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## **Adam Lopez “A win over Jorge Diaz on Saturday gets me back knocking on the door of a title shot”**

Atlantic City, NJ (November 15, 2017)–Super Bantamweight contender Adam Lopez is looking to getting back to the perch of being on a short list to fight for a world title.

Back on January 20th, Lopez was right there when he took on Daniel Roman in what was a WBA title elimination bout in Atlantic City.

Unfortunately for Lopez, he came up on the short end of that fight, but Saturday night he returns to Atlantic City when he takes on Jorge Diaz in an eight-round bout for the WBC Fecarbox Super Bantamweight title at The Claridge Hotel.

The show is promoted by Rising Promotions, Greg Cohen Promotions and Winner Take All Productions.

Lopez of San Antonio, Texas has set up his 2nd training camp in Northern New Jersey under trainer Wali Moses.

Lopez is promoted by GH3 Promotions

“Camp was good. I am just taking off the last few pounds. I

take my weight off slowly, and be comfortable, and then I rehydrate the right way," said Lopez.

Lopez knows a win over the tough Diaz would get him right back in contention in the 122 pound division.

"I think a win gets me back to the place where I was at before the Roman fight. I will be knocking on the door of a title fight."

"Diaz is a rough fighter, and I expect a tough fight from him. He has some good wins, and even though he has lost a few fights, four of them have been to undefeated fighters and the other was to a fighter with one loss, so I expect and I am preparing for the best Jorge Diaz."

"I just want everyone to come out on November 18th, and I will put on a good show."

In the main event, Thomas LaManna (24-2, 9 KOs) takes on Samuel Amoako (23-16, 17 KOs) in a ten round battle for the LBF Intercontinental title.

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## **Raymond Serrano – Enver Halili now for WBC Fecarbox Welterweight title this Saturday at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City**

Atlantic City, NJ (November 14, 2017)–The stakes have grown for the exciting co-feature bout between Raymond Serrano and undefeated Enver Halili at the Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The ten-round bout will be contested for the WBC Fecarbox Welterweight title.

The card is promoted by Rising Promotions, Greg Cohen Promotions, & Winner Take All Productions.

Serrano of Philadelphia has been training at the famed Wildcard Gym, and has had a terrific camp.

“Camp has been very good, I am just dropping the last couple pounds. I have been sparring with Miguel Cotto and some of the top MMA fighters as well. I have one of the top trainer’s in the gym Ernie Zavala working my corner,” said Serrano.

Serrano has trained in Philadelphia and Puerto Rico all over the world and has noticed a difference working out at one of the most famous gyms world.

“The difference in training at Wild Card is that there are so many good fighters there and everywhere you look there is a top level fighter who si working hard.”

In Halili he knows he is in with a fighter who is coming to win and bring the best out of Serrano.

“I really don’t know too much about him. I saw some old footage of him, and I can see that he is a boxer. He is undefeated, so he is coming to win and that should make for a good fight.”

It was five years ago when Serrano was a prize prospect with an 18-0 record, and he was on the brink of major fights, before a stretch where Serrano was able to go just 5-4, yet Serrano believes that he is just a win or two away from a major fight.

“I feel like with a win, I am just a phone call away from a big fight. Even thought I am not ranked, I know I can compete with the big names of the division. This win should get me the belt and also the rankings. I just want to continue to climb the ladder. People forget that I am just 28 years-old and I am in my prime. Little by little with my manager Mark Cipparone. I just want to let everyone know that this Saturday, November 18th there will be a new WBC Fecarbox champion, and that will be me, Raymond “Tito” Serrano.”

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# Training camp quotes for featured bouts for November 18th card at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (November 8, 2017)–Below are quotes from some of the featured fighters that will be on display for the big championship boxing card that will take place on Saturday, November 18th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The card is promoted by Rising Promotions, Greg Cohen Promotions, Devin Haney Promotions & Winner Take All Productions.

In the main event, Thomas LaManna will take on Samuel Amoako in a ten-round bout for the LBF Intercontinental Welterweight championship. In the eight-round co-feature undefeated sensation Devin Haney will appear in a junior welterweight bout. Raymond Serrano takes on undefeated Enver Halili in a ten-round welterweight bout. Also featured is a WBC Fecarbox Super Bantamweight title fight between Adam Lopez and Jorge Diaz.

Thomas LaManna – “This training camp has been good. I have a strong support system behind me so it keeps me focused on what I have to do. I’m looking forward to being apart of this great card and putting on a show. I never take any fight lightly and this is just another step towards a world title.”

Devin Haney–“I’m happy to be making my Atlantic City debut on November 18th. As always, I’ll be looking to bring an exciting fight to all the fans in attendance. All the fans can expect me to be at my best since I just fought on November 4th. I’m ready to do some damage.”

Raymond Serrano—"My training camp has been great. I am at The Wildcard Gym in Los Angeles, and I have been sparring with Miguel Cotto. I really do not know much about Halili other than he is undefeated. I know he is coming to win as no undefeated fighter wants to lose. I have been here before and this is my moment. I am ready to take his 0. I am looking forward to perform in Atlantic City on the 18th."

Enver Halili- "Victory!! That's all I know, I'm excited about this opportunity and it's going to be another great win for me. I belong at the top, and nobody will stop me! Got a good opponent in front of me, but like I said nobody is going to stop me from where I'm meant to be!"

Adam Lopez—"Training camp has been good. I have been working hard. I have been fine tuning a lot of stuff including my jab. I have been working with Shakur Stevenson's grandfather Wali Moses and a gentleman named 0 Elliott. Diaz is a good opponent, who ha been in a lot of good fights. He is no pushover who I am not looking past.

Jorge Diaz- "Everything is going great. I am in the best shape of my life. I have more muscle. I have been doing my strength and conditioning with Dr. Shawn Arent of Rutgers University. He is the President of the International Society of Sports Nutrition. My B02 (Blood/Oxygen Intake) is the highest it has ever been at 70.2. Adam Lopez is a good aggressive prospect, who is very determined. May the best man win"

In an four-round junior middleweight bout fights Jeff Lentz (5-1, 1 K0) of Bellmar, NJ takes on Darryl Gause (2-0, 1 K0) of Vineland, New Jersey

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## **Thomas LaManna to take on Samuel Amoako for LBF Intercontinental Welterweight title on Saturday, November 18th at The Claridge in Atlantic City**

Atlantic City, NJ (November 2, 2017)—Tough veteran Samuel Amoako steps in for Tomas Mendez to fight popular welterweight contender Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna in a scheduled ten-round bout for the LBF Intercontinental welterweight title on Saturday, November 18th at The Claridge in Atlantic City.



The bout will headline a nine-bout card promoted by Rising Promotions, Greg Cohen Promotions, Devin Haney Promotions & Winner Take All Productions.

“This is boxing and changes always happen. I was looking forward to fighting Mendez but due to visa issues, that killed the fight. I’m not taking Amoako lightly because any fighter is dangerous in their own way. Amoako has fought a lot of good fighters and only been stopped twice in his career. Wasn’t my favorite choice as opponent but Amoako was the first to sign contract last minute,” said LaManna.

Amoako of Silver Spring, Maryland via Accra, Ghana, has a record of 23-16 with 17 knockouts.

The 33 year-old Amoako is a 12 year-veteran and has wins over Albert Mensah (9-2-1) & Richard Amenfu (9-2). Amoako has faced some of the best fighters in the world in former world champion Gavin Rees as well as former world title challengers Miguel Roman, Sharif Bogere. Bogere has also shared the ring with top contenders Jonathan Maicelo, Tony Luis and Mike Reed.

Amoako has only been stopped twice, and this will be his 14th fight in the last 21 months. He is coming off a decision loss to Skender Halili on October 21st in Newark, New Jersey.

In an eight-round junior welterweight special attraction, Devin Haney (17-0, 14 KOs) of Las Vegas battles Taiwo Ali Sulaimon (21-5-1, 16 KOs) of Lagos, Nigeria.

In the ten-round co-feature, Raymond Serrano (23-4, 10 KOs) of Philadelphia will fight Enver Halili (10-0, 3 KOs) of Bronx, NY in a welterweight bout.

In an eight-round battle for the WBC Fecarbox Super Bantamweight title, Adam Lopez (16-1-2, 8 KOs) of San Antonio, Texas takes on Jorge Diaz (18-5-1, 10 KOs) of New Brunswick, NJ.

In an six-round junior middleweight bout fights Jeff Lentz (5-1, 1 K0) of Bellmar, NJ takes on an opponent to be named.

In a six-round welterweight bout, Yurik Mamedov (7-0, 3 K0s) of Brooklyn, NY battles Vincent Floyd (3-3-1, 2 Kos) of Philadelphia in a welterweight contest.

Alvin Vermall, Jr. (13-0-1, 11 K0s) of Catskills, NY will take on an opponent to be named in a six-round cruiserweight bout.

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**Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna returns to the ring when he battles Tomas Mendez for WBC Silver Latino & LBF Intercontinental Welterweight titles on Saturday. November**

# 18th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (October 10, 2017)—On Saturday night, November 18th, welterweight contender Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna returns to the ring when he takes on Tomas Mendez in 10-round fight for LaManna’s WBC Silver Latino Welterweight title, as well as the LBF Intercontinental Welterweight title. The fight will headline a stacked night of boxing at The Claridge Hotel.

The show is promoted by Rising Promotions and Greg Cohen Promotions in association with Devin Haney Promotions and Winner Take All Productions.

“This is our 10th show and we expect this to be the best turn out,” said Debbie LaManna, CEO of Rising Promotions. “With a stacked undercard, and my son getting to headline again, we can all expect a great night of boxing. I’m happy Thomas decided to stick with it, after more than 10 years and a lot of money spent, it would be foolish to stop now when he is right there. We are happy to be doing this show with Greg Cohen and we look forward to bigger and better things together in the future.”

I am thrilled to be working with Rising Promotions This is a stacked from top to bottom. It is worthy of a ShoBox card,” said Greg Cohen, President of Greg Cohen Promotions.. .”When you have a show with Thomas defending his title and fighters like Devin Haney, and fights such as Serrano against Enver Halili plus Skender Halili fighting Jeff Lentz, every fight is a TV worthy fight. We are really excited to bring this to The Claridge, and a great way to finish out the year in Atlantic City and happy that GCP is a co-promoter on the show.”

LaManna of Millville, New Jersey will be making the 1st

defense of the WBC Silver Latino title that he won on August 19th when he scored two knockdowns en-route to a ten round unanimous decision over George Sosa at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The 25 year-old Lamanna is a six-year professional who has wins over veteran's Ayi Bruce, Kendal Mena, Eduardo Flores, and Carlos Winston Velasquez.

This will be LaManna's 7th bout at The Claridge and 16th in Atlantic City.

"I'm back! I couldn't stay away for long. It's crazy, after my last fight, I was set on being done with boxing," said Thomas LaManna. "I Couldn't handle the stress anymore and it's hard. I have a huge chip on my shoulder with no promoter, no more financial backing, just me and my mother. We have mart strategic planning, and a Dream. I feel I have a lot left and I'll be knocking on doors in 2018. To me, Mendez is dangerous because you never know what he will bring. I've always said records don't mean anything to me. We'll see on November 18 what he brings and like I always say, I make my adjustments and do what I have to do to win."

"As for this card, I feel it's the best one we at Rising Promotions have put together. Raymond Serrano and Enver Halili is a solid cross roads fight, and I'm glad we got it done. I'm excited to have Devin Haney on the show, and Tommy Rainone's go away fight is special. Expect another sell out. Thank you to everyone involved putting this great card together including all the fighters involved, The NJSACB, Commissioner Larry Hazzard and Rhonda Utley-Herring, Greg Cohen, the LBF and Ms. Marian Muhammad, the WBC, GH3 Promotions and The Claridge."

Mendez of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic has a record of 24-10 with 17 knockouts.

The 10 year-professional won 16 of his first 17 bouts, and is

a capable fighter who has fought top competition around the world. This will be Mendez 7th title fight, and he is coming off a stoppage defeat to Derrick Cuevas on June 17th in Caguas, Puerto Rico.

WBC Youth Champion, Devin Haney (16-0, 11 KOs) of Las Vegas will take on Taiwo Ali Sulaimon (21-5-1, 16 KOs) of Lagos, Nigeria in a junior welterweight bout.

Haney, of Las Vegas, Nevada has a record of 17-0 with 11 knockouts.

Haney, just 18 years-old has quickly emerged as one of the top prospects in the country.

He turned professional at age 16, and has been more impressive with each performance.

Haney has impressive wins over Jairo Fernandez Vargas (4-0), Clay Burns (4-1-2), and in his last bout he scored a eight-round unanimous decision over Enrique Tinoco (16-4-1) on September 22nd in Philadelphia.

In the exciting welterweight bout, Raymond "Tito" Serrano will take on Enver Halili in a bout scheduled for eight-rounds.

Serrano of Philadelphia has been on the cusp of a big fight in the welterweight division, has a record of 23-4 with ten knockouts.

The 28 year-old is a ten-year professional, has wins over Ashantie Hendrickson (1-0), Jay Krupp (12-1), Ronnie Warrior, Jr. (13-2-1), Ayi Bruce (15-2) & Jerome Rodriguez (6-1-3).

Serrano is on a two-fight winning streak with the latest win being a six-round unanimous decision over Zack Ramsey (8-1) on September 22 in Philadelphia.

Halili is perfect with a record of 10-0 with three knockouts.

Halili of Bronx, New York is a five-year professional with wins over undefeated Raul Nuncio (2-0) and his latest bout where he scored his biggest win with a eight-round unanimous decision over Wesley Tucker (14-0) on June 30 in Toledo, Ohio.

In eight-round bouts.

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Skender Halili (14-2, 13 KOs) of Bronx, New York battles Jeff Lentz (5-1, 1 KO) of Belmar, New Jersey in a junior middleweight fight.

In six-round bouts:

Tommy Rainone (26-8-1, 6 KO's) of New York, New York will make his final start of his career when he takes on an opponent to be named in a welterweight bout.

Yurik Mamedov (7-0, 3 KOs) of New York, New York will take on an opponent to be named in a super lightweight bout.

In a rematch of lightweight's. Tomas Romain (4-1) of Brooklyn, NY boxes Sidell Blocker (1-9-1) of Pleasantville, New Jersey.

In four-round bouts:

Jonathan Arroyo of Long Island will make his pro debut against Steve Moore (0-1) of Orange, New Jersey in a welterweight bout.

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