

Two First-Round KO's in Two Weeks for New Jersey's Chris "Sandman" Thomas

Toms River, NJ (September 30, 2019) – Toms River NJ's, Chris "Sandman" Thomas 15-1-1, 10KO won by 1st rd knock out Saturday night at the Cure Insurance Arena in Trenton.

This win over Engleberto Valenzuela comes just two weeks after knocking out former regional WBC & WBA champion, Samir Barbosa in Atlantic City.

These back-to-back knockout victories should put Sandman right back into the super middleweight rankings .

Thomas, 21 years-old and his manager Shawn Darling are finalizing the details on an April 4 regional championship fight in Atlantic City.

You can follow his career at Chris "Sandman" Thomas- NJ State Middleweight Champ on Facebook.

He trains at Lacey Township's Gladiator Gym and is also trained by Darling.

Thomas is a Teamsters truck driver, and 2016 Toms River South graduate.

He's a promotional free agent.

Mike Hilton Remains Undefeated with Unanimous Decision over Baldimir Hernandez in Trenton, New Jersey

Trenton, NJ (January 27, 2020) – Mike Hilton remained undefeated with a six-round unanimous decision over Bladimir Hernandez in the main event of the inaugural ChampBox fight card promoted by Silver Bow at the Cure Insurance Arena in Trenton, New Jersey.

Hilton of Trenton, NJ won by scores of 60-54 on all cards to raise his record to 10-0. Hernandez of Chihuahua, Mexico is 20-15.

Shinard Bunch annihilated Fabian Lyimo in 35 seconds of their scheduled six-round welterweight bout.

Bunch dropped Lyimo in the opening seconds with a vicious left hook. Lyimo, who was in trouble, and was stopped on a follow up flurry.

Bunch of Trenton is 7-1 with six knockouts. Lyimo of Tanzania is 23-12-2.

Frederic Julan remained undefeated with a 2nd round stoppage over Fidel Munoz in a scheduled six-round light heavyweight bout.

In round two, Julan dropped Munoz with a right hook that had him down for referee Alan Huggins 10-count at 38 seconds.

Julan of Brooklyn, NY is 12-0 with 10 knockouts. Munoz of Barranquilla, COL is 39-22-1.

Chris Thomas blew out Engelberto Valenzuela in round one of a scheduled six-round light heavyweight bout.

Thomas came out and was all over Valenzuela and dropped him in the corner. Thomas dropped him for a 2nd time with a perfect right to the head and the fight was stopped at 1:13

Thomas of Toms River, NJ is 15-1-1 with 10 knockouts. Valenzuela Sonora. MEX is 12-17.

LaQuan Evans won a four round unanimous decision over Alberto Delgado in a middleweight bout.

Evans of Philadelphia won by scores of 40-36 on all cards and is now 3-1. Delgado of Roanoke, VA is 1-10-4.

Jakub Sowirko remained undefeated by stopping Mike Moore in the final round of their cruiserweight bout.

The time of the stoppage was 32 seconds for Sowirko of Trenton who is now 2-0 with one knockout. Moore of Bristol, PA is 1-2.

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Undefeated Chris “Sandman” Thomas takes on Roy King on October 5th in Delaware!

Toms River, NJ (September 30, 2019) – Undefeated light heavyweight, Chris Thomas will be featured in the co-main event on a Dee Lee Promotions card when he takes on Roy King from Johnson City, Tennessee this Saturday night at the Hockessin PAL in Hockessin, Delaware

The 21-year-old "Sandman" has upped his resume to 13-0-1 with eight knockouts when he scored wins over Dennis Knifechief (12-8) and Joe Hughes (6-1). In his last fight that took place on July 20th in Hampton, New Hampshire, Thomas stopped Francisco Neto in 2:10 of the first round.

He averages four fights a year since turning pro as an 18-year-old . He's employed by Shore Point Dist and is a Teamster. He's managed and trained by Shawn Darling at Lacey Township's Gladiator Gym.

"He's had a great camp sparring with world ranked southpaws, Fanlong Meng (15-0) and Derrick Webster (28-2) to prepare for the left-handed King," said Darling.

Thomas won the New Jersey Middleweight belt that was once held by Bobby Czyz with a third round TKO over Darrell Bunting on June 1, 2018.

Thomas recently broke into the NABF rankings at number 20, and is challenging King for the vacant WBC USNBC silver 175-pound belt that reigning WBA champ, Dmitry Bivol recently held. Thomas is hoping that a victory would move him up the North American rankings

Thomas is a promotional free agent.

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Thomas LaManna takes on former world title challenger

Mike Arnaoutis for New Jersey State Welterweight Title on Friday, November 16th at The Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY (October 23, 2018)–Welterweight contender Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna takes on former world title challenger Mike Arnaoutis for the New Jersey State Welterweight Title in the eight-round main event for will headline a full night of action on Friday night, November 16th at The Bourbon Room inside The Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City.

The card is promoted by Rising Star Promotions.

LaManna of Millville, New Jersey has a record of 26-2-1 with nine knockouts.

The 26 year-old LaManna is a seven-year professional, who won his first 16 bouts.

LaManna is currently riding a six-fight unbeaten streak. He has wins over Kendall Mena (20-3), and in his last bout he won an eight-round unanimous decision over Matthew Strode (25-6) on August 18th in Atlantic City.

This will be LaManna’s 7th consecutive start in Atlantic City, and 20 bout overall on the boardwalk.

Arnaoutis of Atlantic City, New Jersey via Athens, Greece has a record of 26-11-2 with 13 knockouts.

Arnaoutis began his career in 2001 and was undefeated in his first 16 bouts, which included wins over Hector Saez (4-1), Former world title challenger Jesse Feliciano (12-2-2),

Joaquin Gallardo (16-2-1), Roberto Santa Cruz (11-2), Jose Leo Moreno (12-0) & Marc Thompson (14-0). Arnaoutis fought to a disputed draw with future world champion Juan Urango.

Arnaoutis challenged for the WBO Junior Welterweight title against Ricardo Torres on November 18, 2006. Arnaoutis lost a split decision that many ringside observers thought Arnaoutis had pulled out the victory.

Arnaoutis has picked up victories over Lanardo Tyner (19-0) & Nasser Athumani (20-5-2).

In his bout, Arnaoutis lost to top prospect Jaron Ennis on June 1st in Atlantic City.

In the eight-round co-feature, Chris Thomas will defend the New Jersey State Middleweight Title against Eddie Edmond.

Thomas (10-0-1, 7 KOs) of Toms River, New Jersey won The New Jersey State Middleweight Title when scored a 3rd round stoppage over Darryl Bunting on June 1st.

The 20 year Thomas is a two-year professional, and is coming off a 2nd round knockout over 147-fight veteran Roberto Valenzuela on July 28th in Hampton, New Hampshire.

Edmond of Newark, New Jersey has a record of 4-5-2 with one knockout.

The 32 year-old is a 10-year professional is looking to get back in the win column after losing to Isiah Seldon on May 27th, 2016 in Atlantic City.

Also in an eight-round bout, Greg Jackson (8-7-1, 2 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on Juan Rodriguez Jr. (13-5, 3 KOs) of Union City, New Jersey in a welterweight rematch of a controversial bout that took place three years ago.

In that bout, most people who saw that bout had Jackson ahead at the time of a melee that happened in the crowd, and the

bout was halted as there was not any ambulance onsite due to it being used to transport injured fans.

On November 16th, Jackson and Rodriguez will get it on again to settle the score.

In six-round bouts:

Miguel Cartagena (15-5-1, 6 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on an opponent to be named in a flyweight contest.

John Bauza (11-0, 5 KOs) of North Bergen, New Jersey takes on an opponent to be named in a junior welterweight bout.

Donald Smith (7-0, 4 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on Tyrone Luckey (9-9-3, 7 KOs) of Neptune, New Jersey in a featherweight contest.

Yurik Mamedov (10-1, 3 KOs) of Brooklyn, NY takes on an opponent to be named in a welterweight bout.

In four-round bouts:

Omar Salem (5-0, 2 Kos) of Brooklyn, NY takes on Albert Delgado (0-5-3) of Roanoke, VA in a middleweight bout.

Isiah Hart (1-0, 1 KO) of Atlantic City takes on Leon DeShields of Philadelphia in a middleweight bout

Joel De La Paz (8-1, 4 KOs) of Atlantic City takes on an opponent to be named in a super middleweight fight.

Ryan Wilczak (7-0, 3 KOs) of Scranton, PA will see action in a middleweight bout.

Ry'Shine Collins (1-0, 1 KO) of Philadelphia will take on an opponent to be named in a bantamweight bout.

More bouts will be announced shortly.

Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna looking for major names with a win this Saturday night at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (June 8, 2017)—Welterweight contender, Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna feels that he is on the brink of a breakthrough win, and he is looking to fight a big name later this Summer that will help catapult himself up the rankings, and on his way to a world title shot.

This Saturday night at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City, he first must get through 54-fight veteran Carlos Winston Velasquez in the eight-round main event of a card promoted by Rising Promotions.

LaManna, 22-2 with nine knockouts of Millville, New Jersey, will be looking for his 2nd consecutive win, and a win over Velasquez would set up a coveted fight with highly thought of foe.

“I am looking forward to a great fight on Saturday. I am not taking Velasquez lightly as he is a tough veteran who has had 54 fights,” said LaManna. “After I win, I want something big. Myself and Rising Promotions have regional title bouts in mind. Fights with Zab Judah and Kermit Cintron have been brought up. The ultimate goal is to get world rated, and climb up the ladder with meaningful fights that I would like to take place in Atlantic City.”

“Because I have two losses, I get calls all the time to be an opponent. I don’t look at myself as being one. I am one of the biggest, if not the biggest tickets seller in New Jersey, with a tremendous fan base, and myself and my Rising Promotions team would like to capitalize on that and move me along like a real promotional company is supposed to move a fighter. Atlantic City is a great fight town, and I think that we can bring the type of bouts back to the boardwalk that made this town the mecca of boxing that it once was. I think a fight with a big name opponent later this Summer would create great buzz in the Atlantic City boxing scene, and it would keep me moving towards my goal of being a world champion.”

In the eight-round co-feature, Anthony “Juice” Young (16-2, 6 KO’s) of Atlantic City battles George Sosa (15-8, 15 KO’s) of New Jersey in a welterweight bout.

In six-round bouts:

Gabriel Pham (8-1, 4 KO’s) of Atlantic City, NJ will battle Edgar Perez (7-20, 3 KO’s) of Chicago in a super middleweight clash.

Frederick Julian (4-0, 2 KO’s) of Cambaul, France will take on Jose Valderrama (5-19, 3 KO’s) of Manati, PR in a light heavyweight bout.

Dan Pasciolla (9-2-2) of Brick, NJ will battle Lemarcus Tucker (4-2, 2 KO’s) of Batesville, AR in a rematch of heavyweights. Pasciolla took the first bout this past March via six-round split decision.

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Donald Smith (4-0, 3 KO’s) of Philadelphia will take on Sidell Blocker (1-7-1) of Pleasantville, NJ in a super featherweight bout.

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Gabriel Pham seeks 3rd straight win this Saturday when he takes on Edgar Perez at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (June 7, 2017)–Super Middleweight Gabriel Pham (8-1, 4 KO's) will look for his 3rd consecutive victory when he takes on veteran Edgar Perez in a bout scheduled for six-rounds that will be part of a packed undercard this Saturday night at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City

The show is promoted by Rising Promotions.

In the main event, Thomas "Cornflake" LaManna (22-2, 9 K0's) takes on Carlos Winston Velasquez (24-28-2, 15 K0's) in an eight-round welterweight contest

Since suffering his only professional blemish, the 28 year-old Pham of Atlantic City, New Jersey has stopped his two previous opponents.

Pham believes he will only get better as his trainer, Chuck Eisenbeis will be back in his corner after being absent from Pham's last couple of bouts.

"It is good to have him back. He taught me everything that I know," said Pham. "We have been working on footwork, and my jab. I have seen the improvement everyday. Chuck has been working with some UFC fighters and it is great to have him back."

In Perez he is taking on a durable fighter, who has faced many top prospects, 13 undefeated fighters and a world champion in Jermall Charlo.

"He is a Puerto Rican. I know he is tough as I am Puerto Rican as well. He has 27 fights, so that is three-times more than I have. He is experienced and he goes rounds for the most part. I have seen some film where can be slick, so I have to be cautious of that. I have been working hard, so I am confident that I will get the job done."

With a win, Pham can see himself getting into contention for some regional title opportunities.

"A win will set me up for a step up fight. I will discuss that with my manager after this fight. I am happy where I am at as this will be the 3rd fight this year for me and this is by far the busiest stretch of my career. I am looking to impress the fans and keep doubling the expectations with each fight. This will be a top-shelf performance. I want to stop this guy. I don't go in looking for it, but if I see that I have him

staggered or hurt, I will try to get him out of there.”

In the eight-round co-feature, Anthony “Juice” Young (16-2, 6 KO’s) of Atlantic City battles George Sosa (15-8, 15 KO’s) of New Jersey in a welterweight bout.

In six-round bouts:

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Anthony “Juice” Young looking for 6th straight victory when he takes on George Sosa in co-feature this Saturday at The Claridge in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (June 6, 2017)—Popular native son, welterweight Anthony “Juice” Young will look for his 6th consecutive win when he battles hard-hitting George Sosa in the eight-round co-feature this Saturday night at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The show is promoted by Rising Promotions.

In the main event, Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna (22-2, 9 K0’s) takes on Carlos Winston Velasquez (24-28-2, 15 K0’s) in an eight-round welterweight contest

Young of Atlantic City has a record of 16-2 with six knockouts has won five in a row was given the task of fighting Sosa on two weeks notice. Young was training for an all-New Jersey showdown with Juan “The Beast” Rodriguez, Jr. but Rodriguez had to pull out due to an injury.

“My camp has been great. Sosa is a late-replacement, but that really does not matter, because I was preparing for whoever,”said the 29 year-old Young.

Young knows that Sosa is a big puncher, but feels he is a different fighter outside of his home-country of the Dominican Republic.

“Sosa has 15 wins, and I know he has all of his victories by knockout. But he was matched lightly when he fought in the Dominican Republic. It doesn’t matter what he will bring, because I have been preparing for him like he is Floyd Mayweather.”

Young has been preparing in New Jersey under the tutelage of trainer, Raul “Chino” Rivas. Young is in a camp that includes recent world champion Jason Sosa, top contender Tevin Farmer and lightweight contender Michael Perez among others, and Young feels that the switch of trainers, which mirrors this win streak is no coincidence.

“Chino has fixed a lot of my bad habits. He has me working on the jab, pivoting, and working the body. Since moving to Chino, I have improved with every fight.”

This will be the 10th appearance on the Boardwalk for Young, and he will look to his mark to 9-1 in Atlantic City (Young is 2-0 at The Claridge).

“I am privileged to fight where I was born. I always look forward to fighting in Atlantic City, and I look forward to putting on a great show on Saturday night.”

Sosa of New Jersey has a record of 15-8 with all 15 wins coming via knockout.

The 30 year-old Sosa is a six-year professional, who began his career in the Dominican Republic with six consecutive knockouts.

Sosa’s losses have come to fighters who had a combined record of 87-7-1 and they included Three undefeated fighters plus contenders Ray Robinson and Ed Peredes.

Sosa has won two consecutive bouts by knockout as in his most recent effort he stopped Jesus Pascual in three rounds on October 29, 2016 in the Dominican Republic.

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Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna to battle 54-fight veteran Carlos Winston Velasquez in main event on Saturday, June 10 at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (May 31, 2017)—Welterweight contender Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna will take on 54-fight veteran Carlos Winston Velasquez in the main event of of a stacked card on Saturday, June 10th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The show is promoted by Rising Promotions.

LaManna of Millville, New Jersey will compete in a bout scheduled for eight-rounds.

The 25 year-old LaManna has a record of 22-2 with nine knockouts.

This will be LaManna’s 5th appearance at The Claridge, and 15th start in Atlantic City.

“I have something big planned for the rest of 2017, but I have to handle Velasquez first. I’m talking meaningful titles against meaningful names. I want to keep fighting guys with the experience this way going in to another big fight, I know I’ll be 100%.” said LaManna

“Camp has been awesome with coach Charles Johnson, coach Vince Jackson and Strength and Conditioning with former IBF

Cruiserweight Champion Imamu Mayfield.”

“We are looking for another great night at The Claridge,” said Debbie LaManna of Rising Promotions. “We continue to put on great shows, and June 10th will be no different. We feel that the momentum of our shows is starting to help the restoration of boxing in Atlantic City.”

“After Thomas gets through this fight, We will be going to be looking for a regional title belt in one of the the four recognized organizations. If we win that and defend that a couple of times and move through the ratings of the sanctioning bodies, Thomas can earn himself a world title shot,” said Vinny LaManna.

Velasquez of Managua, Nicaragua has a record of 24-28-2 with 15 knockouts.

The 37 year-old Velasquez has been a professional since 2005, and has some quality wins on his resume over Danilo Moises Solis (18-1), Maisael Castillo (20-0).

Velasquez has also been in the ring with former world champion Jose Alfaro (21-4), former world title challengers Daniel Estrada (17-1), Michele Di Rocco (25-1-1), Petr Petrov (24-2-2), Matt Zegan (38-5), Rene Gonzalez (28-4-1), Luis Cruz (20-2) & Hank Lundy (25-5-1) as well as contenders Luciano Cuello (25-1), Aaron Herrera (20-0), Mahonry Montes (22-0-1), Adrian Granados (12-2-1) & Dusty Hernandez Harrison (26-0).

In his last bout, Velasquez went the distance before dropping a decision to Josue Vargas on March 24th in Orlando, Florida.

In the eight-round co-feature, it will be a battle of welterweight’s as local favorite Anthony “Juice” Young will take on George Sosa.

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opponent to be named in a junior middleweight tilt.

Tomas Romain (2-1) of Brooklyn, NY will fight Lamont White (1-7, 1 KO) of Washington, DC in a lightweight bout.

Marcus Lugo of Vineland, NJ will make his pro debut against an opponent to be named in a lightweight bout.

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Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna headlines on Saturday, June 10th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City

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The show is promoted by Rising Star Promotions.

LaManna of Millville, New Jersey will compete in a bout scheduled for eight-rounds.

The 25 year-old LaManna has a record of 22-2 with nine knockouts.

LaManna won his first 16 bouts, where enjoyed wins over Ashanti Gibbs and Jamaal Davis.

After suffering his first professional defeat to undefeated

middleweight prospect Antoine Douglas, LaManna ripped off five consecutive victories that was highlighted by a 4th round stoppage over Kendal Mena (20-3).

On September 15, 2016, LaManna engaged in a hotly contested bout with undefeated Dusty Hernandez Harrison in Philadelphia. The bout, which was for the USBA Welterweight title was a close fight and LaManna fought well, but came up just short via unanimous decision.

LaManna will be looking for his 2nd consecutive victory, as in his last bout, he won a one-sided eight round unanimous decision over Ecuadorian veteran Eduardo Flores on January 28th at The Claridge.

This will be LaManna's 5th appearance, and 15th start in Atlantic City.

"I'm happy to be back in the ring, I was supposed to fight on April 14th, but unfortunately the promoters did not live up to their word so I ended up not fighting. I gone through some personal issues that kept me down and out for a while, but I bounced back. I'm now with a new teacher Mr. Charles Johnson, leading my training. Charles has shown be a new side of boxing that I've never been around and I can't wait to show it on June 10th. I feel like I have a whole new start." "I was strongly considering stepping out of the promotion field, but it's obvious that what I'm doing is working, so why give myself up to someone else. I'm keeping myself busy and gaining knowledge and experience, while at the same time packing The Claridge Hotel and fighting in front of my fans. I'm a strong believer in "If you want things done right, you got to do it on your own".

LaManna's opponent will be announced shortly,

In the eight-round co-feature, it will be a battle of New Jersey based welterweight's as local favorite Anthony "Juice" Young will take on Juan "The Beast" Rodriguez.

Young of Atlantic City has a record of 16-2 with six knockouts.

Young is a six-year professional and is coming off a career best performance against Samuel Amoako (21-13, 15 KO's). That bout took place on March 11th. The 29 year-old will be making his 10th appearance in Atlantic City and 3rd at The Claridge.

Rodriguez of Union City, New Jersey has a record of 13-4 with five knockouts.

Rodriguez is an eight-year professional who has wins over Greg Jackson (3-0-1), and in his last bout he took an eight-round split decision in a all out war over Alex Perez (18-2) on August 27, 2016 in Bayonne, New Jersey.

"This is going to be a great fight card! You have Thomas who's on the edge of getting another big opportunity and the Young/Rodriguez fight is a all out Crossroads." Debra LaManna, President of Rising Star Promotions.

"Not to mention the under card. Ennis, Smith, Thomas all these fighters have tremendous fan bases and they can really fight. I expect great match ups on this card and the fans will really get their moneys worth."

In six-round bouts:

Jaron Ennis (10-0, 8 KO's) of Philadelphia will take on an opponent to be named in a Welterweight bout.

Gabriel Pham (8-1, 4 KO's) of Pleasantville, NJ will take on an opponent to be named in a super middleweight bout.

In four-round bouts:

Donald Smith (4-0, 3 KO's) of Philadelphia will take on Sidell Blocker (1-7-1) of Pleasantville, NJ in a super featherweight bout.

Rocco Salimbene (1-0) of Waretown, NJ will fight pro debuting Marcus Lugo of Vineland, NJ in a New Jersey lightweight bout.

Chris Thomas (6-0, 3 KO's) of Toms River, NJ will take on rough and rugged Dawond Pickney (1-4-2) of Hot Springs, Arkansas. Pickney's last outing at the Claridge, he dropped a very close MD defeat to Philadelphia's Greg Jackson (7-3-1 2 KO's).

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