

Seldon and Mussachio earn big wins on the Boardwalk

Atlantic City, NJ (May 30, 2016)—This past Friday night at the Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City, Rising Promotions staged its third consecutive fight card in front of a large crowd that saw Isiah Seldon defeat Eddie Edmond in the six-round main event.

The middleweight bout highlighted an entertaining six-bout card.

Seldon rocked Edmond several times with right hands that had the Newark, New Jersey resident holding on. The grabbing got much more severe and Edmond was deducted a point in round four. In round six, Seldon sealed the fight when he landed a right hand that forced Edmond's glove to touch the canvas for a knockdown.

Seldon, 156 lbs won by scores of 59-54, 59-53 and 58-54 to raise his record to 9-1. Edmond, 158 lbs is 4-5-2.

In the co-feature, Chuck Mussachio shook off 39 months of ring rust to pound out a six-round unanimous decision over Willis Lockett in a cruiserweight rematch of a draw that occurred almost eight-years ago.

Mussachio was adept with his jab and landed some hard right hands that stunned Lockett. Despite the long layoff, Mussachio was sharp with his punches and reflexes looked on-point as he was only hit with a couple right hands. Mussachio thrilled his fan base that has stood by him throughout his eleven-year career and the Lower Cape May Regional High School guidance counselor will look to make one more run at a title fight.

Mussachio, 183 lbs of Wildwood, New Jersey won by scores of 60-54, 59-55 and 58-56 and is now 19-3-2. Lockett, 205.3 lbs of Takoma Park, Maryland is 14-17-5.

In an action filled welterweight bout, Quan Johnson made a successful pro debut with a fourth round stoppage over Adrian Wilson in the final scheduled round of their welterweight bout.

Johnson showed fast hands from his southpaw stance and he got off to a good start when a straight left hand in round one landed for a knockdown. Moments later, a hard straight left sent Wilson down for a second time in the opening frame, Wilson began to bleed from his nose in the next round and his troubles worsened when a cut over the right eye formed after another hard left. Wilson showed heart as he fought back hard but, he was outgunned as he tasted the canvas two more times in round four from first a right hook and then finally an accumulation of punches forced the bout to be stopped at 2:15 of round four.

Johnson, 148.6 of Cherry Hill, New Jersey is 1-0 with 1 knockout. Wilson, 147.3 lbs of Atlantic Cuty is 0-3.

Heavyweight's Quian Davis and Soloman Maye battled to a four round majority draw

Davis boxed but Maye came forward in attempt to make the fight. The judges liked the aggressiveness of Maye and gave him credit for two rounds on two cards ad Davis took a card 39-37 while two read even at 38-38.

Davis, 253 lbs of Mays Landing, New Jersey is now 2-0-2. Maye, 226.7 lbs of New Haven, Connecticut is 1-6-2.

2016 United States Olympic Alternate, LeRoy Davila stopped Dominic Whitehurst in the second round in a scheduled four round bantamweight bout featuring pro debuter's.

Davila showed quick hands from his southpaw stance and dropped Whitehurst with a body combination in round two. Davila landed a three punch combination to the body to register a second knockdown. Davila ended things when he landed a hard left hand

and the fight was stopped at 2:34.

Davila, 116.9 lbs of New Brunswick, New Jersey is now 1-0 with one knockout. Whitehurst, 117.5 lbs of Chillicothe, Ohio is 0-1.

Said Davila's manager, Pete Festa, "Rising Promotions is the best up and coming promoter in the industry."

Lamont Capers opened up the show by scoring a eight round split decision over Nick Kisner in a cruiserweight bout.

Capers was effective with the right hand that continued to get through on Kisner. Kisner landed some good shots that made Capers nose bleed, but he wasn't as consistent or active enough to pile up the rounds. Kisner was deducted a point for holding in round seven.

Capers, 196.2 lbs of Hawley, Pennsylvania won by scores of 77-74 twice, while Kisner took a card 76-75. Capers is now 6-8-2. Kisner, 197.8 lbs of Baltimore, Maryland falls to 16-3-1.

"We are the most active promoter in New Jersey and our mission is bring world class boxing back to the boxing capital of the state and that's Atlantic City. We are working on bringing TV into the picture in the very near future," said Rising Promotions Thomas LaManna.

"Debbie LaManna and Rising Promotions have done a tremendous job in trying to restore Atlantic City's reputation as a boxing town again. They seem to have found a niche by bringing local fighters who have strong fan bases to a great venue like the Claridge," said prominent boxing writer, Dave Weinberg of The Atlantic City Press.

The next Rising Promotions card will take place on Friday, July 22 at The Claridge Hotel with the return of welterweight contender, Thomas "Cornflake" LaManna in the main event.

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Video : Rising Promotions–Seldon vs Edmond weigh in

Weights from Atlantic City

Isiah Seldon 156 – Eddie Edmond 158

Chuck Mussachio 183 – Willis Lockett 205.3

Adrian Wilson 147.3 – Quan Johnson 148.6

Soloman Maye 226.7 – Quian Davis 253

LeRoy Davila 116.9 – Dominic Whitehurst 117.5

Nick Kisner 197.8 – Lamont Capers 196.2

Promoter: Rising Promotions

Venue: The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City

1st Bell: 7:00 PM

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Cruiserweight contender Nick Kisner ready for Boardwalk debut this Friday night at the Claridge in Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (May 26, 2016)—THIS Friday night, May 27th, a big night of boxing will kick off a holiday weekend at The Claridge in Atlantic City as Rising Promotions will present a terrific card of boxing.

In the main event, It will be about New Jersey bragging rights as Isiah Seldon will take on Eddie Edmond in a bout scheduled for six-rounds.

In a one of the undercard bout, Baltimore-based cruiserweight contender, “Slick” Nick Kisner will take on Lamont Capers.

Kisner, who was a prized amateur that saw him become a 3-time National Silver Gloves champion, a 2-time National junior Golden Gloves champion and a Ringside World championship, just to name a few of his big wins in the non-paying ranks.

The 25 year-old has a record of 16-2-1 with six knockouts.

“I have had a very good training camp,” said Kisner. “Capers is a tough and durable opponent. He has been in with some very good fighters, but I am very confident about getting the win on Friday.”

Kisner has won two in a row since his highest profile bout to date when he dropped a ten round unanimous decision to former two-time world title challenger Lateef Kayode,

In that bout, Kisner fought well and had some moments in the bout, but came up just short in a fight that seemed closer than the official scorecards.

“I learned a lot about in that fight. I went 10-rounds for the first time. I did that against one of the best fighters in the divisions. That was the fight where, also learned the best way to get down to 200 pounds. Before that fight, I would kill myself to make the weight.”

That training regimen has worked so well, that Kisner is now contemplating a move to light heavyweight.

“That is the plan. In fact, if everything goes well on Friday, that I am looking at a big name at light heavyweight in August.”

But first, he has to deal with Capers, not far from Kisner’s hometown of Baltimore.

“I am excited to be fighting in Atlantic City. It is one of the big stages in boxing. Come Friday, I am going to put on a great show, and I am going to show the world that I am great fighter. I have learned from my previous fights. I have matured and on Friday, people will see that I am on the best fighters in the world.”

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Seldon, who is the son of former WBA Heavyweight champion,

Bruce Seldon will be making his 2nd appearance in three months as he is coming off a 6-round on March 19th over Michael Mitchell, has been in the gym to round back into form after 33-month layoff.

“Training camp has been great. We have been doing a lot of boxing as I been still shaking off some rust from the layoff,” said Seldon. “To come right back is not a big deal. I am an athlete and I am always in good shape. My body feels better when I am active and in the gym. Even when I wasn’t getting the fights, I was always in the gym.”

In Edmond, he is fighting a fighter from Newark, New Jersey and has similar experience.

“I have seen some video of him. He comes forward and he throws punches. That is the kind of fight that I want to be in. He will come to fight and that should ,make for entertaining fight.”

This will be the 2nd straight fight for Seldon against a fellow foe from the Garden State, but that doesn’t matter to the 27 year-old native of Atlantic City.

“I don’t care where a person is from. A fight is a fight. In fact, I actually want to see all the locals make it. That is unless they are fighting me. It is always fun fighting in Atlantic City. I will have a lot of friends there supporting me.”

Seldon credits his return to the ring to Rising Promotions, who will be staging their 3rd show in the past six months.

“I would like to thank Rising Promotions, Thomas LaManna and the Atlantic City Boxing Hall of Fame. They are all trying to bring boxing back to Atlantic City the way it used to be. I feel I have an opportunity to become the face of Atlantic City boxing. I have been working very hard and I feel very good. To be headlining for the first time feels really good. Rising

Promotions has given me this opportunity to showcase my skills and on Friday, I am going to put on a great performance.”

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Mussachio of Wildwood, New Jersey has a record of 18-3-2 with five knockouts and will be looking to get back to winning ways that made him a contender.

He will be marking his ring return in a familiar town where he has performed 17 times.

“Everything is going well. I am back in the swing of things and getting good sparring three days a week,” said Mussachio. “I started getting the itch again when I was helping Isiah Seldon ready for his fight in March. I am not worried about the layoff. I got that ring rust off in February. That wore off quickly and that motivated me to get back in the room quickly. I have been in the gym the whole time, sparring. I was in Bernard Hopkins last two camps, so I have been in good shape this whole time.”

Lockett of Takoma Park, Maryland has a record of 14-16-5 with five knockouts.

His record does not tell the story as Lockett has faced the “Whose-Who” of fighters between Super Middleweight and Heavyweight.

He has quality wins over Tyrone Tate (5-1), Calvin Riley (1-0), Willie Williams (6-1), former world title challenger Larry Marks, Joe McCreedy (10-2-1) & John Lennox (13-3). The winner of Lennox was part of Rising Promotions maiden card on December 5, 2015.

Lockett has faced eight undefeated fighters. Lockett will look to break a two-fight losing streak. In his last bout, Lockett was disqualified against Jordan Shimmell (19-1) on February 27 in Washington, DC.

“When we fought before,” said Mussachio, “I won that fight. I can’t believe they ruled that a draw. I have something to prove, because I took every round in that fight. Looking back, I couldn’t even tell you how he is. He never hit me. I am just going to do what I did last time, but this time, I have to do more.”

Mussachio, who is a guidance counselor by day, isn’t just coming back for one fight. He wants to get back to the status that got him to a 17-1-2 record and came within seconds of becoming USBA Cruiserweight champion before getting stopped by

Garrett Wilson in 2011.

“The goal is to take this as far as I can. I have my rhythm back. This is not just one fight. I want to get a big opportunity. I already have the record for that.”

“I feel rejuvenated. I haven't took a pounding and I still have good legs.”

Mussachio would not have his comeback fight anywhere else and is impressed by the way Rising Boxing Promotions has handled business leading up to the fight.

“I don't like fighting anywhere else but Atlantic City. This is my 2nd home and it means a lot. After all this time, the interest is still there for me and my fans are coming out. It is like the old days. I want to thank everyone for their continued support of my career which is now going on 12 years. Debbie and Thomas LaManna have been great with Rising Promotions. They are very professional and great to work with.”

In an eight-round Cruiserweight bout, Nick Kisner (16-2-1, 6 KO's) of Baltimore, MD will take on Lamont Capers (5-8-2) of Hawley, PA.

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**Video: Thomas LaManna
previews May 27 Rising
Promotions card at The
Claridge**

Long Island favorite Tommy

“Razor” Rainone looking for big win this Saturday night in boardwalk debut

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (March 15, 2016)—This Saturday night at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City, Long Island based welterweight Tommy Rainone makes his debut on the boardwalk when he battles Maurice Chalmers in a eight round bout in a featured undercard bout of a 11-bout card promoted by Rising Promotions and Vincent M.Ponte’s Gulfstream Promotions.

In the main event, Thomas LaManna takes on Kendal Mena in a eight round welterweight bout.

Rainone has a record of 24-7-1 with with five knockouts has long been a fan favorite in the Empire state, and the fight with Chalmers will fulfill a venue that has been on the 36 year-old’s bucket list.

“I have fought in Madison Square Garden, Yankee Stadium, The Legendary Blue Horizon and Las Vegas. I have been wanting to fight in Atlantic City for a long time and Saturday it finally happens,” said Rainone.

What makes Rainone’s career even more fascinating is that he works a full-time job overnight working for Hilton Hotels in the accounting the department.

That makes for long days, working until the early morning, getting just a few hours of sleep and then going to the gym before his overnight shift.

“I have not had a day off in seven weeks, but I will be ready to go on Saturday night. I have had pretty good training and sparring. Now I am just maintaining my weight ”

In Chalmers, he is facing a veteran who has a record of

14-12-1 with eight knockouts. Chalmers has knocked off three undefeated fighters, but Rainone is confident that his skills and preparation will be enough to get his hand raised.

“I have seen him once in person. He defeated an undefeated guy and he was very aggressive that night. I have seen other fight’s where he sits back and is a counter puncher. I prepare for anything.”

Since turning professional in 2006, Rainone has been an instant fan favorite, and he feels he owes a lot of support to the many supporters who have stuck by him through his whole career.

“Without a fan base, you don’t get fights. I will have 100 or so fans down in Atlantic City. I owe everything to them.”

Rainone believes his popularity is due large in part to him being just an “everyday guy” and his fans can relate to him.

“I always put on a good fight, but I am relate able. After the fights, I hang out with everybody. I am humble and I show the fans how much I appreciate him.”

In his last bout, Rainone took one of the step up fights that could have set him up for a major opportunity when he took on former junior middleweight champion Ishe Smith.

Rainone came up just short in that fight, but Rainone wanted to test himself against the former world champion.

“That fight was a tall order. Ishe is the bigger man and a former world champion. I am not a junior middleweight. I tried very hard and I knew if I had won that fought, I would have been ranked in the top-ten.”

Rainone is only planning to fight another couple of years and he still has the goals of every fighter, but he is taking his career fight by fight.

“The goal is one fight at a time. I am excited to fight in Atlantic City. I want to fight at Barclays Center and again in Madison Square Square Garden as well fighting for a title back in Atlantic City.”

“I have done this the hard way throughout my career. I do not know who has done it the way I have. I have done this on my own without any alliance or any promoter and I am very proud what I have accomplished and I still have more to do.”

Tickets for the March 19th fight card are \$50 GA, \$75 Stage (very few remaining) & \$125 VIP (SOLD OUT) (Booths of 5 available for \$500–SOLD OUT) and are available at RisingBoxingPromotions.com or 609-487-4444.

The Claridge Hotel is located at 123 S. Indiana Ave. Atlantic City NJ

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After thrilling win, LaManna & Rising Boxing Promotions build towards future

ATLANTIC CITY (DECEMBER 11, 2015)—Last Saturday night, Thomas LaManna made a successful voyage into the welterweight division by hammering out an 8-round unanimous decision over Ariel Vasquez at the Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The card was presented in front of an enthusiastic crowd at the near-sold out Claridge, which featured an In-Arena host and provided giveaways to the crowd throughout the

evening.

Rising Star Promotions fight cards strive to be more fan friendly and interactive in and out of the ring.

The success of the fights, both in the ring and at the box office already has the shore community eager for the next installment of Rising Boxing Promotions, which is tentatively scheduled for February 20th.

“The Claridge Hotel was very pleased with the quality of fights and the attendance on Saturday, ” Said Debbie LaManna of Rising Boxing Promotions. “Our mission with the promotion is to have good and competitive fights that will have the crowd excited throughout the night We had some in-house entertainment that had the crowd involved as well. I think we accomplished everything we set out to do and it is a great building block for our February show.”

LaManna used a diverse arsenal of punches as featured body work, jabs and a good straight hand at various points of the fight. LaManna showed grit as Vasquez was game by occasionally sneaking in a straight left that the bigger LaManna was able to walk through. The only blemish for LaManna was that he was deducted a point for low blows in round four but he was able to by scores of 79-72 twice and 78-73.

LaManna, 148 lbs of Millville, NJ is 19-1. Vasquez, 144 lbs of Managua, Nicaragua is 12-12-2.

Thomas

Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna Post fight interview, December 5, 2015

In the 6-round Heavyweight co-feature, Willis Lockett was able to win a 6-round unanimous decision over John Lennox.

Lockett won the bout on the strength of landing a series of flush right hands that looked good but never hurt Lennox.

Lennox was more active at times and got in some telling blows but it was not enough as Lockett won by scores of 59-55 twice and 58-56.

Lockett is now 14-14-4. Lennox is 13-4.

Quian Davis made short work of Santario Holdbrooks in a scheduled four-round Heavyweight bout.

Davis was all over Holdbrooks from the opening bell and the fight lasted just 26 seconds.

Davis is 1-0-1 with 1 knockout. Holdbrooks is 0-3.

Alshamar Johnson and Villi Bello fought to an entertaining 4-round draw in a Middleweight bout.

Both guys took turns being the boss in the fight and the rounds were close and featured plenty of toe to toe action. Each fighter took a a card at 39-37. One card read even at 38-38.

Bello is 3-1-1. Johnson is 1-1-1.

The opening bout saw debuting Ecuadorian Luis Perozo score a 1st round stoppage over Davonta Steele in a scheduled 4-round Jr. Welterweight bout.

Perozo, who now resides in Queens, New York dropped Steele from a body shot and the fight was stopped at 2:11.

Perozo was making his pro debut. Steele of Concord, NC is 0-2.

The show was promoted by Rising Boxing Promotions in association with Vincent M. Ponte's Gulfstream Promotions

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Weights from Atlantic City, NJ

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Thomas LaManna 148 – Ariel Vasquez 144
John Lennox 210 – Willis Lockett 198 1/2
Quian Davis 258 1/2 – Santario Holdbrooks 238
Alshamar Johnson 164 1/2 – Villi Bello 164
Luis Perozo 136 – Davontae Steele 142

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Venue: The Claridge Hotel

Tickets are \$50 GA, \$75 Ringside, \$75 Stage & \$125 VIP (Booths of 5 available for \$500) and are available at RisingBoxingPromotions.com

The doors open at 6 PM with 1st bell at 7 PM.

The Clardige Hotel is located at 123 S. Indiana Ave. Atlantic City NJ

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