial. The first fight was a really close fight and I think if I apply the same pressure and fight smarter, I’ll get the victory.

“I’ve been waiting for an opportunity like this. Now I just need to finish the job.”

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#### About ShoBox: The New Generation

Since its inception in July 2001, the critically acclaimed SHOWTIME boxing series, ShoBox: The New Generation has featured young talent matched tough. The ShoBox philosophy is to televise exciting, crowd-pleasing and competitive matches while providing a proving ground for willing prospects determined to fight for a world title. Some of the growing list of the 79 fighters who have appeared on ShoBox and advanced to garner world titles includes: Errol Spence Jr., Andre Ward, Deontay Wilder, Erislandy Lara, Shawn Porter, Gary Russell Jr., Lamont Peterson, Guillermo Rigondeaux, Nonito Donaire, Devon Alexander, Carl Froch, Robert Guerrero, Timothy Bradley, Jessie Vargas, Juan Manuel Lopez, Chad Dawson, Paulie Malignaggi, Ricky Hatton, Kelly Pavlik, Paul Williams and more.