

# Split-T Management's John Bauza Takes on Richardson Hitchins in Grudge Match at The Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden

NEW YORK (FEBRUARY 4, 2023)—TONIGHT at the Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden, undefeated super lightweight John Bauza takes on fellow undefeated Richardson Hitchins in a 10-round bout for the IBF North American Super Lightweight Title.

Bauza is managed by Split-T Management.

The bout can be seen Live on DAZN at 8 PM ET.

To say that the lead-up to the fight has been contentious is an understatement.

The former sparring partners engaged in a 20-minute heated debate at Thursday's press conference that was filled with confident bold predictions and profane smack talk.

"First of all, I want to say thank you for this opportunity to be here. All I have to say is that I work hard. There was a lot of back and forth, but we got the fight, and we're ready," said Bauza. "We're ready for everybody. We already proved that in the amateurs. He [Hitchins] knows who I am; I sparred him before. I come from the same group as them, all of them. They know who I am too, so we're ready for everybody. I'm ready for it."

Bauza of North Bergen, New Jersey via Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico is 17-0 with seven knockouts. The 24 year-old Bauza is a seven year-pro who has defeated the likes of Larry Fryers (11-2),

Christian Edwards (12-2), Michael Williams Jr. (19-0) and his last bout when he took an eight-round unanimous decision over Tony Luis (29-4) on March 19, 2022 at Madison Square Garden.

Hitchins of New York is 15-0 with seven knockouts. The 25 year-old Hitchins is a six-year pro and has defeated Mario Alberto Perez Navarro (1-0, Alejandro Munera (4-1-3), Kevin Johnson (7-1), Nicholas DeLomba (16-2), former world champion Argenis Mendez (25-5-3), Malik Hawkins (18-1) and his last bout when he stopped Yomar Alamo (20-1-1) on November 12, 2022 in Cleveland.

Bauza was 139 lbs. at Friday's weigh in. Hitchins was 139.6 lbs.

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## **MARQUES VALLE LOOKS TO CONTINUE DOMINANCE AT 154 ON FEBRUARY 22 ON PROBOX TV**

*Tampa's highly talked about Marques Valle is looking to set the ground running in 2023, as he looks to establish himself as a contender in the super welterweight division.*

*Valle has been dominant in his 7 professional outings, with all of the wins coming within the scheduled distance. Now the all-action puncher turns his attention to making an impact in the super welterweight division.*

*Valle opened up on his plans in 2023, "I'm working hard as always in the gym to improve technically and grow into the weight. I started my pro career at 147 but I think I'm going*

to continue to grow, so it's the right thing for me to fight at 54.

*"I've had a great start to my career on ProBox TV, the whole team from Garry Jonas to coaches Marc Farrait and Asa Beard along with my management team at Split-T have worked really well to bring me on the right way, I feel like I have a dream team and that's really all a fighter can ask for."*

*'The Machine' competes as a professional alongside his younger brother Dominic Valle, who also holds an undefeated record, and the bigger brother discussed his relationship with his brother and hopes for 2023 for the pair.*

*He said, "I'm really happy with how me and my brother have progressed, and I love how we always get featured on ProBox TV. Dominic has been guided properly and I think we're going to be ready for a regional title in 2023.*

*"There's a lot of great fighters on television, fighters like Erickson Lubin who are in fights that we are aiming to be in one day, but for now I think we will want to push ourselves into a position where we are ready to break into the world top 15 and go from there.*

*"I'm from a Puerto Rican family, I grew up watching Felix Trinidad and Miguel Cotto, it was a family party every time there was a big Puerto Rican fight on, and boxing is a family business with me. Hopefully one day we can have these types of parties when my brother and I fight."*

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# Split-T Management Fighters Open Up 2023 With Six Big Wins

NEW YORK (January 17, 2023) – **Abraham Nova** won a action-filled 10-round unanimous decision over Adam Lopez in a junior lightweight fight at The Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, New York

Nova's win highlighted a night that saw Split-T Management Fighters win six contests between Verona and Milwaukee.

In round five, Nova dropped Lopez with a right that was followed by a left to the jaw that landed during an exchange.

At the beginning of round six, Nova landed a hard right hand that hurt Lopez. Lopez was grabbing onto Nova but fell to the canvas for a knockdown.

In round 10, both guys brawled and landed some hard punches. Both were able to stay on their feet in the crowd pleasing affair.

Nova landed 111 of 462 punches; Lopez was 112 of 415.

Nova, 129 lbs of Albany, NY won by scores of 98-90 twice and 97-91 and is now 22-1. Lopez, 129 lbs of Glendale, CA is 16-4.

**Haven Brady Jr.** remained undefeated with an eight-round unanimous decision over Ruben Cervera in a lightweight bout.

In round one, Brady was cut in his mouth.

Brady landed 108 of 397 punches. Cervera was 56 of 323.

Brady, 132 3/4 lbs of Albany, GA won by scores of 80-72, 79-3 and 78-4 and is now 9-0. Cervera, 130 1/4 lbs of Santa Maria, CA is 13-4.

**Dante Benjamin Jr.** stopped Emmanuel Austin in the opening round of their six-round light heavyweight bout.

In round one, Benjamin landed a left-right and left to the head that put Austin down. Benjamin finished off Austin as he landed a big flurry of power punches that was highlighted by a booming right hand, and referee Mark Nelson stopped the bout at 2:50

Benjamin, 174 lbs of Cleveland, OH is 5-0 with three knockouts. Austin, 175 lbs of Panama City, FL is 6-1.

Nova is co-promoted by Top Rank, Murphy's Boxing and 12 Rounds Promotions. Brady and Benjamin are promoted by Top Rank.

In Milwaukee, **Rolando Vargas** won an eight-round unanimous decision over Derrick Murray in a super lightweight bout.

Vargas of Milwaukee won by scores of 79-73 twice and 77-75 is now 9-1. Murray of Saint Louis is 17-7-1.

Former IBF Junior Welterweight champion **Mary McGee** was impressive in stopping former world champion Dahianna Santana at 3:00 of round four of their welterweight bout.

McGee of Gary, Indiana is now 28-4 with 16 knockouts. Santana of New York is 40-14.

McGee is promoted by DiBella Entertainment.

**Javier Zammaron** made it two consecutive first round stoppages to begin his career as he took out Sean Williams at 67 seconds of their junior lightweight bout.

Zammaron of Sheboygan, Wisconsin is 2-0 with two knockouts. Williams was making his pro debut.

In the main event in Verona, NY, Split-T Management's Stephan Shaw (18-1) dropped a close unanimous decision to Efe Ajagba.

Shaw is co-promoted by DiBella Entertainment and Top Rank.

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## **Undefeated Heavyweight Stephan Shaw Headlining Bout Against Efe Ajagba Tops Huge Weekend Of Split-T Management Action Live on ESPN**

NEW YORK (January 14, 2023) – Tonight undefeated heavyweight Stephan “Big Shot” Shaw will headline a big night of action when he takes on hard-punching Efe Ajagba on ESPN that will highlight a night of action of Split-T Management fighters in Verona, New York and Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Shaw, who was originally slated to face Guido Vianello in the co-feature bout, moved into the prime spot after an injury.

Shaw, 30 of Saint Louis, Missouri is 18-0 with 13 knockouts. The 10 year-professional is regarded as one of the Heavyweights to watch.

Shaw has wins over Danny Kelly (9-2-1), Jonnie Rice (4-1-1), Joel Caudle (7-1-1), Donovan Dennis (12-3), Willie Jake Jr. (8-2-1), Gregory Corbin (15-2) and Lyubomyr Pinchuk (12-1-1). In his bout, Shaw won an eight-round unanimous decision over Rydell Booker (26-6-1) on November 22, 2022 in New York City.

Ajagba is known as one of the hardest punches in the

heavyweight division. The Houston native by way of Nigeria is 16-1 with 13 knockouts. The 28 year-old has impressive wins over Tyrell Anthony Herndon (6-1), Luke Lyons (5-0), Nick Jones (7-0), Amir Mansour (23-3-1), Michael Wallisch (19-1), Ali Eren Demirezen (11-0), Iago Kiladze (26-4-1). In his last bout, Ajagba stopped Jozsef Demos in two rounds on August 27, 2022 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

At Friday's weigh-in, Shaw weighed 239.5 lbs. Ajagba was 235 1/4 lbs.

Shaw is co-promoted by Top Rank and DiBella Entertainment.

The fight will be broadcast live on ESPN at 10 PM ET

Also on the card in Verona, will be Split-T's Abraham Nova taking on Adam Lopez in a 10-round super featherweight bout.

Nova of nearby Albany, New York is 21-1 with 15 knockouts. The 28 year-old Nova won his first 21 bouts. In his last bout, he suffered his first loss as he dropped his fight to Robeisy Ramirez on June 18, 2022 in New York.

Lopez of Glendale, California is 16-3 with six knockouts. Lopez is a former NABF Junior Featherweight and Featherweight champion, and is coming off an eight-round unanimous decision over William Encarnacion (19-2) on May 21, 2022 in Las Vegas.

Nova, who is promoted by Top Rank, Murphy's Boxing and 12 Rounds Promotions weighed 129 lbs. Lopez was 129 lbs as well.

Undefeated junior lightweight Haven Brady Jr. will see action in an eight-round bout against Ruben Cervera.

Brady, 21 years-old of Albany, Georgia is 8-0 with four knockouts. Brady fought four times in 2022 and he finished off the year by winning an eight-round unanimous decision over undefeated Eric Mondragon on October 29 in New York City.

Cervera of Santa Marta, Colombia has a record of 13-3 with 11

knockouts. The 25 year-old Cervera is coming off a decision loss to Carlos Balderas on May 21 in Las Vegas.

Brady was 132 3/4 lbs. Cervera was 130 1/4.

Also on the card is undefeated light heavyweight Dante Benjamin Jr taking on Emmanuel Austin in a six-round bout.

Benjamin of Cleveland completed his rookie year with a record of 4-0 with two knockouts. He is coming off a unanimous decision over Leandro Silva on August 27, 2022 in Tulsa.

Austin of New Orleans is 6-0 with six-knockouts. The 29 year-old is coming off a first round stoppage over Juan Carlos Pitalua on May 4, 2022.

Benjamin weighed 174 lbs. Austin was 175 lbs.

Nova, Brady and Benjamin's fights will be streamed live on ESPN+ beginning at 5:30 PM ET.

Brady and Benjamin are Promoted by Top Rank.

In Milwaukee, three more Split-T fighters will be in action. In the main event, Milwaukee's Rolando Vargas takes on Derrick Murray in a eight-round junior welterweight bout.

Vargas (8-1, 7 KOs) has won three in a row and is coming off a win over Charles Garner (6-1) on October 29th in Milwaukee.

Murray of Saint Louis is 17-6-1 with six knockouts.. He has wins over two undefeated fighters and in his last bout, Murray stopped former world champion DeMarcus Corley on October 29th in Jackson, Tennessee.

The co-feature will see the return of former IBF Junior Welterweight champion Mary McGee. McGee takes on Dahianna Santana in a six-round bout.

McGee of Gary, Indiana is 27-5 with 15 knockouts, McGee won the IBF Junior Welterweight title with a 10th round stoppage



over Ana Laura Esteche on December 6, 2019. She defended her crown once with a ninth round stoppage of Deanha Hobb (8-1). In her last bout, McGee lost a 10-round decision to WBC champion Chantelle Cameron on October 30, 2021 in London.

Santana of New York of 40-13 with 15 knockouts. Santana is a former WBA Interim World Featherweight champion. She won the belt by defeating Francis Elena Bravo on June 28, 2014. Santana challenged for the world title on three more occasions. Santana is on a four-fight winning streak as in her last bout she won a unanimous decision over Mima Elizabeth La Hoz on July 10, 2022 In Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

McGee is promoted by DiBella Entertainment.

Finally Javier Zamarron will look to make it two for two when he takes on debuting Sean Williams in a four-round featherweight bout.

Zammaron of Sheboygan, Wisconsin won his pro debut when he stopped Ahmond Rayshan Oates in the opening round on October 29, 2022 in Milwaukee.

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**AUDIO: Stephan Shaw Talks about showdown with Efe Ajagba**

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# **VIDEO: Stephan Shaw Talks about showdown with Efe Ajagba**

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## **Massive Saturday For Split-T Management as Teofimo Lopez Takes over New York**

NEW YORK (December 9, 2022) -Split-T Management fighters will dominate the boxing world on Saturday as former undisputed lightweight champion Teofimo Lopez takes on Sandor Martin in a WBC Elimination bout at Madison Square Garden. Earlier in the day, IBF Bantamweight champion Ebanie Bridges makes the first defense of her title when she takes on Shannon O'Connell. If that wasn't enough, 2020 United States Olympian Tiger Johnson will kick off the festivities at Madison Square Garden when he battles Mike Ohan Jr. in a eight-round junior middleweight bout.

Lopez will be looking to take big a step towards becoming a two-division world champion when he takes on the upset-specialist Martin. The bout will headline in what has become Lopez' annual fight night at the Garden that follows the Heisman Trophy presentation on ESPN.

Lopez of Las Vegas by way of Brooklyn is 17-1 with 13

knockouts. The 25 year-old is one of the popular and charismatic pugilists in the sport. He has become a staple fighting at The Garden on Heisman night he stopped Mason Menard in the opening round in 2018, and In 2019, Lopez knocked out Richard Commey in two rounds to win the IBF Lightweight title.

On October 17, 2020, Lopez won a 12-round unanimous decision over Vasiliy Lomachenko to capture the undisputed Lightweight title. Lopez made his super lightweight debut on August 13th by stopping Pedro Camoa in seven rounds in Las Vegas.

Martin of Barcelona, Spain has a very impressive mark of 40-2 with 13 knockouts. Martin has impressive wins over Daniel Rosilla Colaso (25-4-2), Ignacio Mendoza (38-8-2), Sanuele Esposito (19-2), Steve Jamoye (19-1-1), Valentyn Golovko (22-1), Mauro Godoy (30-3-1), Joe Hughes (17-4-1) and Kay Prospere (14-1-1).

On October 16, 2021, Martin shocked former four-division world champion Mikey Garcia by winning a 10-round majority decision,

In his last bout, Martin won a 10-round unanimous decision over former world title challenger Jose Felix on April 1st in Barcelona, Spain.

At Friday's weigh-in, Lopez weighed 139.2 lbs. Martin was 139.8 lbs.

Lopez is promoted by Top Rank.

The fight can be seen live on ESPN at 9 PM ET.

In Leeds, England, Bridges and O'Connell meet in a fight between Australian bantamweights.

Bridges of New South Wales, Australia is 8-1 with three knockouts. The 36 year-old won the IBF Bantamweight title with a 10-round unanimous decision over Maria Cecilia Roman on March 26th in Leeds.

O'Connell, 39, of Queensland, Australia is 23-6-1 with 11 knockouts. She has wins over Nareele Leahy (1-0). Gabisile Tshabalala (8-0-1), Edina Kiss (10-1), Bianca Elmie (3-0), Kylie Fulmer (7-0), Cherneka Johnson (13-0), Taylah Robinson (3-0) and her last bout when she stopped Sarah Higginson in the opening round on June 29th in Queensland.

Bridges was 117.75 lbs, while O'Connell was 117.35 lbs at Friday's weigh-in.

Bridges is promoted by Matchroom Boxing.

The fight is streamed by DAZN at 2 PM ET.

Johnson of Cleveland, Ohio is 6-0 with four knockouts. The 24 year-old Johnson will be making his sixth start of 2022. With wins of Xavier Madrid (3-0) and Esteban Garcia (15-3-1), Johnson has made himself one of the emerging prospects in the sport. Even though He continues to fight top competition

Saturday he takes on Ohan of Holbrook, Massachusetts. Ohan is 16-1 with nine knockouts. He has a signature win over undefeated Ryan Dibartolomeo. Ohan has won seven straight, which includes his last outing that took place on August 6th when he defeated Jonathan Ariel Sosa

Johnson weighed 141 lbs. Ohan was 141.6 lbs.

Johnson is promoted by Top Rank.

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# **Marques Valle Remains Undefeated with Disqualification Win Over Luis Midyael Sanchez**

NEW YORK (December 6, 2022) -This past Friday night in Plant City, Florida, super welterweight Marques Valle remained undefeated with a disqualification win over Luis Midyael Sanchez in the second round of their scheduled six-round bout.

Valle is managed by Split-T Management.

Valle was dominant in the over the five-plus minute fight, to the point where Sanchez was constantly holding. Sanchez was deducted two points in the second round for his hugging. He did not get the message as he continued to grab Valle, and finally the referee saw enough and pulled the plug on the fight at 2:22.

Valle, who had his perfect knockout record stopped, is now 7-0 with six knockouts.

The 23 year-old native of Wesley Chapel, Florida is promoted by Pro Box Promotions.

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## **Undefeated Super Welterweight Marques Valle Takes on Luis**

# Midyael Sanchez Friday Night in Plant City, Florida

NEW YORK (December 1, 2022) -Friday night in Plant City, Florida, undefeated super welterweight Marques Valle will be back in action when he takes on Luis Midyael Sanchez in a bout scheduled for six-rounds.

Valle is managed by Split-T Management.

Valle of Wesley Chapel, Florida is a perfect 6-0 with six knockouts. The 23 year-old Valle has been explosive in his victories over the likes of Leonidas Fowlkes (2-0) and his last bout when he took out quality veteran Benjamin Whitaker in the opening round on September 9th in Plant City.

Sanchez of San Juan, Puerto Rico is 9-3 with six knockouts. The 28 year-old Sanchez is coming off a loss to undefeated Alex Rincon on March 19th in Los Angeles.

“It’s been great fighting on ProBoxTV. I couldn’t ask for anything better,” said Valle.

Marques alongside younger brother and fellow Split-T Management fighter Dominic, who also holds a perfect professional record in the paid ranks.

The older and bigger of the brothers opened up about his relationship with his younger brother Dominic as well as the love he has for his Puerto Rican roots.

Marques stated, “We’ve always been close, but boxing brought us closer. We train together, we push each other, and we have a great relationship. We really get that extra bit of hard work from each other which is what you need to be a champion I believe.”

The older Valle continued, and elaborated on his love for his

Puerto Rican heritage, “Honestly, if I wasn’t Puerto Rican I don’t think I’d be boxing, because growing up everybody had to know how to fight, watching the fight, and it was like a holiday every time a big fight happened.

“There’s been so many great Puerto Rican champions, and I want to follow in their footsteps. In 2023 I want to push into those world rankings and show everyone I’m the future of Puerto Rican and Florida boxing.”

Valle weighed 153.6 lbs. Sanchez was 153.4

Valle is promoted by Pro Box Promotions with Friday’s fight being streamed live on Pro Box TV.

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## **Stephan Shaw Remains Undefeated with Unanimous Decision Over Rydell Booker in New York City**

NEW YORK (November 28ken, 2022) -Last Tuesday night at The Edison Ballroom in New York, Stephan Shaw remained undefeated with an emphatic eight-round unanimous decision over Rydell Booker in a heavyweight bout.

Shaw is managed by Split-T Management.

Shaw dominated the action boxed very well and showed why he is one of the top American heavyweight prospects as he busted up Booker with good jabs and right hands that Booker’s nose was bleeding badly in the seventh round.

Shaw, 234.4 lbs of Saint Louis, MO won by scores of 80-72 on all cards and is now 18-0. Booker, 256.6 lbs of Detroit, MI is 26-7-1.

Shaw is promoted by DiBella Entertainment and Top Rank.