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Weights from Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY (Jan.19, 2017) – Weights from Thursday's weigh in at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and Casino for Friday night's edition of ShoBox: The New Generation card that will be live on SHOWTIME® at 10 PM ET/PT (Delayed on the West Coast)

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NOTE: Young was originally slated to open the ShoBox telecast in a matchup with Elton Dharry, who was forced to withdraw due to a shoulder injury. Highlights of Young vs. Nazarov will air in the ShoBox telecast.

Here is what the fighters had to say prior to the weigh-in:

Adam Lopez

“This fight it’s a title eliminator, but I learned my lesson. I had time to reflect on letting the IBF title chance slip away. Now I know what it is and what to do. My only focus is Danny Roman, once I get pass him, I’ll think of what’s next.

“This is my fifth time on the ShoBox series. In my last ShoBox appearance in July, I faced Roman Reynoso. It was a tough fight. We fought to a draw. I think I didn’t get the win because I was distracted. They told me the day of the fight, ‘if you win, you’ll get a shot to the IBF title.’ That made me a little nervous and I started thinking more about that, than about the guy in front of me.

“Reynoso had an awkward style. I caught him with a lot of good jabs, but I let myself open for his right hand. It was a hard

fight. It was a good lesson and it was not a loss, but I didn't get the chance to fight the IBF title. This time around, I'm better prepared, physically and mentally.

"I think speed is a big factor in this fight. I watched some tape on Roman. I've seen him in some fights. He looked great when he fought Erik Ruiz, but in his last fight in November, he looked good but he didn't look phenomenal. When I watched that fight I saw that there are a lot of things I could pick apart.

"With Ronnie Shields, my trainer, we came up with a great strategy. We know Roman is a good body puncher, but we are ready for him."

Danny Roman

"I think Adam Lopez is a good fighter. He can do a little bit of everything, but he's not better than me. To be honest, I think he underestimates me. I don't think he knows the type of fighter I am or the type of fighter I can be.

"I'm versatile. I'm here to win and I'll do whatever it takes. If he tries to counterpunch me, I'll counterpunch his counterpunch. If he stands up and boxes me, I'll box him back. If he wants to brawl, I'll brawl. It all depends on how he comes at me. Whatever he's looking to do, I'm ready.

"This fight it's very important to me. It's on national television on SHOWTIME and it's a title eliminator. There's a lot at stake and I'm not taking that lightly.

"I'm looking forward to tomorrow. I've trained for the best performance of my career and I'm not going to disappoint."

Ronald Ellis

"I'm excited about this opportunity. Brooker's style is perfect for me. You could say he's tailor-made for me. I've been studying him and I know how to defeat him.

"I feel I can adjust well. I listen to my trainer and I execute. We have a good strategy and if we stick to our game plan, we'll win on fight night.

"This fight is big for me. There are a lot of opportunities waiting for me if I defeat my opponent tomorrow. The 168 pounds division is hot. I was watching the Jack-DeGale fight on Saturday, and let me tell you. Those two have nothing on me. I could take them anytime.

"I'm not planning on giving up any rounds tomorrow. I don't like to give up any rounds. I'm here to win. I trained for a 10-round fight – and we are fighting an eight-rounder. So you do the math. I'm ready. This is going to be a good fight."

Christopher "Ice Cold" Brooker

"My last fight was a learning experience. I'm ready for my next chapter. I was looking for the knockout and when you look for the knockout like I did, you can get knocked out yourself. So that's what happened. That forced me to go back to the drawing board and change my strategy. I learned from my mistakes.

"I don't lose, I learn. That's how I see my setbacks. Now Ellis is in front of me, and I'm ready. I'm very confident in my skills. I have good eyes. My punches always go where my opponent is. My peripherals are really good. I have what it takes to get the win.

"I've got some really good sparring partners, Jerry Odom among them. I also sparred with heavyweights.

"I know Ron Ellis is a good fighter, but I'm better. He's an average fighter with average skills. I have very good eye-hand combination and I'm from Philly. I'm not scared to fight nobody.

"Getting a chance to fight on national television is a big

deal for me. I'm not going to disappoint."

Kenneth "Bossman" Sims Jr.

"This fight is the next step for me. I'm not taking my opponent lightly. I've been training hard. I'm ready for tomorrow.

"I know I've never been past the sixth round, but I always train for the distance. I'm ready to go 12. I'm in very good shape.

"I saw my opponent on TV. He's a good fighter, but I can beat him. There's nothing special about him. I'm more skilled."

Emmanuel Robles

"I'm a San Diego guy. I'm tough. I feel my opponent is underrating me because I lost my last fight. But my credentials speak for themselves. I've been matched tough and I haven't disappointed.

"I'm a boxer-puncher, and I know how to adjust. I know my opponent is fast and doesn't like pressure. I've been studying him. I know what I'm up against and I'm ready for him. He'll be surprised.

"I have a good game plan. I over-trained for my last fight. I was trying not to disappoint, but I learned my lesson."

Promoters: GH3 Promotions, King's Promotions, Thompson Boxing (Main event)

1st bell: 7:00 PM

Doors 6:30 PM

ShoBox: The New Generation Start time: 10 PM ET / PT

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Undefeated Malik Jackson added to non-televvised action this Friday night at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and

Casino

ATLANTIC CITY (Jan.18, 2017) – Undefeated super bantamweight Malik Jackson has been added to the non-televised undercard this Friday night, Jan. 20 at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel & Casino against Christian Foster in a bout scheduled for 4-rounds that will precede a tremendous tripleheader that will be televised live on ShoBox: The New Generation card on SHOWTIME®.

In the 12-round main event, undefeated WBA No. 3-ranked super bantamweight Adam Lopez (16-0-1, 8 KOs) will face the WBA's No. 4-ranked Danny Roman (20-2-1, 7 KOs) in a title elimination bout.

In the co-feature, undefeated super middleweight Ronald Ellis (13-0-1, 1 NC, 10 KOs) will face off with Christopher Brooker (11-2, 5 KOs) in an eight-round 168-pound matchup of ShoBox veterans.

In another eight-round featured bout, former national amateur champion Kenneth Sims Jr. (10-0, 3 KOs) and Emmanuel Robles (15-1-1, 5 KOs) will clash in a matchup of promising, super lightweights making their ShoBox debuts.

Jackson of Washington, D.C turned professional on September 30th with a 1st rounds stoppage over Javonta Cherry in Washington, D.C.

Jackson, 22 years old, started boxing at age 9 and had a long amateur career that spanned 120 fights.

He describes his style as a boxer-puncher.

“My training went well for this fight. I was added to the card at the last minute, but I was already in shape,” said Jackson.

In Foster, he is facing a bit of an unknown quantity, but has been stopped inside of two-rounds in both of his fights.

"I don't know much about Foster, but with all my amateur experience, I can adapt. I have fought internationally, so I have seen all kinds of styles."

With this fight being on the undercard of a nationally televised event, Jackson is ready to show the fans in attendance that he is a fighter to be reckoned with.

"With an opportunity like this, I am ready to steal the show. I know it is only a 4-round bout, but I will impress."

Jackson has been even more motivated as fellow beltway boxer Gervonta Davis captured the IBF Junior Lightweight on Saturday night. Jackson has shared the ring with Davis and he feels that he can reach the heights of boxing as well.

"I fought and fought with Gervonta. By seeing him win a title, it shows it can be done, and I am motivated to follow suit. But that will start on Friday as I will have an impressive outing."

In non-televised action: Stephon Young (15-0-3, 6 KO's) of St. Louis, Missouri tangoes with Olimjon Nazarov (14-3, 8 KO's) of Tashkent, Uzbekistan in a super bantamweight bout. NOTE: Young was originally slated to open the ShoBox telecast in a matchup with Elton Dharry, who was forced to withdraw with a shoulder injury. Highlights of Young vs. Nazarov will now air in the ShoBox telecast.

Leroy Davila (4-0, 2 KO's) of New Brunswick, New Jersey will take on fellow undefeated Anthony Taylor (4-0, 1 KO) of Warren, Ohio in a six-round bantamweight bout.

Keenan Smith, of Philadelphia, 9-0 with 3 knockouts, and will take on Marquis Hawthorne (4-5, 1 KO) of Waco, Texas in a welterweight bout scheduled for six-rounds.

Also seeing action in a 6-round bout is local favorite Anthony "Juice" Young (14-2, 6 KO's) of Atlantic City who will take on

James Robinson (4-5-4, 1 KO) of Brooklyn, N.Y., in a welterweight scrap.

Former amateur standout, Darmani Rock (6-0, 4 KO's) of Philadelphia will battle Solomon Maye (3-7-2, 3 KO's) of New Haven, Connecticut in a six-round heavyweight bout.

The non-televised undercard will stream live on GFL.TV

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Adam Lopez: 'A Win on Friday Will Be Life Changing For Me'

ATLANTIC CITY (Jan.17, 2017) – This Friday night, WBA No. 3-ranked super bantamweight Adam Lopez (16-0-1, 8 KO's) takes on No. 4-ranked Danny Roman (21-2-1, 7 KO's) in the main event of a ShoBox: The New Generation card at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and Casino.

The fight, which is a WBA Title Elimination bout, will headline a tripleheader Live on SHOWTIME® beginning at 10 PM ET/PT.

Lopez of San Antonio, Texas has a record of 16-0-1 with 8 knockouts, and he will be making his fifth appearance on ShoBox.

"My training camp went great. I feel strong, and I have prepared for whatever Roman brings," said Lopez.

He has scouted Roman very thoroughly; Lopez knows that he could be in store for a tough evening.

"In some fights he looks really good, and in some fights he looks good, but not as dominant as he does in others," Lopez said. "Take his fight against Erick Ruiz. He looked really good in that fight, but in his last fight he fought Marlon Olea, who was undefeated but not as skilled, and I thought he should have taken him out. All in all he is a good fighter, and I am expecting a tough fight."

With a win, Lopez will become the mandatory challenger for WBA Super Bantamweight champion Nehomar Cermeno, and he realizes that he has chance to be mentioned with the elite of the 122-

pound division.

“This would be a life changing win,” Lopez said. “It would be privilege and a blessing to fight for the great title. I feel that because I have been on this stage now for the fifth time, it could be a little bit of an advantage. He has fought on some swing bouts before, but I know what to expect in the days leading up to Friday night. With that being said, ShoBox is a great platform for young prospects like me and can turn us into contenders. It has also raised my stature in terms of gaining more fans. A lot of people have seen me on SHOWTIME and it has got my name out there. This is a high stakes fight. I am putting all cards in and I am taking this as there is no tomorrow. I am going to put on a great show and I think, I will come out with the victory.”

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In the televised co-feature, Ronald Ellis (12-0-1, 10 KO's) of Lynn, Mass., takes on Christopher Brooker (11-2, 5 KO'a) of Philadelphia in a super middleweight bout scheduled for 8-rounds.

In a super lightweight bout scheduled for 8-rounds, Kenneth Sims, Jr. (10-0, 3 KO's) battles Emmanuel Robles (15-1-1, 5 KO's) of San Diego, Calif.

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In 6-round bouts:

Leroy Davila (4-0, 2 KO's) of New Brunswick, N.J., battles Anthony Taylor (4-0, 1 KO) of Warren, Ohio in a battle of undefeated bantamweights.

Keenan Smith (9-0, 3 KO's) of Philadelphia fights Marquis Hawthorne (4-5, 1 KO) of Waco, Texas in a welterweight affair.

Local favorite, Anthony "Juice" Young (14-2, 6 KO's) of Atlantic City will fight James Robinson (4-5-4, 1 KO) of York, Pa., in a welterweight bout.

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GH3 PROMOTIONS FIGHTERS LEROY DAVILA, KEENAN SMITH HIGHLIGHT NON-TELEVISED UNDERCARD ON FRIDAY, JAN. 20 AT BALLYS ATLANTIC CITY HOTEL AND CASINO

ATLANTIC CITY (Jan.10, 2017) – GH3 Promotions undefeated up-and-comers LeRoy Davila and Keenan Smith will head an impressive list of prospects that will be featured in non-televvised action on Friday night, Jan. 20 at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel & Casino that will precede a tremendous quadrupleheader that will be televised live on ShoBox: The New Generation card on SHOWTIME®.

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In the opening bout of the telecast, undefeated bantamweight Stephon Young (15-0-3, 6 KOs) takes on Elton Dharry (21-5-1, 14 KO's) in an eight-round bout.

Davila (4-0, 2 KO's) of New Brunswick, New Jersey will take on fellow undefeated Anthony Taylor (4-0, 1 KO) of Warren, Ohio in a six-round bantamweight bout.

Davila, a 2016 United States Olympic Alternate is beginning his second year as a professional and is coming off a 4-round unanimous decision over Damon Simon on Nov. 11 in Philadelphia.

Taylor, 25, has been a professional for two years, and is coming off a third-round stoppage over Jajuan Gills last July 23 in Youngstown, Ohio.

Smith, of Philadelphia, has a record of 9-0 with 3 knockouts, and will take on Marquis Hawthorne (4-5, 1 KO) of Waco, Texas in a welterweight bout scheduled for six-rounds.

The 26 year-old Smith is a seven-year professional. In recent bouts, he has stepped up the competition. He holds a second-round knockout over previously undefeated Lavell Hadley (2-0). In his last bout, Smith won an eight-round unanimous decision over Benjamin Whitaker (10-1-1) on Nov. 6, 2015 in Las Vegas, on ShoBox.

Hawthorne, 25, is a two-year pro and holds a win over previously undefeated Francisco Cruz (5-0). He will be looking to break a three-fight losing streak, with the latest being a four-round unanimous decision to undefeated Jeremy Nichols (6-0) on Sept. 30 in Las Vegas.

Also seeing action in a 6-round bout is local favorite Anthony "Juice" Young (14-2, 6 KO's) of Atlantic City who will take on James Robinson (4-5-4, 1 KO) of Brooklyn, N.Y., in a welterweight scrap.

Former amateur standout, Darmani Rock (6-0, 4 K0's) of Philadelphia will battle Solomon Maye (3-7-2, 3 K0's) of New Haven, Connecticut in a six-round heavyweight bout.

In four-round bouts, Hafiz Montgomery (3-1, 2 K0's) of Toms River, N.J. takes on Tracey Johnson (4-5-4) of Boston in a cruiserweight battle; Jeff Lentz (5-1, 1 K0) of Lanoka Harbor, N.J. will fight Jeff Souffrant (3-1, 1 K0) of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. in a welterweight bout.

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