

# **Julian Gonzalez Headlines Against Juan Antonio Lopez on Friday, December 8th at Wind Creek Event Center in Bethlehem, PA**

**BETHLEHEM, Pa. – November 20, 2023** – Undefeated super featherweight Julian Gonzalez will appear in his first headlining bout as he takes on Juan Antonio Lopez in an eight-round bout at The Wind Creek Event Center on Friday, December 8th in Bethlehem, PA.

The loaded card is promoted by King's Promotions.

Gonzalez, 22 of Reading, PA is 11-0-1 with nine knockouts. Gonzalez has established himself as a top-130 lb. prospect with wins over undefeated fighters Rosalindo Morales (9-0) and Johnnie Spell (8-0) with the latter coming on August 4th at The Wind Creek Event Center.

Lopez of Fort Worth, Texas, has a record of 17-15-1 with seven knockouts. The 29-year-old Lopez has wins over undefeated fighters Erick Lainez (1-0), Isaac Torres (5-0-1), Jerren Cochran (11-0-1) and Fernando Garcia (12-1). Lopez has faced 12 undefeated opponents. Lopez is coming off a loss to Richard Medina on May 20th in San Antonio.

A loaded undercard that will feature world champions, top contenders and top prospects has been assembled.

In a 10-round super middleweight fight, former two-time world title challenger, Jesse Hart (29-3, 23 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on Jeyson Minda (14-7-1, 8 KOs) in a super middleweight bout.

In eight-round bouts:

Former unified world champion, Jarrett Hurd (24-3, 16 KOs) of Accokeek, Maryland will take on Tyi Edmonds (14-5, 9 KOs) from Meridian, Mississippi

Travon Marshall (8-1, 7 KOs) of Landover, Maryland will take on Roudley Lolo (6-1-2, 3 KOs) of Camp Hill, PA in a junior middleweight bout.

Paige Suchit (5-0 4 KOs) of Edmonton, Canada will fight Yusniel Abrahante (5-1, 1 KO) of Louisville, KY in a super flyweight contest.

Ernie Cuevas (7-0, 5 KOs) of Maudin, SC will take on Roberto Puchetta (11-24-3, 6 KOs) of Jalisco, Mexico in a bantamweight fight.

In six-round bouts:

James Bernadin (10-2-1, 6 KOs) of Lancaster, PA collides Osvaldo Morales (5-3, 2 KOs) of Harrisburg, PA in a lightweight clash.

Thanjhae Teasley (8-0, 4 KOs) of Allentown, PA fights Xavier Madrid (5-2, 3 KOs) of Albuquerque, NM in a welterweight fight.

Shamara Woods (3-0) of Allentown, PA squares off with Micaele Nogue (2-4) of Egg Harbor, NJ in a super lightweight battle.

In Four-round Fights:

Francis Oran (4-1,2 KOs) of Bethlehem, PA will take on Justin Maggi (0-0-1) of Frederick, Maryland in a cruiserweight bout.

Elijah Akana will make his pro debut against RJ Hayes (0-2) of Oneonta, NY in a heavyweight bout.

Gustavo Morales (2-0, 1 KO) of Allentown, PA fights Antonio Allen (1-15-2) of Philadelphia in a welterweight fight.

Tickets are priced at \$50, \$100 and \$150 and can be purchased at [CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)

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# **Elijah Akana is is Set To Turn Professional, Signs with a Manager and Promoter**

Reading, PA (August 29, 2023)—Amateur heavyweight standout Elijah Akana is ready to take the next step in his career. The 2022 Golden Glove National Champion is making the transition to the paid ranks.

He signed a multi-year managerial deal with Trifon Petrov and a promotional pact with Kings Promotions.

Akana who was born and raised in Oahu, Hawaii is a natural athlete, he played various sports growing up such as football, basketball and all types of water sports. He did not pick up boxing until he was a 26 year old when a friend invited him to the local boxing gym. It was love at first sight. Elijah Akana felt right at home once he stepped in the boxing ring for the first time.

“I always got into fights growing up in Hawaii. Fighting is in our DNA, there is such a rich history of fighting in Hawaiian culture. Boxing came like second nature to me. Once I put on those gloves for the first time, I knew that’s what I wanted to do as a career path.”- said Elijah Akana.

Starting late in boxing meant that Akana had to work three times as hard as his opponents in order to be successful in the ring.

“What always set me apart throughout my life was that I’ve always been willing to do whatever it takes to be successful. Going into my first National Tournament, I knew I was in a disadvantage because I had to compete against fighters who have been boxing since they were 10 years old, but what always set me apart from my opponents is my heart and willingness to put it all on the line.”- said Akana

His amateur career was short, but very successful. It all culminated with him winning the National Golden Gloves tournament in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

“Elijah’s story is very different from your typical National Champion. He is a living proof that if you work tirelessly to chase your dreams everything is possible. Nobody thought somebody who picks up the sport at 26 years old would be one of the best fighters in the country. Elijah Akana is a great role model for his daughters and the upcoming generation of fighters.”- said Trifon Petrov.

“I’m very excited to welcome Elijah as part of the Kings Boxing family. He is another high level National Champion we are able to work with. He is very talented and the sky’s the limit.”- said Marshall Kauffman of Kings Promotions.

Here is what Elijah added about the signing with Marshall Kauffman and Trifon Petrov.

“I am extremely honored and excited to be able to sign with a promoter like Marshall Kauffman. He’s built a lot of World Champions and opened doors for a lot of up and coming fighters.

Trifon has a great eye for talent and I am humbled he saw something special in me and gave me the opportunity to work together.

I am sure with their help, I’ll be a World Champion in the future”