

# VIDEO: INTERVIEW WITH ERICK DE LEON

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## Erick DeLeon and Eric Puente remain undefeated with wins in Costa Mesa

NEW YORK (March 25, 2019)—Two highly regarded members of the Split-T Management stable scored wins on Saturday night at The Hanger in Costa Mesa, California.

Junior Lightweight contender Erick DeLeon and lightweight prospect Eric Puente both kept their perfect records intact with wins on the Top Rank Promoted show,

DeLeon remained undefeated by stopping Jose Luis Gallegos in round six of their scheduled eight-round junior lightweight bout.

DeLeon dominated the first four rounds by landing hard body shots that started to break Gallegos down. Gallegos dropped DeLeon in round five with a hard right hand off the ropes. That was short lived as DeLeon regrouped very nicely and started attacking Gallegos and began to hurt him with a flurry of punches that forced the referee to stop the fight at 1:35 of round six.

DeLeon was a three-time (2009-2011) National Golden Gloves

champion as well as a Ringside World champion in 2008 and 2008 National Silver Gloves champion.

DeLeon, 131 1/2 lbs of Detroit is now 19-0-1 with 11 knockouts. Gallegos, 131 1/2 lbs of La Barca. MX, and has defeated undefeated fighters before, is 16-6.

Puente, Puente of Vista, California by way of Sinaloa, Mexico won a four-round unanimous decision over Alejandro Lopez.

Puente boxed very well, and raised his record to 2-0 with the unanimous decision by scores of 40-36 twice, and 39-37.

Puente won the 2016 National Youth Open Championship, and was a member of Team USA. Puente was a favorite to be a member of the 2020 United States Olympic Team.

DeLeon and Puente and promoted by Top Rank.

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## **Undefeated Fighters Erick DeLeon and Eric Puente in Action Tonight in Costa Mesa, California**

NEW YORK (March 23, 2019)-Two of Split-T Management's undefeated fighters, Erick DeLeon and Eric Puente return to action tonight at The Hanger in Costa Mesa, California.

DeLeon (18-0-1, 10 KOs) of Detroit takes on Jose Luis Gallegos in a super featherweight bout.

DeLeon, who was a three-time National Golden Gloves Champion,

will be making his 2019 debut. In 2018, DeLeon began to get on radar of many boxing insiders after impressive performances against Andy Vences (which was a disputed draw) and his last bout when he won a ten-round unanimous decision over Adrian Yung. In the battle, DeLeon fought nine-plus rounds with an injured shoulder.

In Gallegos, DeLeon is taking on an opponent who has a record of 16-5 with 12 knockouts. Gallegos holds a 3rd round stoppage over previously undefeated Juan Lopez Esparza.

Both DeLeon and Gallegos checked in at 131.4 lbs at Friday's weigh-in.

Puente of Vista, California by way of Sinaloa, Mexico. Puente won the 2016 National Youth Open Championship, and was a member of Team USA. Puente was a favorite to be a member of the 2020 United States Olympic Team.

Puente turned professional on February 16th with a unanimous decision over Keith Carson.

The 19 year-old lightweight will take on Alejandro Lopez Huerta, who will be taking on his 5th consecutive undefeated opponent.

Puente weighed 133.8 lbs, while Lopez was 134.6 lbs. at Friday's weigh-in.

The action kicks off at 6:30 p.m. ET

Both DeLeon and Puente are promoted by Top Rank.

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# Split-T Management goes 6 for 6 this past weekend

New York, NY (July 18, 2018)—It was a perfect weekend for Split-T Management, as six members of Boxing's deepest management stable remained undefeated with impressive victories.

Teofimo Lopez announced himself to the lightweight division with an impressive 6th round stoppage over William Silva.

The bout, which was the co-feature bout on ESPN, took place on Saturday night at The Lakefront Arena in New Orleans.

Despite breaking his hand, Lopez was dominating in taking out Silva, who came into the fight with a 25-1 record. Silva, who had never been knocked down in his career, hit the canvas three times, including the end which came 15 seconds into the 6th frame.

Lopez is now 10-0 with eight knockouts

2016 U.S. Olympian Charles Conwell (8-0, 6 KOs) was equally as impressive by stopping Travis Scott in the 2nd round of their junior middleweight bout.

In a bout which was supposed to be a step-up contest for Conwell, saw the undefeated Cleveland native land a perfect left hook to the body that sent Scott down for the ten-count in the 2nd stanza.

Undefeated and world ranked Erick De Leon showed guts and heart to win a 10-round unanimous decision over Adrian Young in a super featherweight bout.

DeLeon dislocated his shoulder when he fell in the 1st round, and then came back to dominate and win the remaining nine rounds, with final scores of 98-91 and 97-92 twice.

De Leon was able to fight on despite the severity of the shoulder injury which required hospitalization following the fight.

De Leon of Detroit remains undefeated at 18-0-1. Young Los Mochis, MEX falls to 25-5-2.

Also in New Orleans, super middleweight Tyler Howard of Crossville, Tennessee made it 15-0 with 10 knockouts by registering a 2nd round stoppage over Javier Frazier.

Raquel Miller remained undefeated by winning a six-round unanimous decision over Tiffany Woodard in a middleweight bout. The fight took place at the Fairmont Hotel in Miller's hometown of San Francisco.

Miller won by shutout scores of 60-54 on all cards to raise her unblemished mark of to 7-0.

Anthony Barnes won a six-round majority decision over Dwayne Williams at The Motor City Casino in Barnes' hometown of Detroit.

Barnes is now 11-0.

"It was a great weekend for Split-T Management. I am proud of these six fighters. They all rose to the occasion, and stayed undefeated. It shows the type athletes that we manage, and we look forward to many more weekends like this and continued success for the future," said David McWater, CEO of Split-T Manager.

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# Undefeated and world ranked Junior Lightweight Erick De Leon shows heart in winning unanimous decision over Adrian Young in New Orleans

NEW YORK—World Ranked Junior Lightweight Erick De Leon showed the heart of a champion by fighting 9 1/2 rounds with an injured shoulder, but still won just about every round in his ten round unanimous decision over tough veteran, Adrian Young.

The bout took place at The Lakefront Arena in New Orleans and was shown live on ESPN+.

De Leon was knocked down in the 1st round with a left hook. De Leon dislocated his shoulder in that same round, and fought through his injury. De Leon fought well over the next nine rounds. De Leon boxed very well over the final nine rounds to get the victory by scores of 98-91 and 97-92 twice.

De Leon was able to fight on despite the severity of the shoulder injury, which required hospitalization following the fight.

De Leon of Detroit remains undefeated at 18-0-1. Young of Los Mochis, MEX falls to 25-5-2.

“I went into this fight knowing it wasn’t going to be easy, but I had all the tools necessary to walk out victorious. I did just that while facing adversity with one hand. This was just another stepping stone I needed to overcome to get me a shot at a world title in the near future,” said De Leon

“Erick dislocated his right shoulder when he fell in the 1st

round. He got up and won nine straight rounds with only one arm. How can you not love a guy like that," said David McWater, CEO of Split-T Management.

De Leon is promoted by Top Rank.

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## **Split-T Management to display 6 Premier fighters this weekend**

New York, NY (July 13, 2018)—Boxing's deepest management stable, David McWater's Split-T Management will be showcasing six talented fighters throughout the United States.

On Saturday at The Lakefront Arena in New Orleans, four members will appear on a nationally televised event. In the televised co-feature on ESPN (7 PM ET), 2016 Olympian from Honduras, Teofimo Lopez (134.9 lbs) (9-0, 7 KOs) will take on William Silva (25-1, 14 KOs) in a 10-round lightweight bout. This is a bout that will springboard Lopez into the mix with the top lightweights in the world.

Three fighters will be showcased on ESPN+ (4:30 PM ET) as 2016 U.S. Olympian, Charles Conwell (153.4 lbs) (7-0, 5 KOs) battles Travis Scott (19-3, 5 KOs) in a 6-round junior middleweight bout. Undefeated super featherweight Erick De Leon (132.5 lbs) (17-0-1, 10 KOs) of Detroit fights Mexican power puncher Adrian Young (25-4-2, 19 KOs) in a 10-round bout. Also undefeated super middleweight Tyler Howard (164.9

lbs) (14-0, 9 KOs) battles Javier Frazier (8-3-1, 4 KOs) in a six-round bout.

Also on Saturday at San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel, undefeated middleweight Raquel "Pretty Beast" Miller (160 lbs) (6-0, 3 KOs) will fight 17 fight veteran Tiffany Woodard in a six-round bout.

The action kicks off on Friday night when undefeated super middleweight Anthony Barnes (10-0, 8 KOs) takes on Dwayne Williams in a six-round bout at The Motor City Casino in Detroit.

"I am excited about the continued success of our clients. They are all outstanding fighters and people. This shows the growth that they are all having as we have 6 terrific fighters being showcased throughout the country in the span of 24 hours," said Split-T Management CEO, David McWater.

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## **Split-T Management signs undefeated Junior Lightweight Erick De Leon**

New York, NY (May 18, 2018)-Split-T Management has signed undefeated junior lightweight contender Erick De Leon to an exclusive managerial contract.

De Leon, 26 years old of Detroit by way of Sabina Nuevo Leon, Mexico has a record of 17-0-1 with 10 knockouts.

Before turning professional, De Leon was a three-time

(2009-2011) National Golden Gloves champion as well as a Ringside World champion in 2008. He also was a 2008 National Silver Gloves champion.

De Leon turned professional in 2012, and has amassed wins over Fidel Navarrete (8-1-2), Jose Salinas (10-2-1) & Daulis Prescott (31-4).

In his last bout, De Leon waged a ten-round battle with fellow undefeated top 130-pound contender Andy Vences which ended in a draw.

“I am very happy and blessed to join the Split-T Management family,” said De Leon. “I am motivated, and I know we will do big things together. I can do everything in boxing. My preference is to be aggressive and make it exciting for the fans but it comes down to what I need to do to win. Whether it is boxing or brawling, I’ll do what I have to do get the W. I am a gym rat, and I want to be the best, which means I want to fight the big dogs in the 130 pound division.”

Said Split-T Management CEO, David McWater, “I am ecstatic to have a fighter of Erick De Leon stature in the Split-T Management family as well. He is one of the best Junior Lightweights in the world, and I am looking forward to help him achieve his dream of becoming the Undisputed Jr. Lightweight in the world!

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