Split-T Management fighter Giovani Santillan Remains Perfect With Majority Decision Over Former World Champion Antonio DeMarco

NEW YORK (June 17, 2020) -Split-T Management welterweight Giovani Santillan remained undefeated as he showed his grit by winning a 10-round majority decision over former world champion Antonio DeMarco on Tuesday night at The MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

The bout was the co-feature bout of a Top Rank promoted card.

It was a battle that was fought mostly at close-quarters, with Santillan getting credit for lading the more telling blows, and he was able to take the victory by scores of 96-94 twice and 95-95 to raise his perfect mark to 26-0.

"I knew it was a close fight, but I felt like I did enough solid work in there to pull out the win," Santillan said. "He never hurt me at any point in the fight, but he used his experience in there. He's a former world champion who has been in there with the best of the best. I want to get back in the ring as soon as possible and use this experience to my advantage."

Santillan is co-promoted by Thompson Boxing and Top Rank.

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Split-T Management Fighter's Giovani Santillan & Isiah Jones in action in Las Vegas

NEW YORK (June 16, 2020) - TONIGHT!!! Two members of the Split-T Management stable will be in action on at The MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

In the opening co-feature bout, undefeated welterweight Giovani Santillan will take on former lightweight world champion Antonio DeMarco in a bout scheduled for 10 rounds.

In a six-round middleweight bout, Split-T Management's Isiah Jones takes on undefeated Nikoloz Sekhniashvili.

The fights will be televised live on ESPN beginning at 8 PM ET.

Santillan of San Diego has a record of 25-0 with 15 knockouts, and will be making his 2020 debut.

The 28 year-old has amassed wins over the likes of Peter Haro (2-0), Michael Balasi (10-2), Daniyar Hanyk (10-0), Osenohan Vazquez (7-1-1), Eduardo Rivera (9-1-2), Ernesto Ortiz (10-2), Omar Tienda (18-3), Sammy Valentin (12-0), Dodzi Kemeh (19-1), Alejandro Barboza (11-1) and in his bout when he stopped Wilfredo Buelvas in two rounds on November 22nd in Ontario, California.

DeMarco (33-8-1, 24 KOs) of Los Mochis, Mexico is a 16 year-veteran who won the WBC Interim Lightweight title on October 31, 2009 with a 10th round stoppage over Jose Alfaro. He then went on to win the WBC Lightweight title with an 11th round stoppage over Jorge Linares. He defended the title twice with stoppage victories over Miguel Roman and John Molina Jr.

Santillan was 148 pounds at Monday's weigh-in. DeMarco was 147

pounds.

The classy DeMarco also has wins over Nick Casal (16-1-1), Juan Casteneda Jr. (12-0), Kid Diamond (27-1-1), Anges Adjaho (25-1) and Eddie Ramirez (17-0). DeMarco is coming off a loss to Jamal James on July 13, 2019 in Minneapolis.

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Jones of Detroit, Michigan, is advised by Carlos Llinas, and has a record of 8-1 with three knockouts.

The 25 year-old won his first eight bouts which was highlighted by a win over previously undefeated Anthony Wade (4-0).

Sekhniashvili of Sherman Oaks, California via The Georgia Republic has a record of 5-0 with four knockouts.

Jones was 158.3 pounds at Monday's weigh-in. Sekhniashvili was 159.25 lbs.

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