

VIDEO: Christian Tapia talks after Thrilling win over Luis Lebron

Tapia Defeats Lebron in 10-round War to Win WBC Continental Super Featherweight Title in Philadelphia

Philadelphia (March 14, 2022)—Christian Tapia outlasted Luis Lebron via 10-round unanimous decision to capture the WBC Continental Super Featherweight title in a bout that exceeded the pre-fight hype that took place in front of a capacity crowd at Live! Event Center at Live! Casino Hotel Philadelphia.

The fight topped a terrific card that was promoted by Hard Hitting Promotions.

Early on, it looked like it was going to be Lebron's night as he hurt Tapia badly as he landed a flush left hook to the side of the head. Tapia was rocked and held on for the balance of the frame. Tapia regained his composure, and was able to start landing some nice overhand rights. Tapia started to get into a rhythm, and was able to land left hooks to the body that started to slow Lebron down. Lebron would not go quietly into

the night as he was able to force Tapia into some furious exchanges, which thrilled the sold-out crowd. Many of the rounds were close, and it was the accuracy and harder punch of Tapia that opened up a cut under the left eye of Lebron, which proved to be the difference of the fight as the Coamo, Puerto Rico native won by scores of 99-91, 98-92 and 97-93.

Tapia wins the WBC Continental Super Featherweight title, and raises his record to 14-0. Lebron of San Juan, Puerto Rico is 18-3.

In the co-feature, Brandon Pizarro landed a hard left hook to the head of Vitor Jones Freitas that sent the Brazilian visitor down and out at 1:18 of round four of their scheduled eight-round welterweight bout.

Pizarro of Philadelphia is 17-1 with 10 knockouts. Jones is 16-7.

Ryan Pino took a six-round majority decision over previously undefeated Dezmond Lucas in a welterweight bout.

Pino of San Juan Puerto Rico won by scores of 59-55, 58-56 and 57-57 to raise his mark to 11-7-2. Lucas of Bronx, New York is 5-1.

Jan Carlos Rivera put on a solid boxing performance to win a six-round unanimous decision over Michael Ogundo in a welterweight clash.

Rivera of Philadelphia won by shutout tallies of 60-54 on all cards and is now 5-1. Ogundo of Quincy, Massachusetts is 16-14.

Good looking Jeffrey Villanueva made a successful pro debut with a four-round unanimous decision over Juan Gutierrez in super flyweight bout.

Villanueva drove Gutierrez into the ropes for a knockdown in the opening frame. Gutierrez fought back hard and the two had

several good exchanges throughout the fight, but Villanueva was able to drop Gutierrez down in the final frame, and won by scores of 40-34 on all cards.

Villanueva of Allentown, PA is 1-0. Gutierrez of Emiale, Nicaragua is 0-1.

Derrick Vann was able to use an unorthodox style to register two knockdowns and take a four-round unanimous decision over previously undefeated Brendan O'Callaghan in a battle of Philadelphia based middleweights.

Vann scored knockdowns in rounds one and four and was able to win by scores of 39-36 and 38-36 and is now 1-0. O'Callaghan is 2-1.

Cesar Espinel Maldonado landed a booming left hook that sent Anthony Ramirez down and out at 2:52 of round one of their scheduled four-round welterweight bout.

The left hook sent Ramirez down face-first thudding off the canvas. Somehow Ramirez got to his feet, but he was wobbling all over the place and the bout was stopped.

Espinel of Arecibo, Puerto Rico is 1-2 with one knockout. Ramirez of Philadelphia is 0-2.

The card was fought in front of boxing royalty as former two-division world champion Danny Garcia, Jaron Ennis, Chris Colbert, Ray Robinson, Christian Carto, Sonny Conto and more were in attendance.

Weights from Philadelphia

Philadelphia (March 11, 2022)–Weights for Saturday's Championship fight card at Live! Event Center at Live! Casino and Hotel Philadelphia

Christian Tapia 129.6 – Luis Lebron 130
(WBC Continental Super Featherweight Title)

Brandon Pizarro 142 – Vitor Jones 141

Dezmond Lucas 147 – Ryan Pino 147.2

Jan Carlos Rivera 143 – Michael Ogundo 141.2

Jeffrey Villanueva 118.4 – Juan Gutierrez 117.2

Brendan O'Callaghan 160.2 – Derrick Vann 162.8

Anthony Ramirez 141.2 – Cesar Espinel Maldonado 140.6

Promoter: Hard Hitting Promotions

Venue: Live! Event Center at Live Casino & Hotel Philadelphia

1st Bell: 7 PM ET

Stream: Hard Hitting Promotions Facebook Page PPV

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Tickets are on sale for \$150, \$100, \$75 and \$60 and can be purchased at

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The show will be streamed on Facebook Pay-Per-View on the Hard Hitting Promotions Page

Card Set for Hard Hitting Promotions Event That Takes Place This Saturday, March 12th at Live! Event Center at Live! Casino & Hotel Philadelphia

Philadelphia (March 8, 2022)—A full eight-bout lineup is set for a big night of action that will take place This Saturday night as Hard Hitting Promotions presents a night of championship boxing at Live! Event Center at Live! Casino & Hotel Philadelphia.

In the mouth watering main event, undefeated Christian Tapia (13-0, 12 KOs) of Coamo, Puerto Rico takes on Luis Lebron (18-2-1, 11 KOs) of San Juan, Puerto Rico in a 10-round showdown for the WBC Super Featherweight Title.

Tapia of Coamo, Puerto Rico, has an impressive record of 13-0 with 12 knockouts. The 27 year-old is a five year veteran who has stopped his last eight adversaries. On July 31, 2021, Tapia won the NABA Super Featherweight title with a 2nd round demolition over former world-ranked contender Mason Menard (36-5). In his last bout, Tapia took out previously undefeated and highly regarded Iron Alvarez (14-0) in the 10th and final round on December 4, 2021 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. In that fight, Tapia dominated the previously undefeated Alvarez, as he was up on all cards with Alvarez barely winning a round, before Tapia ended the fight in the 10th.

Lebron of San Juan, Puerto Rico is 18-2-1 with 11 knockouts. The 28 year-old Lebron is a nine-year veteran has wins over Glenford Nickey (2-0-1), Pedro Marquez Medina (1-0), Joshua

Santos (2-0-1), Manuel Botis (23-0-1), Alan Guzman (19-3), Luis Ruiz (9-1) and his last bout when he stopped Frank Diaz (9-0) in the 7th round to win the WBA Fedecento Super Featherweight title on November 20, 2021 in Miami, Florida.

In the eight-round welterweight co-feature, Brandon Pizarro of Philadelphia takes on Vitor Jones Freitas.

Still just 22 years-old, Pizarro has a record of 16-1-1 with nine knockouts. Pizarro turned pro at age 17 and won his first eight-bouts and is unbeaten in his last nine and is coming off a first-round stoppage over DeWayne Wisdom on February 12, 2021 in Orlando, Florida.

Freitas of Salvador, Brazil, has a record 16-6 with 10 knockouts. The 28 year-old Freitas is a 10 year-professional, is the nephew of former two-division and four-time world champion, Acelino "Popo" Freitas. Vitor won his first 13 bout, and is coming off a loss to undefeated Nestor Bravo on December 4th in Atlantic City.

In six-round bouts:

Dezmond Lucas (5-0, 2 KOs) of Bronx, NY takes on Ryan Pino (10-7-2, 5 KOs) of San Juan, Puerto Rico in a welterweight fight.

Jan Carlos Rivera (4-1, 4 KOs) of Philadelphia fights Michael Ogundo (16-13, 13 KOs) of Quincy, Massachusetts in a super lightweight contest.

In four-round bouts:

Jeffrey Villanueva of Allentown, PA makes his pro debut against Juan Gutierrez of Emallie, Nicaragua in a super flyweight bout.

Brandon O'Callaghan (2-0, 1 KO) of Philadelphia squabbles with pro debuting Derrick Vann of Philadelphia in a middleweight fight.

Anthony Ramirez (0-1) of Philadelphia takes on Cesar Espinel Maldonado of Arecibo, Puerto Rico in a welterweight bout.

Demek Edmonds (4-0, 3 KOs) of Quincy, Massachusetts tangles with Rafael de Souza (0-1) of Salvador, Brazil in a cruiserweight battle.

Tickets are on sale for \$150, \$100, \$75 and \$60 and can be purchased at

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Hard Hitting Promotions Signs Avery Sparrow

Philadelphia (March 7, 2022)—Hard Hitting Promotions has announced the signing of featherweight Avery Sparrow.

Sparrow of Philadelphia, has a record of 11-3 with four knockouts. The 28 year-old Sparrow has been a professional for eight-years and is known for his ability to rise to occasion against top competition.

“We are excited to add Avery to our roster. He is a very talented fighter, and can beat anyone in the 126 and 130 pound divisions. He has shown he is willing to fight anyone, and now with Hard Hitting Promotions behind him, Avery will get put in position to get important and meaningful fights on his way for him to fight for a world title. He is just 28 years-old and

despite having just 14 fights, he has a ton of experience and success against high quality opponents,” said Manny Rivera of Hard Hitting Promotions.

“It’s a wonderful experience to sign with Hard Hitting Promotions. They are doing a lot of shows. With me on his roster, and the things that I am trying to accomplish, It is a good fit for the both of us and we can help catapult each other to do major things in the sport. I am looking to get back in the ring sometime in April,” said Sparrow.

Sparrow turned professional on July 29, 2014 with a four-round decision over Antoine knight. Sparrow has gained wins over Anthony Burgin (10-2), Isaelin Florian Henriquez (6-0), Joey Laviolette (6-0), Jose Lopez (19-1) and former world title challenger Hank Lundy (29-7-1). In his last bout, Sparrow stopped Matt Conway (20-2) in 10-rounds to win IBA World and Pennsylvania Super Featherweight titles on January 15th in Conway’s hometown of Pittsburgh.

Sparrow’s next fight will be announced shortly.

**Christian Tapia takes on Luis
Lebron for the WBC
Continental Super
Featherweight Title on
Saturday, March 12th at Live!**

Event Center at Live! Casino & Hotel Philadelphia

Philadelphia (February 16, 2022)—Championship boxing comes to Live! Event Center at Live! Casino & Hotel Philadelphia as undefeated rising star Christian Tapia takes on Luis Lebron in a 10-round contest for the WBC Super Featherweight title on Saturday night, March 12th.

The card is promoted by Hard Hitting Promotions.

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Also seeing action will be super lightweight Brandon Pizarro (16-1, 9 KOs) of Philadelphia; welterweight Alex Perez (18-3, 10 KOs) of Newark, NJ; welterweight Dezmond Lucas (5-0, 2 KOs) of Bronx, NY; welterweight Tahmir Smalls (6-0, 3 KOs) of Philadelphia; welterweight Jan Carlos Rivera (4-1, 4 KOs) of

Philadelphia; Pro debuting bantamweight Jeffrey Villanueva of Reading, PA and junior welterweight Anthony Ramirez of Connecticut.

Opponents will be named shortly

Ticket Pre-sale on Feb 17th with full on-sale on Feb 18th.

Tickets are on sale for \$150, \$100, \$75 and \$60 and can be purchased at

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Anthony “Juice” Young Takes on Luis Sanchez in Main Event at Boardwalk Boxing Powered by Hard Hitting Promotions in Association with The Showboat Hotel Fight Card on Saturday, September 25th at The Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (September 3, 2021)—After a sold-out maiden show, The 2nd installment of “Boardwalk Boxing Powered by Hard Hitting Promotions in Association with Showboat Hotel Atlantic City” will take place on Saturday night, September 25th.

In the eight-round main event, recent Hard Hitting Promotions signee Anthony "Juice" Young will take on Luis Sanchez in the headline welterweight bout.

Young, 33 of Atlantic City, New Jersey has a record of 22-2 with eight knockouts.

Young is a 10 year-professional who has developed into one of the most popular fighters in the Tri-State area.

Young became a household name in the boxing world when he scored an emphatic 3rd round stoppage over former world champion Sadam Ali (27-2) on May 4, 2019 in Las Vegas. With that win, Young won the WBC USNBC Silver welterweight title.

Young is also a former New Jersey State Welterweight champion.

Young also defeated tough Jose Javier Calderon.

Young is coming off a unanimous decision over Todd Manuel on July 31st at The Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City.

Sanchez of San Juan, Puerto Rico has an impressive record of 9-1 with six knockouts.

Sanchez, 27 years-old, is a five-year professional who is coming off a win over Ryan Pino on March 25th in San Juan.

In six-round bouts:

Thomas Velasquez (10-1, 6 KOs) of Philadelphia will see action in a lightweight bout.

Isaiah Wise (9-2-2, 5 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on Gabor Gorbics (26-20-1, 16 KOs) of Budapest, Hungary in a middleweight fight.

Jan Carlos Rivera (4-1, 4 KOs) of Philadelphia battles Janos Penzes (2-0, 1 KO) of Budapest, Hungary in a super lightweight contest.

Jerome Conquest (11-5, 1 K0) of Philadelphia takes on an opponent to be named in a lightweight battle.

Wesley Ferrer (14-1-1, 7 K0s) of Brooklyn, NY takes on an opponent to be named in a lightweight fight.

Isiah Seldon (14-4-1, 5 K0s) of Atlantic City, NJ fights Brandon Baue (16-24, 11 K0s) of Troy, MO in a middleweight bout.

In Four-Round Bouts:

Dezmond Lucas (2-0, 1 K0) of Bronx, NY takes on Tray Martin (1-4, 1 K0) of Mabery, MO in a welterweight affair.

Tahmir Smalls (4-0,3 K0s) of Philadelphia will battle Shaquan Moore (0-0-1) of Coram, NY in a welterweight fight.

Rodney Brooks (1-0, 1 K0) of Atlantic City takes on debuting Quaymayne Johnson in a heavyweight tussle.

Joshua Lebron (2-0, 1 K0) of Orlando, FL takes on an opponent to be named in a bantamweight contest.

Tickets for this amazing evening boxing are \$175, \$100, and \$60 and can be purchased by Clicking:

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**Hard Hitting Promotions Signs
Welterweight Anthony “Juice”**

Young

Atlantic City, NJ (August 16, 2021)—Hard Hitting Promotions is pleased to announce the signing of welterweight contender Anthony “Juice” Young.

Young, 33 of Atlantic City, New Jersey has a record of 22-2 with eight knockouts.

Young is a 10 year-professional who has developed into one of the most popular fighters in the Tri-State area.

“At this point in my career this is the right move. I am not a spring chicken and they know the direction that I need to go in my career. I want to make Atlantic City like Las Vegas. They have a great deal with the Showboat, and I feel that with me fighting in sold out shows there, I can help bring Atlantic City back as a big boxing destination,” said Young.

Said Manny Rivera of Hard Hitting Promotions, “We are excited and honored to sign Anthony “Juice” Young. We recognize that he is among the best 147-pounders in the world right now. Unfortunately he was not able to capitalize on that great win over Sadam Ali. Our goal and mission is to place him at the top of the welterweight division. He will be headlining our next event on September 25th,”

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Young is managed by Carlos Rosario of STB Management.

Expect to see Young back in action on September 25th at The Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City.

Tapia Destroys Menard in 2 to Win NABA Super Featherweight Title

Atlantic City, NJ (August 2, 2021)—This past Saturday night, Hard Hitting Promotions started off it's 12 fight series at the Showboat Hotel with a bang as Christian Tapia captured the NABA Super Featherweight title with a 2nd round destruction over Mason Menard.

The fight capped off an excellent seven bout card in front of a sold-out crowd at the famed boardwalk venue.

In round two, Tapia hurt Menard with a right hand. Tapia walked in and landed a right uppercut that was followed by a thundering left to the body that sent Menard to the canvas, and he would not get up, and the fight was stopped at 2:34.

Tapia of Coamo, PR is 12-0 with 11 knockouts. Menard of Rayne, LA is 36-6.

Dylan Price remained undefeated with a eight-round unanimous decision over Edwin Rodriguez in a bantamweight bout.

Price of Sicklerville, NJ won by scores of 79-73, 78-74 and 77-75 to remain undefeated with a 14-0 record. Rodriguez of Juana Diaz, PR is 11-6-2.

Hometown favorite Anthony "Juice" Young took an eight-round unanimous decision over Todd Manuel in a welterweight battle.

Young scored a knockdown in the final round, but Manuel was able to reach the final bell.

Young of Atlantic City, NJ won by scores of 79-72 and 78-73 twice to raise his mark to 22-2. Manuel of Rayne, LA is 19-18-1,

Ricardo Caraballo (6-1) and Harold Lopez (6-0-1) fought to a no-contest due to a cut that opened up a cut over the left eye of Caraballo, and the fight had to be stopped before four completed rounds of their scheduled six-round flyweight bout.

Jerome Conquest took a six-round split decision over Wilfredo Garriga in a junior welterweight fight.

Conquest of Philadelphia won by scores of 59-55 and 58-56, while a third judge ruled 58-56 in favor of Garriga.

Conquest is now 11-5. Garriga of Juana Diaz, PR is 4-8-1.

Brendon O'Callaghan made a successful pro debut with a opening round stoppage of Anthony Young in a scheduled four-round middleweight bout.

O'Callaghan dropped Young with a hard combination on the ropes. O'Callaghan jumped on a hurt Young, and another series of punches forced a referee stoppage at 2:39.

O'Callaghan of Philadelphia is 1-0 with one knockout. Young, also of Philadelphia, drops to 0-2.

Isaiah Wise won a six-round split decision over Luis Solis in a middleweight bout.

Wise of Philadelphia won by scores of 59-55 and 58-56; while the 3rd judge scored it for Solis by a 59-55 tally.

Wise is now 9-2-2. Solis is 25-13-4.

Hard Hitting Promotions returns to the Showboat Hotel on Saturday, August 28th

Weights from Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (July 31, 2021)–Weights for Tonight’s Hard Hitting Promotions fight card at the Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City.

Christian Tapia 130 – Mason Menard 129.2
(NABA Super Featherweight Title)

Dylan Price 119 – Edwin Rodriguez 118
Anthony Young 146.8 – Todd Manuel 146.4
Ricardo Caraballo 111.4 – Harold Lopez 111.8
Jerome Conquest 140.4 – Wilfredo Garriga 140
Brendan O’Callaghan 158 – Anthony Young 154
Desmond Lucas 146.4 -Trey Martin 147.4
Isaiah Wise 158.6 – Luis Solis 159.8

Promoter: Hard Hitting Promotions

Venue: Showboat Hotel

1st Bell: 7 PM ET

Doors: 6 PM ET

Stream: Flo Combat