

# **DEVIN HANEY vs. JUAN CARLOS BURGOS FINAL WEIGHTS, QUOTES & PHOTOS FOR SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION TOMORROW LIVE ON SHOWTIME®**

TEMECULA, Calif. (September 27, 2018) – Devin Haney and Juan Carlos Burgos made weight just a day before their ShoBox: The New Generation 10-round main event headlines a tripleheader live on SHOWTIME (10 p.m. ET/PT) from Pechanga Resort Casino in Temecula, Calif. The 19-year-old Haney (19-0, 13 KOs) returns for his second ShoBox challenge of 2018 against the veteran Burgos (33-2-2, 21 KOs).

The much-anticipated rematch between Thomas Mattice and Zhora Hamazaryan will go on as an eight-round super lightweight bout as Mattice failed to make the contracted 135-pound lightweight limit. Cleveland's Mattice, who battled the flu earlier in the week, said he was feeling 100 percent and ready to go on Thursday.

Two undefeated super middleweight prospects will meet in the opening bout as Cem Kilic (11-0, 7 KOs) of Los Angeles and DeAndre Ware (12-0-2, 8 KOs) Toledo, Ohio, both weighed in at the same 167-½ pounds.

Tickets for the event, which is promoted by Devin Haney Promotions and Ringside Tickets Inc., are priced at \$19 for General Admission, and \$29, \$59, \$79, \$99, and \$129 for Ringside and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Pechanga Casino Box Office at 1-888-810-8871 or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**FINAL WEIGHTS, REFEREES AND JUDGES**

### Lightweights 10-Round Bout

Devin Haney – 134  $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs.

Juan Carlos Burgos – 134  $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.

Referee: Zachary Young; Judges: Sergio Caiz (West Covina, Calif.), Edward Hernandez, Sr. (Moreno Valley, Calif.), Alejandro Rochin (Los Angeles, Calif.)

### Super Lightweights 8-Round Bout

Thomas Mattice – 138  $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.

Zhora Hamaryan – 134  $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.

Referee: Ray Corona; Judges: Sergio Caiz (West Covina, Calif.), Edward Hernandez, Sr. (Moreno Valley, Calif.), Alejandro Rochin (Los Angeles, Calif.)

### Super Middleweight 8-Round Bout

Cem Kilic – 167  $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.

DeAndre Ware – 167  $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.

Referee: Tony Krebs; Judges: Sergio Caiz (West Covina, Calif.), Edward Hernandez, Sr. (Moreno Valley, Calif.), Alejandro Rochin (Los Angeles, Calif.)

### FINAL QUOTES:

#### DEVIN HANEY:

“I’m one of the best boxers in the game. I think most of my opponents know that when they get in the ring with me and that’s why they try to land their best shot as soon as the fight is on. They try, but they don’t touch me.

“When I fought Mason Menard, skeptics said I was over my head, that I didn’t stand a chance. And I got in the ring and I won. I outclassed him. Then, they started saying that Menard was not at his best, that he didn’t bring his ‘A’ game. I feel I don’t get the recognition I deserve. I work really hard. I love this sport and I give my all.

“I have been fighting at 132 since I was 16, now I’m at 135. It takes a lot of discipline. I have a great team that stands by me and helps me be the best version of myself.”

JUAN CARLOS BURGOS:

"This is my second fight at 135. I feel good. I feel that I have evolved as a boxer since my last fight. I feel strong. I think it has to do with experience, after some time you just learn your lesson and move forward.

"I am very skilled boxer and after the Mikey [Garcia] fight I learned a lot about myself mentally and physically. I want to get another title shot and. I feel this fight is the right opportunity for me, because with this fight I'm planning to show the world I'm still an elite boxer.

"I don't think Haney has fought a fighter with the experience I have. You can be talented but there are things you can't teach. You only learn them with time. No matter how talented you are."

THOMAS MATTICE:

"I'm recovering from the flu but now I'm 100 percent physically, and mentally I'm there too. I lost focus after the knockdown and never was able to get back on track.

"The cross country travel from New Jersey to California was tough, and we had some issues and I lost a few days because of things out of my control.

"It was tight. Every round was tight in the first fight. It depends on how you look at it. I know 80 percent of the people watching think I lost. But there were rounds that I won. The only round he out-landed me was the second and seventh round.

"I didn't give my best effort in the first fight. That's why I decided to take the rematch. I didn't have to take it, but I did. I'm not paid to judge fights; I fight them."

ZHORA HAMAZARYAN:

"I'm just going to pressure him and come forward. I can't leave it in the judges' hands. I know I have to be the aggressor, so it should only last three or four rounds.

“It was very unfair. I know I did everything in the books to look good, to have a clean fight, to win but the judges gave it to him. I was not happy.

“Once I get in the ring, I’ll break him down and I’ll make adjustments. He’s not going to win without deserving it again. I’ll make sure of that.”

CEM KILIC:

“When I came to the United States I struggled to find the right trainer. The right adjustment from what I was used to do in Germany and what I wanted to do here. Trainers in Germany are different. I tried a few trainers here and there and then, I found Buddy McGirt. I liked him right away, he’s old school and that’s exactly what I wanted.

“I’ve had very good sparring partners, not only for this fight, but also throughout my career. I’ve sparred with Jermell Charlo, Miguel Cotto, Errol Spence Jr. You make one mistake and you pay for it, that’s one of the things I’ve learned – especially Charlo. He capitalizes on your mistakes. I think Spence was more difficult than Charlo. He just brings it. He’s so quick. He gave me a lot of confidence. He told me to keep it up because one day I’d be a world champion.

“Before I started boxing I admired Muhammad Ali. He loves Islam, the real Islam, the one is all about love. Then I started boxing and although dancing is not my style, Ali remained as my favorite fighter, my inspiration.

“I get in your face. I like to come forward. If I wanted to be a dancer, I’d be a dancer. I’m a boxer and you’ll see me doing that tomorrow. I’ll get in his face.

“Besides Charlo, I don’t know anyone that would stand in front of me and apply pressure. All the other fighters I’ve been in the ring with have to do combinations and move around. They can’t take it.”

DeANDRE WARE:

"I'm confident in my skills. I've been in the gym doing the things that I need to do, strength and conditioning, sparring. My confidence comes from my hard work and dedication. I know what I put in and I know what I'm capable of. I listen to my trainer, I'm disciplined. I'm all business.

"I took this fight with little notice but trust me, I'm ready. I know I'm the B side and all. And I know what that means: I have to do more than just box. I have to win the public, the judges, the people watching at home. I'm basically in my opponent's hometown. I know what I'm in for. They are in for a surprise.

"I'm a firefighter. I work on Station 4 on Hill Avenue in Toledo. They support me 100 percent, they even built me a gym at the station so I can train there too. I was supposed to work tomorrow but someone is covering for me."

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About ShoBox: The New Generation

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# Juan Carlos Burgos Looks to Upend Devin Haney's Hot Start Friday Night on SHOWTIME

PHILADELPHIA, PENN. / ORANGE, Calif. (Sept. 26 2018) –Three-time world title challenger Juan Carlos Burgos (33-2-2, 21 KOs) marks his return to national television when he meets rising talent Devin Haney (19-0, 13 KOs) in the 10-round main event of a ShoBox: The New Generation tripleheader Friday, Sept. 28, live on SHOWTIME (10 p.m. ET/PT) from Pechanga Resort Casino in Temecula, Calif.

Burgos, who has challenged for world titles at featherweight and junior lightweight, is stepping up to 135 lbs. for his fight against Haney. The Tijuana, Mex. resident boasts a far more impressive resume than the younger 19-year-old Haney, which he believes will be the difference maker on Friday night.

Burgos, 30, reflects on his past defeats and offers a preview of what might happen during Friday's main event in a brief Q&A interview below.

What do you know about your opponent Devin Haney?

"He's fought in Tijuana a bunch of times so I've seen him in person. I didn't really pay that much attention to him at the time. He has ability. He's hungry with good skills, but I don't think he's ready for a fighter like me. He's too young and I'm an experienced fighter that knows how to win."

How has your training camp gone?

“We’ve had an excellent training camp. We are training for the best possible outcome for us. Physically, I feel strong. Mentally I’m ready for whatever he brings. I’m going to show everyone that I still have a lot to give to this sport.”

What can a win do for your career?

“Winning this fight will lead to bigger fights. I want to be back in marquee fights and if I win, I should have more options. Even though I took some time off a few years ago, I never stopped training. I was always in the gym. There won’t be any ring rust. I love this sport. My focus is on winning.”

How do you see the fight unfolding?

“I’m a technical fighter. That’s not a secret. I can counter punch too if Haney wants to bring it. I’ll brush him back. I can win a fight in a lot of different ways. I’m not one dimensional like most of the guys he’s faced. I think that’s going to bother him. He’s never faced anyone close to my skill level. He thinks he’s good, but he has no idea how to win a tough fight. Meanwhile, I’ve been in with some of the best talent in the sport.”

You’ve had some setbacks in your world title fights. At 22, you suffered a points defeat to Hozumi Hasegawa in what was a vacant championship fight. You had a draw to Roman Martinez in January 2013, and one year later a unanimous decision loss to Mikey Garcia. What did you learn from those experiences?

“I didn’t accomplish my dream of becoming a world champion. That’s the truth to it. My motivation to be great still exists. I use my setbacks as motivation to get better. I need to get past Haney to realize my goals.”

The co-feature showcases an immediate rematch of one of 2018’s most controversial and widely disputed fights. Lightweights Thomas Mattice (13-0, 10 KOs) and Zhora Hamazaryan (9-1, 6 KOs) will face off less than three months after judges in Iowa

awarded Mattice what many ringside observers considered one of the worst decisions in recent memory.

Burgos and Hamazaryan are promoted by Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing.

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## **Mason Menard training hard for Haney showdown**

Beverly Hills, Calif. (April 25,2018) – Lightweight contender Mason Menard (33-2, 24 KOs) is training very hard for his upcoming battle with undefeated Devin Haney (18-0, 12 KOs) that will headline a ShoBox: The New Generation card, live on SHOWTIME (10 PM ET / PT) on Friday, May 11th at The 2300 Arena in Philadelphia.

Menard has set up training camp in Dallas, Texas for this important battle, which is now for the USBA Lightweight title.

“Training Camp is Dallas is going great. I’m feeling comfortable with my new team around me, and being around elite



guys in the gym like Errol Spence, Jermell Charlo, Rob Brant and Cem Kilic has made me a better fighter,” said Menard. “My only real loss was to world champion Ray Beltran. May 11th can’t come soon enough because I am ready to show the boxing world that Devin Haney is taking too big of a step up, and I am back.”

This will be the first bout with new Manager, Shane Shapiro of No Limit Mindset Management.

“I am excited for Mason’s return to the ring. With a new management team around him, a repaired shoulder, an elite trainer and quality sparring partners, fight fans will see an improved Mason Menard on May 11th,” said Shapiro, CEO of No Limit Mindset. “I truly believe that being in the gym with guys like Errol Spence and Jermell Charlo for entire camp will bring out the best in Mason. Devin Haney is a great fighter, and has a lot of hype around him, but come fight night, he will realize that he took too big of a step up in opposition.”

Menard is promoted by Greg Cohen Promotions.

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## **UNDEFEATED SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT PROSPECTS RONALD ELLIS & JUNIOR YOUNAN HEADLINE FEB. 2 SHOBX: THE NEW GENERATION QUADRUPLEHEADER**

NEW YORK (Jan. 3, 2018) – A battle of unbeaten super middleweight prospects will headline a ShoBox: The New

Generation quadrupleheader on Friday, Feb. 2, live on SHOWTIME at 10 p.m. ET/PT from WinnaVegas Casino in Sloan, Iowa, as two-time ShoBox veteran Ronald Ellis takes on New Yorker Junior Younan.

Ellis (14-0-1, 10 KOs), of Lynn, Mass., and Brooklyn's Younan (13-0, 9 KOs) will clash in the 10-round main event of a four-fight telecast that features eight fighters with a combined record of 113-3-3.

An undefeated boxer losing for the first time was a common theme on ShoBox in 2017 as 15 prospects lost their perfect record on the popular developmental series last year. Now in its 17th year, a total of 171 fighters have suffered their first loss on ShoBox. All three fights leading up to the main event on Feb. 2 are eight-round matchups that include an undefeated "A-side" fighter facing his toughest test to date.

In the co-feature, former Dominican Olympian Wellington Romero (12-0-1, 6 KOs) will take on Philadelphia's Sam Teah (12-1-1, 5 KOs) in a super lightweight scrap contracted at 141 pounds. Cleveland's Thomas Mattice (10-0, 8 KOs) will face two-time ShoBox winner and Lancaster, Pa. resident Rolando Chinaea (15-1-1, 6 KOs) in a lightweight matchup.

In the telecast opener, highly regarded undefeated Devin Haney (18-0, 12 KOs), of Las Vegas, will take on Harmonito Dela Torre (19-1, 12 KOs) in another bout pitting two 135-pound prospects.

The event is promoted by GH3 Promotions and Roc Nation Sports in association with Victory Promotions and Ringside Ticket. Tickets are just \$10 general admission prior to the event and \$20 on Feb. 2. For more information call: 1.800.HOT.WINN ext. 7117.

**RONALD ELLIS vs. JUNIOR YOUNAN – 10-Round Super Middleweight**  
Ellis returns to ShoBox in his first bout since defeating Christopher Brooker via a unanimous decision in Atlantic City

last January. In his ShoBox debut, Ellis fought Jerry Odom to a majority draw in Atlantic City in February 2016.

Originally from Lynn, Mass., the 28-year-old Ellis currently lives and trains in Los Angeles at the Iron Gym under trainer Jerry Rosenberg and his father Ronald Ellis Sr.

“It’s going to be fireworks from the jump,” said Ellis, who was scheduled to fight Taneal Goyco in November, but the fight was scrapped when Goyco weighed three pounds over the super middleweight limit. “Younan is a good little fighter, but we are trying to get him out of there. This is my first main event, and I want to impress. It will be a good way to start 2018, which will be my year.”

Ellis upset highly regarded Terrell Gausha to win the 2010 National Golden Gloves. Gausha would go on to represent the U.S. at the 2012 Olympic Games.

Younan, who is promoted by Roc Nation Sports, was a highly touted amateur boxer who compiled a 90-5 record before turning professional in 2013 at the age of 18. Once dubbed by The New York Times as “a boxing prodigy” as a 10-year-old, Younan was a two-time National Junior Golden Gloves champion, the 2011 National Junior Olympic championship, and at one point was the No. 1-rated junior boxer in his weight class by USA Boxing.

Because of injuries, Younan fought just one time in 2015. After a nine-month layoff, he returned in March of 2016 to beat Cristian Solorzano and has remained active since. Eight of Younan’s 13 pro wins have ended in the first round, including three of his last five fights. The 22-year-old is trained by his father, Sherif Younan

“It’s a pleasure to fight on SHOWTIME and I’m excited to put on a show for all the viewers,” Younan said. “I’ve been working as hard as possible and I’m confident my efforts will pay off. I’m going to break my opponent’s spirit and pick him apart. This is my time – in 2018, I’m looking to make a title

run and this fight is just the first step.”

WELLINGTON ROMERO vs. SAM TEAH – Eight-Round Super Lightweight  
Romero is originally from the Dominican Republic now fighting out of Newburgh, N.Y.

A southpaw, he fights under the Roc Nation Sports promotion and represented the Dominican Republic in the 2012 London Olympics, where he lost to eventual Gold Medalist Vasyl Lomachenko.

An accomplished amateur with 268 fights, Romero earned a bronze medal at the 2010 Central American Games and made back-to-back appearances at the 2011 World Amateur Boxing Championships and the 2011 Pan American Games as a teenager.

The 26-year-old Romero fought twice in 2017, recording TKOs in both wins over Kevin Womack Jr. and Mike Fowler.

“This fight on SHOWTIME is a great opportunity for me to showcase my talent and I want to thank God, my team and everyone involved for this opportunity,” Romero said. “I’m going to deliver a world class performance for all the boxing fans out there to enjoy. After defeating my opponent, I know I will make a lasting impression on the viewers and start paving my way to a world title belt.”

This won’t be the first time Philadelphia’s Teah is facing an undefeated fighter on ShoBox. In Las Vegas in 2015, Teah scored a unanimous decision over previously undefeated O’Shaquie Foster. The 30-year-old’s only loss came against then-undefeated Lavisas Williams in 2014.

Born in Liberia, Teah did not start boxing until the age of 19. His last four fights have been close to home with three in his hometown of Philadelphia and the other two in Bristol, Pa., and Atlantic City, N.J.

“I know my opponent was an Olympian, and he has been in front of a lot of great fighters,” Teah said. “I am excited to face

him and take the big challenge. I know I will be his toughest opponent. I am ready to see what he is made of.”

THOMAS MATTICE vs. ROLANDO CHINEA – Eight-Round Lightweight  
A 27-year-old from Cleveland, Mattice turned pro in 2014 and had an amateur record of 72-18. He was a three-time Ohio State Golden Gloves champion, and bronze medal winner in the USA National Tournament in 2014.

In his last fight on Nov. 11, Mattice beat Orlando Rizo via seventh-round stoppage in Georgia. Mattice, who has recorded four straight KOs and eight overall in 10 professional fights, is a boxer-puncher who likes to attack the body.

“It’s a tough fight for sure,” Mattice said. “I checked him out. It’s going to be a rough fight, but I am prepared for a war. I am prepared for whatever he will bring. I am excited to fight on ShoBox. Ever since I started boxing, I said one day that will be me fighting on TV, and now that dream comes true.”

The 26-year-old Chinaea returns to ShoBox after handing previously unbeaten Kenneth Sims Jr., the first loss of his professional career via majority decision on July 14. The win moved Chinaea’s ShoBox record to 2-0. He had previously won an eight-round split decision victory over O’Shaquie Foster in 2016.

A Puerto Rican native now living in Lancaster, Pa., Chinaea suffered his only defeat against the hands of Ismail Muwendo in 2015. He has won five straight since, including two unanimous decisions over previously undefeated Ladarius Miller and Mel Crossty, as well as the unbeaten Sims. His last four opponents had a combined record of 38-1-1.

“I know Thomas Mattice is another undefeated fighter with a terrific amateur career,” Chinaea said. “I am being brought in as his opponent, to make him look good in his national TV debut. I respect Thomas for agreeing to fight me. I am sure

that he will bring his best, and it will be another entertaining fight, China style. I am going to be in the best shape of my career. I am going to be stronger, and I am going to hunt him down, rough him up, and beat him. I can't wait to fight and win again on ShoBox."

#### DEVIN HANEY vs. HARMONITO DELA TORRE – Eight-Round Lightweights

Haney just turned 19 years old last November and already sports a professional record of 18-0 with 12 knockouts. Trained and managed by his father, William Haney, he has been active with nine fights in 2016 and seven in 2017. In his last fight on Nov. 4, he scored a fifth-round TKO against Hamza Sempewo in Atlanta.

Raised in Oakland, Calif., Haney was a seven-time national amateur champion and compiled an impressive record of 130-8. Haney is currently living and training in Las Vegas, where he sparred with Floyd Mayweather as the pound-for-pound champ prepared to face Conor McGregor, and Shawn Porter. Haney turned professional when he was 16 years old in Mexico.

"Fighting on SHOWTIME, specifically ShoBox, where many champions have been made, is something I've envisioned since I turned professional in 2015," Haney said. "I'm in tough against Harmonito Dela Torre, a hungry fighter who is coming off his first pro loss. I know his back is up against the wall, so I'm expecting him to bring everything he's got. But this is my time to shine on the big stage and I'm not going to let this opportunity pass me by. I'm the future of boxing and everyone will see my talent on February 2, especially Dela Torre."

Dela Torre is a 23-year-old Philippines native who has been training with Osmiri Fernandez in Miami the past few months at the Sanman Boxing Gym.

Dela was scheduled to fight last on Aug. 22 in Las Vegas in a

super featherweight bout against undefeated Saul Rodriguez, who inexplicably pulled out of the matchup a few days before the fight.

Instead, Dela Torre entered the ring in Las Vegas on Nov. 18 and suffered his first loss against 2012 Olympic silver medalist Tugstsogt Nyambayar in an eight-round unanimous decision, despite scoring a second-round knockdown. It was the first time in his first nine fights that Nyambayar was taken the distance.

Barry Tompkins will call the ShoBox action from ringside with Steve Farhood and former world champion Raul Marquez serving as expert analysts. The executive producer is Gordon Hall with Richard Gaughan producing and Rick Phillips directing.

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# Training camp quotes for featured bouts for November 18th card at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (November 8, 2017)–Below are quotes from some of the featured fighters that will be on display for the big championship boing card that will take place on Saturday, November 18th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The card is promoted by Rising Promotions, Greg Cohen Promotions, Devin Haney Promotions & Winner Take All Productions.

In the main event, Thomas LaManna will take on Samuel Amoako in a ten-round bout for the LBF Intnerconinetal Welterweight championship. In the eight-round co-feature undefeated sensation Devin Haney will appear in a junior welterweight bout. Raymond Serrano takes on undefeated Enver Halili in a ten-round welterweight bout. Also featured is a WBC Fecarbox Super Bantamweight title fight between Adam Lopez and Jorge Diaz.

Thomas LaManna – “This training camp has been good. I have a strong support system behind me so it keeps me focused on what I have to do. I’m looking forward to being apart of this great card and putting on a show. I never take any fight lightly and this is just another step towards a world title.”

Devin Haney–“I’m happy to be making my Atlantic City debut on November 18th. As always, I’ll be looking to bring an exciting fight to all the fans in attendance. All the fans can expect



me to be at my best since I just fought on November 4th. I'm ready to do some damage."

Raymond Serrano—"My training camp has been great. I am at The Wildcard Gym in Los Angeles, and I have been sparring with Miguel Cotto. I really do not know much about Halili other than he is undefeated. I know he is coming to win as no undefeated fighter wants to lose. I have been here before and this is my moment. I am ready to take his 0. I am looking forward to perform in Atlantic City on the 18th."

Enver Halili- "Victory!! That's all I know, I'm excited about this opportunity and it's going to be another great win for me. I belong at the top, and nobody will stop me! Got a good opponent in front of me, but like I said nobody is going to stop me from where I'm meant to be!"

Adam Lopez—"Training camp has been good. I have been working hard. I have been fine tuning a lot of stuff including my jab. I have been working with Shakur Stevenson's grandfather Wali Moses and a gentleman named O Elliott. Diaz is a good opponent, who ha been in a lot of good fights. He is no pushover who I am not looking past.

Jorge Diaz- "Everything is going great. I am in the best shape of my life. I have more muscle. I have been doing my strength and conditioning with Dr. Shawn Arent of Rutgers University. He is the President of the International Society of Sports Nutrition. My B02 (Blood/Oxygen Intake) is the highest it has ever been at 70.2. Adam Lopez is a good aggressive prospect, who is very determined. May the best man win"

In an four-round junior middleweight bout fights Jeff Lentz (5-1, 1 K0) of Bellmar, NJ takes on Darryl Gause (2-0, 1 K0) of Vineland, New Jersey

In a six-round welterweight bout, Yurik Mamedov (7-0, 3 K0s) of Brooklyn, NY battles Vincent Floyd (3-3-1, 2 Kos) of Philadelphia in a welterweight contest.

Alvin Vermall, Jr. (13-0-1, 11 KOs) of Catskills, NY will take on Nicholas Lavin (5-6, 4 KOs) of Shelton, Connecticut in a six-round cruiserweight bout.

Frederick Julan (6-0, 4 KOs) of New York, NY will fight Willis Lockett (15-21-6, 5 KOs) of Takoma Park, Maryland in a six-round light heavyweight fight.

Sidell Blocker (1-9-1) of Pleasantville, NJ will fight a rematch with Tomas Romain (4-1) of Brooklyn, NY in a lightweight bout.

Jonathan Arroyo of New York will make his pro debut against Steve Moore (0-1) of Orange, NJ in a welterweight bout.

Tickets for the November 18th fight card at The Claridge are priced at \$200, \$125, \$80 and \$55 (General Admission) and can be purchased at [www.RisingBoxingPromotions.com](http://www.RisingBoxingPromotions.com)

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## **Thomas LaManna to take on Samuel Amoako for LBF Intercontinental Welterweight title on Saturday, November 18th at The Claridge in Atlantic City**

Atlantic City, NJ (November 2, 2017)—Tough veteran Samuel Amoako steps in for Tomas Mendez to fight popular welterweight contender Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna in a scheduled ten-round bout for the LBF Intercontinental welterweight title on

Saturday, November 18th at The Claridge in Atlantic City.

The bout will headline a nine-bout card promoted by Rising Promotions, Greg Cohen Promotions, Devin Haney Promotions & Winner Take All Productions.

“This is boxing and changes always happen. I was looking forward to fighting Mendez but due to visa issues, that killed the fight. I’m not taking Amoako lightly because any fighter is dangerous in their own way. Amoako has fought a lot of good fighters and only been stopped twice in his career. Wasn’t my favorite choice as opponent but Amoako was the first to sign contract last minute,” said LaManna.

Amoako of Silver Spring, Maryland via Accra, Ghana, has a record of 23-16 with 17 knockouts.

The 33 year-old Amoako is a 12 year-veteran and has wins over Albert Mensah (9-2-1) & Richard Amenfu (9-2). Amoako has faced some of the best fighters in the world in former world champion Gavin Rees as well as former world title challengers Miguel Roman, Sharif Bogere. Bogere has also shared the ring with top contenders Jonathan Maicelo, Tony Luis and Mike Reed.

Amoako has only been stopped twice, and this will be his 14th fight in the last 21 months. He is coming off a decision loss to Skender Halili on October 21st in Newark, New Jersey.

In an eight-round junior welterweight special attraction, Devin Haney (17-0, 14 KOs) of Las Vegas battles Taiwo Ali Sulaimon (21-5-1, 16 KOs) of Lagos, Nigeria.

In the ten-round co-feature, Raymond Serrano (23-4, 10 KOs) of Philadelphia will fight Enver Halili (10-0, 3 KOs) of Bronx, NY in a welterweight bout.

In an eight-round battle for the WBC Fecarbox Super Bantamweight title, Adam Lopez (16-1-2, 8 KOs) of San Antonio, Texas takes on Jorge Diaz (18-5-1, 10 KOs) of New Brunswick,

NJ.

In an six-round junior middleweight bout fights Jeff Lentz (5-1, 1 K0) of Bellmar, NJ takes on an opponent to be named.

In a six-round welterweight bout, Yurik Mamedov (7-0, 3 K0s) of Brooklyn, NY battles Vincent Floyd (3-3-1, 2 Kos) of Philadelphia in a welterweight contest.

Alvin Vermall, Jr. (13-0-1, 11 K0s) of Catskills, NY will take on an opponent to be named in a six-round cruiserweight bout.

Sidell Blocker (1-9-1) of Pleasantville, NJ will fight a rematch with Tomas Romain (4-1) of Brooklyn, NY in a lightweight bout.

Jonathan Arroyo of New York will make his pro debut against Steve Moore (0-1) of Orange, NJ in a welterweight bout.

Tickets for the November 18th fight card at The Claridge are priced at \$200, \$125, \$80 and \$55 (General Admission) and can be purchased at [www.RisingBoxingPromotions.com](http://www.RisingBoxingPromotions.com)

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**Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna returns to the ring when he battles Tomas Mendez for WBC Silver Latino & LBF Intercontinental Welterweight**

# titles on Saturday. November 18th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (October 10, 2017)—On Saturday night, November 18th, welterweight contender Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna returns to the ring when he takes on Tomas Mendez in 10-round fight for LaManna’s WBC Silver Latino Welterweight title, as well as the LBF Intercontinental Welterweight title. The fight will headline a stacked night of boxing at The Claridge Hotel.

The show is promoted by Rising Promotions and Greg Cohen Promotions in association with Devin Haney Promotions and Winner Take All Productions.

“This is our 10th show and we expect this to be the best turn out,” said Debbie LaManna, CEO of Rising Promotions. “With a stacked undercard, and my son getting to headline again, we can all expect a great night of boxing. I’m happy Thomas decided to stick with it, after more than 10 years and a lot of money spent, it would be foolish to stop now when he is right there. We are happy to be doing this show with Greg Cohen and we look forward to bigger and better things together in the future.”

I am thrilled to be working with Rising Promotions This is a stacked from top to bottom. It is worthy of a ShoBox card,” said Greg Cohen, President of Greg Cohen Promotions.. .”When you have a show with Thomas defending his title and fighters like Devin Haney, and fights such as Serrano against Enver Halili plus Skender Halili fighting Jeff Lentz, every fight is a TV worthy fight. We are really excited to bring this to The Claridge, and a great way to finish out the year in Atlantic City and happy that GCP is a co-promoter on the show.”

LaManna of Millville, New Jersey will be making the 1st defense of the WBC Silver Latino title that he won on August 19th when he scored two knockdowns en-route to a ten round unanimous decision over George Sosa at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The 25 year-old Lamanna is a six-year professional who has wins over veteran's Ayi Bruce, Kendal Mena, Eduardo Flores, and Carlos Winston Velasquez.

This will be LaManna's 7th bout at The Claridge and 16th in Atlantic City.

"I'm back! I couldn't stay away for long. It's crazy, after my last fight, I was set on being done with boxing," said Thomas LaManna. "I Couldn't handle the stress anymore and it's hard. I have a huge chip on my shoulder with no promoter, no more financial backing, just me and my mother. We have mart strategic planning, and a Dream. I feel I have a lot left and I'll be knocking on doors in 2018. To me, Mendez is dangerous because you never know what he will bring. I've always said records don't mean anything to me. We'll see on November 18 what he brings and like I always say, I make my adjustments and do what I have to do to win."

"As for this card, I feel it's the best one we at Rising Promotions have put together. Raymond Serrano and Enver Halili is a solid cross roads fight, and I'm glad we got it done. I'm excited to have Devin Haney on the show, and Tommy Rainone's go away fight is special. Expect another sell out. Thank you to everyone involved putting this great card together including all the fighters involved, The NJSACB, Commissioner Larry Hazzard and Rhonda Utley-Herring, Greg Cohen, the LBF and Ms. Marian Muhammad, the WBC, GH3 Promotions and The Claridge."

Mendez of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic has a record of 24-10 with 17 knockouts.

The 10 year-professional won 16 of his first 17 bouts, and is a capable fighter who has fought top competition around the world. This will be Mendez 7th title fight, and he is coming off a stoppage defeat to Derrick Cuevas on June 17th in Caguas, Puerto Rico.

WBC Youth Champion, Devin Haney (16-0, 11 KOs) of Las Vegas will take on Taiwo Ali Sulaimon (21-5-1, 16 KOs) of Lagos, Nigeria in a junior welterweight bout.

Haney, of Las Vegas, Nevada has a record of 17-0 with 11 knockouts.

Haney, just 18 years-old has quickly emerged as one of the top prospects in the country.

He turned professional at age 16, and has been more impressive with each performance.

Haney has impressive wins over Jairo Fernandez Vargas (4-0), Clay Burns (4-1-2), and in his last bout he scored a eight-round unanimous decision over Enrique Tinoco (16-4-1) on September 22nd in Philadelphia.

In the exciting welterweight bout, Raymond "Tito" Serrano will take on Enver Halili in a bout scheduled for eight-rounds.

Serrano of Philadelphia has been on the cusp of a big fight in the welterweight division, has a record of 23-4 with ten knockouts.

The 28 year-old is a ten-year professional, has wins over Ashantie Hendrickson (1-0), Jay Krupp (12-1), Ronnie Warrior, Jr. (13-2-1), Ayi Bruce (15-2) & Jerome Rodriguez (6-1-3).

Serrano is on a two-fight winning streak with the latest win being a six-round unanimous decision over Zack Ramsey (8-1) on September 22 in Philadelphia.

Halili is perfect with a record of 10-0 with three knockouts.

Halili of Bronx, New York is a five-year professional with wins over undefeated Raul Nuncio (2-0) and his latest bout where he scored his biggest win with a eight-round unanimous decision over Wesley Tucker (14-0) on June 30 in Toledo, Ohio.

In eight-round bouts.

Adam Lopez (16-1-2, 8 KOs) of San Antonio, Texas battles Jorge Diaz (18-5-1, 10 KOs) of New Brunswick, New Jersey in a super bantamweight bout for the WBC Fecarbox title.

Skender Halili (14-2, 13 KOs) of Bronx, New York battles Jeff Lentz (5-1, 1 K0) of Belmar, New Jersey in a junior middleweight fight.

In six-round bouts:

Tommy Rainone (26-8-1, 6 K0's) of New York, New York will make his final start of his career when he takes on an opponent to be named in a welterweight bout.

Yurik Mamedov (7-0, 3 KOs) of New York, New York will take on an opponent to be named in a super lightweight bout.

In a rematch of lightweight's. Tomas Romain (4-1) of Brooklyn, NY boxes Sidell Blocker (1-9-1) of Pleasantville, New Jersey.

In four-round bouts:

Jonathan Arroyo of Long Island will make his pro debut against Steve Moore (0-1) of Orange, New Jersey in a welterweight bout.

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# **Ex-NFL Defensive End Ray Edwards Boxes Dan Pasciolla In CBS Sports Sports Network-Televised Heavyweight Bout Sept. 15 at the 2300 Arena in Philadelphia**

Philadelphia, PA – Former NFL defensive end Ray Edwards will box Dan Pasciolla in a six-round contest between southpaw heavyweights on Thursday, Sept.15, at the 2300 Arena.

In the main event, Thomas LaManna, of Millville, NJ, and Dusty Hernandez-Harrison, of Washington, DC, meet in a scheduled 10-round bout for the vacant USBA Welterweight title. The card is promoted by Final Forum Boxing, Peltz Boxing Promotions & GH3 Promotions and will be broadcast live on the CBS Sports Network. First of four televised fights begins at 10pm (EST).

Edwards, 31, of Cincinnati, OH, is 11-0-1, 7 KOs. The seven-year defensive end from the Minnesota Vikings and Atlanta Falcons began boxing in 2011 during the NFL owners' lockout and devoted his full-time to it in 2013. He has been learning his craft and is ready to step up in competition. Edwards knocked out Steven Tyner, of New York, in two rounds his last fight Aug. 26 in Minneapolis, MN.

Pasciolla, 31, of Brick, NJ, is 8-1-1 after three years as a pro. He has beaten solid East Coast competition in Bill Marks, John Lennox, Donnie Palmer and former world cruiserweight champion Imamu Mayfield. In his last bout July 22 in Atlantic City, Pasciolla avenged his only defeat with a six-round unanimous over Dante Selby, of Philadelphia.

In another six-round bout, undefeated welterweight Kenneth Sims Jr. faces grizzled veteran Gilbert Venegas.

Sims Jr., 22, of Chicago, IL, is 7-0, 2 KOs, in two years as a pro. He is coming off a six-round decision over Tavorus Teague, of Bakersfield, CA, on March 11 in Tustin, CA.

Venegas, 39, of East Moline, IL, is 14-24-5, 8 KOs, against some of the best at 147 and 154 pounds. Venegas turned pro in 1999 and has wins over Ed Paredes, Rogelio De La Torre and Lance Williams and he is coming off a six-round draw with undefeated Daniel Denny on Aug. 19 in Wittenberg, WI. Venegas also has boxed Nate Campbell, Jermall Charlo, Mike Jones, Jaime Herrera and Sammy Vasquez and he also boxed a draw with Jesus Soto-Karass.

2016 United States Olympic alternate LeRoy Davila (2-0, 1 KO), of New Brunswick, NJ, will rematch with Edgar Cortes (3-3) of Vineland, NJ, in a bantamweight bout scheduled for six rounds. Davila defeated Cortes by four-round decision on July 22 in Mashantucket, CT. Cortes later earned a four-round decision over Alex Barbosa on Aug. 26 in the loser's Philadelphia backyard.

Opening up the television broadcast will be 17-year-old Devin Haney (9-0, 5 KOs), of Las Vegas, NV, will have his 10th contest in eight months when fights Mike Fowler (5-2, 2 KOs), of Milwaukee, WI.

In a four-round welterweight bout, Jaron "Boots" Ennis (5-0, 5 KOs), of Philadelphia, battles Eddie Diaz (2-4-2), of Torrance, CA.

In six-round bouts:

Anthony Young (13-2, 5 KOs) of Atlantic City, NJ, takes on Malik Jackson (3-9-4, 2 KO's) of Newark, New Jersey.

In a four-round bout, it will be a battle of New Jersey-based

super middleweights as Darryl Bunting (2-0-2, 1 K0), of Asbury Park, meets Darryl Gause (1-0), of Vineland.

Tickets for the nine-fight card, which begins at 7 pm, are priced at \$75, \$50 and \$40 They are available at Peltz Boxing (215-765-0922), at the 2300 Arena (267-273-0945) and Bam Boxing (215-280-6709).

Thomas LaManna will hold a media workout on Monday, September 12th at the Joe Hand Gym in Philadelphia at noon