

# **ATLANTIC CITY BOXING HALL OF FAME TEAMS UP WITH HARD HITTING PROMOTIONS FOR LIVE PRO BOXING DURING 2023 INDUCTION WEEKEND**

Atlantic City, N.J. – August 15, 2023 – **The Atlantic City Boxing Hall of Fame (ACBHOF)** teams up with **Hard Hitting Promotions (HHP)** for a Fight Night extravaganza at **BALLY'S Atlantic City** in its acclaimed **6th Floor Grand Ballroom**, for a Live Pro Boxing event that will take place on Friday, September 29th, from 8:00pm – 12:00am. Headlining the show in the Main Event is: **Branden Pizarro** (18-1-10 KO's) of Philadelphia, PA vs. **Esteban Garcia** of Brawley, CA (16-2-8KO's) in a 10rd Jr. Welterweight clash and the Co-Main pits: **Leanna Cruz** (6-0) of Allentown, PA vs. TBD in a 8rd Bantamweight bout and several more exciting fights to round out the card.

**Atlantic City Boxing Hall of Fame 7th Annual Awards & Induction Weekend**, a three-day multi-tiered event, is slated to be unparalleled and reflective of the rich boxing history in Atlantic City. **The Atlantic City Boxing Hall of Fame and Hard Hitting Promotions** collaboration looks to celebrate the magnificent careers of legends in boxing as well as introduce new emerging stars throughout the induction weekend. The ACBHOF Induction Weekend commences at **Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City** on **Friday September 29th** with the **"Opening Bell" VIP Cocktail Reception** 5:00pm – 8:00pm, and **Friday Night Fights** at **Bally's Atlantic City** and **Saturday September 30th**, **Fight Fan Experience & Boxing Exhibits** at **Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City** 11:00am – 1:00pm: This event is open to Public.

The Highlight of the weekend is **Saturday September 30th, red-carpet formal Awards & Induction Ceremony** which takes place inside **Sound Waves Theater at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City** in an **award show atmosphere**. Join us as we honor all who helped make Atlantic City a worldwide boxing Mecca. Attendees will enjoy the opportunity to mix and mingle with boxing royalty and special VIP guests. Pre VIP Cocktail Reception: 5:00pm – 6:30pm and Official **Awards & Induction Program** 7:00pm – 9:00pm and Post VIP Reception to follow immediately after the Awards Ceremony.

**The 2023 class members include:**

**George Foreman, David Tua, Shannon Briggs, Pinklon Thomas, Tracy Harris Patterson, Doug Dewitt, Darroll Wilson, Shamone Alvarez, Jamillia Lawrence, Joe Hand Sr., Matt Howard, Rudy Battle, Benjy Esteves Jr., Arnold Robbins, Joseph Santoliquito, Lee Samuels and Posthumously & Pioneers: Buster Drayton, Marty Feldman, Rocky Castellani, Frankie Polo, Joe Miller, Horace M. Leeds, "K0" Becky O'Neill and Willie O'Neill**

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**VIDEO: Undefeated flyweight  
LeAnna Cruz Talks about  
fighting on Overtime Card on  
August 18th on DAZN**

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**AUDIO: Undefeated Flyweight  
Sensation LeAnna Cruz after  
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# **LeAnna Cruz Impressive in Unanimous Decision Victory over Da Silva in Philadelphia**

NEW YORK (May 1, 2023)-LeAnna Cruz remained undefeated with a six-round unanimous decision victory over former five-time world title challenger Simone Da Silva in a bantamweight contest which was the main event at the 2300 Arena in Philadelphia.

Cruz was very aggressive from the outset and dropped Da Silva in the opening round with a body shot.

Cruz did not take her foot off the gas pedal and continued to pressure Da Silva in domination fashion. Cruz showed crisp combination punching and had Da Silva in trouble several more times.

Cruz of Allentown, PA won by scores of 60-53 on all cards and is now 5-0. Da Silva of Brazil is 17-24.

Cruz is managed by Split-T Management under the guidance of Brian Cohen, and promoted by Hard Hitting Promotions.

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## **Split-T Management Undefeated**

# Fighters LeAnna Cruz and Joshafat Ortiz in Action TONIGHT in Philadelphia

NEW YORK (April 29, 2023)—Split-T Management undefeated fighters, **LeAnna Cruz** and **Joshafat Ortiz** will be in action TONIGHT at the 2300 Arena in Philadelphia.

Cruz will take on former five-time world title challenger Simone da Silva in a eight-round bantamweight fight, while Ortiz will take on Carlos Rosario in a six-round super featherweight contest.

Cruz of Bethlehem, PA is 4-0. The 25 year-old is coming off a six-round unanimous decision over Deavany Cuevas Torres on March 11th at The 2300 Arena in Philadelphia.

Cruz is under the guidance of Brian Cohen.

Da Silva of Sao Paulo, Brazil is 17-23 with six knockouts.

The 18 year capable veteran has wins over Paola Herrera (13-1-2), Paulina Cardona (9-2-3), Ikram Kerwat (9-1).

Ortiz of Reading, PA is a recent signee to Split-T Management is 11-0 with five knockouts has wins over Javier Oquendo (3-0), Eickson Rudecinfo (4-1), and is coming off a win six-round unanimous decision Mario Ezequiel Sayal Loza on September 16, 2022 in Philadelphia.

Rosario of Winter Haven, Florida is 5-1 with three knockouts. The 27 year-old Rosario is coming off his first defeat when he dropped a decision to undefeated Ezequiel Bprrero on November 4, 2022 in Plant City, Florida.

Ortiz is promoted by DiBella Entertainment.

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# Split-T Management Fighters Pick Up Four Wins Over the Weekend

NEW YORK (March 11, 2023)—Four Split-T Management fighters picked up victories over the weekend.

Friday night in Bethlehem, PA, heavyweight Devon Young remained undefeated with a vicious second round stoppage over Lemir Riley in a four-round bout.

In round two, with Riley leaning in, Young unleashed a perfect uppercut on the jaw that sent Riley face-first and momentarily out cold at 2:50.

Young of Aiken, South Carolina is 4-0 with three knockouts. Riley of New Cumberland, PA is 2-1.

Young is promoted by King's Promotions.

In Wolverhampton, England, Former two-time world title challenger Kandi Wyatt captured the WBA Intercontinental Welterweight title with a 10-round split decision over Kirstie Bavington.

Wyatt of Calgary, Alberta, Canada won by tallies of 98-92 twice and one card had it for Bavington 96-94.

Wyatt is now 11-4. Bavington of England is 7-3-2.

On the same card, junior middleweight Logan Hollier dropped a decision to former world champion Hannah Rankin. Hollier, who is promoted by DiBella Entertainment, is now 9-3-1.

Saturday in Philadelphia, 2021 United States Olympian Oshae Jones remained undefeated with a six-round unanimous decision over former world champion Dahianna Santana in a welterweight bout at the 2300 Arena.

Jones of Toledo, Ohio won by scores of 60-54 twice and 59-55 and is now 2-0. Santana of New York is 40-15.

On the same card, super flyweight LeAnna Cruz won a six-round unanimous decision over Devany Cuevas Torres.

Cruz of Allentown, PA won by scores of 60-54 twice and 59-55 to raise her mark to 4-0. Torres of San Antonio is 2-3-1.

Wyatt, Jones, Cruz and Hollier are managed by Brian Cohen.

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## **LeAnna Cruz in Action Tonight in Philadelphia**

NEW YORK (March 11, 2023)—Split-T Management's undefeated super flyweight LeAnna Cruz will be in action TONIGHT at the 2300 Arena in Philadelphia when she takes on Devany Cuevas Torres in a bout scheduled for four-rounds.

Cruz of Allentown, PA is 3-0 and is coming off a four-round unanimous decision over Lilian Almarez on September 16, 2022 in Philadelphia.

Torres of San Antonio, Texas is 2-2-1. Torres has a win over previously undefeated Stefanie Cohen (2-0-1). Torres is coming off a draw with Alexis Ariaza Mones on December 10, 2022 in Philadelphia.

Cruz is managed under the guidance of Brian Cohen.

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# Split-T Management's Jessica Camara and LeAnna Cruz Get Wins Over The Weekend

NEW YORK (September 20, 2022)-Split-T Management fighters **Jessica Camara** and **LeAnna Cruz** each had their hands raised in bouts over the weekend.

Friday night in Philadelphia, Cruz remained undefeated with a four-round unanimous decision over Lillian Almarez in a super flyweight bout.

Cruz of Allentown, PA won by scores of 39-37 on all cards and is now 3-0.

Cruz is promoted by Hard Hitting Promotions.

A night later in Wilmington, Delaware, former world title challenger Camara registered her second consecutive vicious knockout as she needed just 40 seconds to take out Josefina Vega in their junior welterweight bout at The Chase Fieldhouse

Camara landed a left hook that put Vega down and out.

With the win, the Montreal native is 10-3 with two knockouts.

[CLICK FOR VIDEO OF THE KNOCKOUT](#)

Both Camara and Cruz are managed by Brian Cohen. Camara is promoted by DiBella Entertainment

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# Joshafat Ortiz Remains Undefeated With Unanimous Decision Over Lozano in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (September 23, 2022)-Junior Lightweight **Joshafat Ortiz** remained undefeated with a Six-round unanimous decision over Mario Ezequiel Sayal Lozano in the featured bout at The Fillmore Philadelphia.

The Friday night card was promoted by Hard Hitting Promotions, with the Ortiz – Lozano fight being co-promoted by DiBella Entertainment.

Ortiz of Reading, PA won by shutout tallies of 60-54 on all cards and is now 11-0. Lozano is 18-9-1.

Hard Hitting Promotions junior welterweight **Jan Carlos Rivera** stopped Gonzalo Carlos Dallera in round two of their scheduled six-round affair.

In round two, Rivera dropped Dallera with a body shot. Rivera scored another knockdown when he landed a hard right hook. Dallera got to his feet, but was deemed unable to continue at 2:58.

Rivera of Philadelphia is 7-1 with five knockouts. Dallera is 10-18.

Recent Hard Hitting Promotions signee **LeAnna Cruz** remained undefeated with a four-round unanimous decision over Lillian Almarez in a super flyweight bout.

Cruz of Allentown, PA won by scores of 39-37 on all cards and is now 3-0.

**Carlos Ramos** won a six-round unanimous decision over veteran Diuhl Olguin in a junior lightweight bout.

Ramos of Spain was able to drop Olguin in the opening frame, and cruised home to a victory by scores of 59-54 on all cards and is now 16-2. Olguin is 15-26-5.

**Jeffrey Villanueva** stopped Jose Torres in round one of their four-round bantamweight fight.

Villanueva was able to land some hard combinations that put Torres down, and the bout was stopped at 2:44.

Villanueva of Allentown, PA is now 2-0 with one knockout. Torres is 0-2.

**John Leonardo** won a six-round unanimous decision over Pedro Hernandez in a super featherweight bout.

Leonardo of Englishtown, NJ won by scores of 60-54 and is now 8-1-1. Hernandez is 7-13-1.

**Axl Melendez Salgado** remained undefeated with a second round stoppage over Abdiel Padilla Burgos in a welterweight bout.

Salgado scored two knockdowns, with the latter forcing a corner stoppage at 2:10.

Salgado of Ceiba, Puerto Rico is 4-0 with three knockouts. Burgos falls to 1-4.