

Split-T Management's World Ranked Junior Lightweight Abraham Nova Makes Top Rank Debut Against Pedro Navarrete in Verona, New York

NEW YORK (January 17, 2020) – Saturday night at the Turning Stone Resort Casino, world-ranked junior lightweight contender Abraham “Super” Nova will make his Top Rank debut when he takes on the grizzled veteran Pedro Navarrete in a bout scheduled for eight-rounds.

Nova, who is managed by Split-T Management, is currently ranked number-seven by both the WBA and WBO, and has a record of 17-0 with 13 knockouts. He has gained the rankings on the strength of wins over Weusi Johnson (1-0), Martin Nicolas Matamala (9-2), Andres Zapata (7-1), Hassan Nourdine (9-2), Sulaiman Segawa (11-1), Brian Pelaez (8-2), Mario Lozano (18-2-1), Luis Castillo (20-3) and in his last bout, Nova stopped Sandro Hernandez in four rounds on October 19th in Belgium.

“Camp went pretty good. I had left camp with Teofimo Lopez and was already in shape when I started training for my fight,” said Nova.

Navarrete is a 19-year pro who has a record of 30-24-3 with 19 knockouts, and has wins over three undefeated foes.

My opponent is a tough veteran with a lot of experience. He went the distance with Mikey Garcia. He is game.”

“The mission is always the same and that is to win. Now that I am on a bigger platform, and being viewed all over the world,

it does put a little bit more of a chip on my shoulder.”

“This fight will not go the distance. I will give my self a late birthday gift which was on January 14th.”

Nova was 132 lbs. at Friday’s weigh in. Navarrete was 133 lbs.

The bout will be streamed live on ESPN+ beginning at 7 PM ET

Split-T Management’s Sonny Conto Remains Undefeated with 1st Round Stoppage over Curtis Head in Atlantic City

NEW YORK (January 15, 2020) – , Split-T Management’s emerging heavyweight t prospect, Sonny Conto remained perfect with a 1st round stoppage over Curtis Head at the Etes Arena inside the Hard Rock Casino Hotel in Atlantic City.

The bout, which took place on Saturday night, served as the Atlantic City debut for Conto saw the Philadelphia native wisely target the ample body of Head, as he scored two knockdowns from body shots. The 2nd knocked down forced Head to take the 10-count at 2:08.

Conto of Philadelphia raised his mark to 6-0 with five knockouts. Conto has kept a busy schedule as he has been able to have hand raised those six times in an 11-month period.

Conto is promoted by Top Rank.

Split-T Management's Undefeated Heavyweight Sonny Conto looks to get 2020 off with a Bang as he Faces Curtis Head Tonight at The Etess Arena at The Hard Rock Hotel Casino Atlantic City

NEW YORK (January 11, 2020) – Tonight, Split-T Management's undefeated heavyweight prospect Sonny Conto will look to remain perfect when he takes on Curtis Head in a four round bout at the Etess Arena in the Hard Rock Hotel Casino in Atlantic City.

Conto will look to start his 2nd professional year and carry the momentum of excellent rookie campaign that saw Conto go 5-0 with four big knockouts.

The 23 year-old native of Philadelphia will be making his debut in the famed boardwalk fight town, as he fought four-times in his hometown and once in Las Vegas.

Conto is coming off a 1st round stoppage over Steve Lyons on October 18th in Philadelphia.

Head of Inkster, Michigan, has a record of 5-4 with three knockouts.

Head has a victory over previously undefeated Armonte Summers and is coming off a decision loss to undefeated Hasim Rahman

Jr. (7-0) on June 22nd.

Conto weighed 218 lbs. at Friday's weigh-in. Head checked in at 271.6.

The fight will be streamed live on ESPN+ beginning at 6:30 PM ET.

Conto is promoted by Top Rank.

Split-T Management Signs Undefeated Cruiserweight Brandon Glanton

NEW YORK (January 8, 2020) – Split-T Management has signed undefeated cruiserweight Brandon Glanton to a managerial contract.

Glanton of Riverside, California has a record of 11-0 with nine knockouts. Glanton is trained by Jason Jones.

The 27 year-old Glanton began boxing at the age of 21 as he was working at a K-Mart and co-worker Corey Wilson, who was a professional MMA Fighter, led Brandon to the gym.

Glanton played two-years of college football at Albany State as a Defensive End and Nose Tackle.

Glanton describes himself as a pressure fighter. "I am hard nosed with lots of tenacity. I have good hand speed and power. I want to make these fighters jump over top rope. I have good rings smarts and I know how to move around the ring. Pressure bursts pipes," said Glanton.

Glanton's amateur record was 44-6 and he won two National Qualifying tournaments for the U.S. Olympic team, and took 3rd place in the United States Olympic Trials.

Glanton turned professional on May 6, 2017 with a 1st round stoppage over Willie Kyles, and is coming off a 3rd round stoppage over Jose Humberto Corral.

"I am excited to sign with Split-T Management. I had an opportunity to sign with Split-T Management out of the amateurs, but I was naive about the boxing business so I did not sign with any manager. As I started to understand the business, I called Dave McWater back, and we made a deal. I see what Split-T Management and their fighters are doing and I wanted to be part of the team," said Glanton.

"Brandon is a terrific prospect with a great professional style and power. I see big things from him in the future and he will be in some very big fights," said McWater.

Glanton has a college degree in Health Care Administration from Albany State.

Split-T Management Signs Super Middleweight Money Powell IV

NEW YORK (January 7, 2020) – Split-T Management is pleased to announce the signing of super middleweight prospect Money Powell IV to a management contract.

Powell of Fort Mitchell, Alabama has a professional record of 10-1 with six knockouts.

The 21 year-old Powell began boxing at the age of 13.

“It was two days after my 13th birthday on February 1st, 2011 and that was the 1st time that I was in the gym. When I was really young, my dad used to slap box with me and show me videos of Roy Jones Jr. I was too young to start boxing plus my dad was in active duty so we moved around a lot. When we finally moved to Fort Benning, I was able to start boxing because this is where he retired,” said Powell.

Powell is trained by Jason Jones. Jason is a paraplegic.

He had a distinguished amateur that saw him win three United States Championships, Ringside World Championship. He was also a Member of the 2016 United States Travel Team that competed in Russia.

“I am a boxer-puncher. I set my shots up from boxing. We can adapt to anything. I say we because its my team,” said Powell

Powell turned professional on April 9, 2017 with a 1st round stoppage over Todd Templeton in Los Angeles. Powell has continued to step up the competition.

Powell, who is coming off his only set back when he lost a majority decision to Vaughn Alexander on August 31st in Minneapolis.

“Be Phenomenal or Be forgotten is a saying that I live by, and being with Split-T Management, I know they will take me and my team to great and heights and we will go down in history and never be forgotten.”

“I fight for all of my loved ones. I don’t do anything by myself. I am team oriented. No one can do everything by themself.”

“Money is a very talented and classy boxer,” said David McWater of Split-T Management. “He is just 21, and already has fought some very experienced competition. He continues to grow

and his best fights are ahead of him, and we see a very big future for Money.”

Powell is promoted to Ringstar Sports.

FIVE SPLIT-T MANAGEMENT FIGHTERS MAKE THE 2019 ESPN.COM TOP PROSPECTS LIST

NEW YORK (January 2, 2020) – Last week, Dan Rafael of ESPN.com put out his annual Top Prospect list, and five boxers who are managed by Split-T Management were acknowledged as being some of the elite young boxers in the world.

Coming in at number-10 was 2016 United States Olympian Charles Conwell. The 22 year-old Conwell (11-0, 8 KOs) went 2-0 in 2019 as he won the USBA Junior Middleweight title and defended it once. Those two wins catapulted Conwell to a number-11 ranking by the IBF. Conwell is promoted by DiBella Entertainment.

Abraham Nova checked in at number-12 on the list. Nova, 25 years-old of Albany, New York has a record of 17-0 with 13 knockouts. Nova went 3-0 with three knockouts in 2019, which included winning the NABA Super Featherweight title with a 1st round stoppage over Luis Renaldo Castillo (20-3). Nova is ranked number-seven in both the WBA and WBO. Nova just signed a co-promotional deal with Top Rank, and will be in action on January 18th in Verona, New York.

Brian Ceballo of New York made the honorable mention list. Ceballo, 25 years old is 11-0 with six knockouts, had a

breakout 2019 by going 3-0. He had a flawless performance on June 8th when he won an eight-round unanimous decision over previously undefeated Bakhtiyar Eyubov at Madison Square Garden. Ceballo is signed with 360 Promotions.

Diego Pacheco of Los Angeles was very busy in 2019. The 18 year-old super middleweight fought seven times in the calendar year to raise his mark to 8-0 with seven knockouts. In those wins, Pacheco defeated four undefeated fighters in places such as The Forum in Inglewood, California, Staples Center, Madison Square Garden and on the Ruiz – Joshua II card in Saudi Arabia. Pacheco is promoted by Matchroom Boxing.

27 year-old heavyweight Stephan Shaw was also an honorable mention. Shaw of Saint Louis went 3-0 with three impressive knockouts, which included a stoppage over over one-time prospect Donovan Dennis, Willie Jake Jr. and Gregory Corbin. Those wins raised Shaw's perfect mark to 13-0 with 10 knockouts. Shaw is promoted by DiBella Entertainment.

"We are honored to have five of our clients in the top-25. These accolades are the result of the talent and extreme hard work of our clients. For them being on the list, it further validates our analytics, our extensive scouting system, and the hard work of every member of Split-T Management. They include Otha Jones, Tim VanNewhouse and myself as we spend countless hours scouting amateur boxers in the last few years. Our continued presence on this list makes it all worthwhile," said David McWater, CEO of Split-T Management.

Split-T Management: The Year

in Review

NEW YORK (December 31, 2019)- In 2019, Split-T Management proved to be the top Management firm in boxing, as the company, which is led by CEO David McWater, had an astonishing 2019.

The company, which is littered with world champions and top prospects had its fighters win world championship, fight all over the world on every television and streaming platform, and continue to develop the best talent in the sport.

Split-T Fighters compiled a record of 85-9-3, which included a world title victory by IBF World Lightweight world champion Teofimo Lopez, who obliterated Richard Comney in two rounds on December 14th at Madison Square Garden.

On November 23rd, Raquel Miller won a unanimous decision over Alma Ibarra to win the Interim WBA Super Welterweight title in Montreal.

Split-T Management fighters captured 19 regional fighters which included the NABF, USBA and USNBC titles on five occasions. NABA title winners three times. WBC Latino and WBC Continental Americas titles once.

Split-T Management fighters competed in bouts in the United States, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Canada, England, Belgium and Saudi Arabia.

In four fights, Split-T Management fighters were underdogs on the Las Vegas betting lines and came out with positive results. On February 1st, DeAndre Ware defeated Ronald Ellis on ShoBox: The New Generation; On May 2nd, Chris Pearson defeated previously undefeated Yamaguchi Falcao in Las Vegas; Welterweight Ray Robinson was able get draws in bout's that most people believe he won against undefeated fighters Egidijus Kavaliauskas and Josh Kelly.

When Lopez scored the sensational knockout over Comney, Split-T Management, fulfilled on the promise of Lopez by taking him from his 1st professional fight, to become the top prospect in the sport, to world champion and into a potential mega-fight with Vasilliy Lomachenko this Spring.

The cupboard is very full with some of the greatest prospects in boxing as 2020 will see the continued growth of undefeated junior middleweight Charles Conwell, welterweight Brian Ceballo, heavyweight Stephen Shaw, super middleweight Diego Pacheco and junior lightweight Otha Jones III. The aforementioned fighters are on many of the top prospect lists by most major and reputable boxing publications.

Split-T Management adds Brian Cohen to Company

NEW YORK (December 30, 2019)- Split-T Management is pleased to announce the addition of manager Brian Cohen to the top Management company.

Cohen of Philadelphia will bring his stable of fighters to Split-T Management and will work very closely with CEO Dave McWater in the management and development of approximately 14 fighters.

Cohen manages current world champions Alicia Napoleon Espinosa and Mary McGee.

Cohen will join McWater along with Tim VanNewHouse and Joe Quiambao in the Split-T Management company.

The 43-year old Cohen has been around boxing his whole life as

he received an early indoctrination into the sport from his father, Ivan Cohen, who managed former world junior middleweight champion Buster Drayton. Cohen then embarked in a successful fighting career that saw him go 15-2 as a professional. He then transitioned into managing professional fighters, where he became the preeminent female boxing manager in the world with his Empire Management stable.

“I’m trying to build an all-star team of boxing people at Split-T, and it seemed impossible to do that without adding Brian. Beyond being the foremost expert today on women’s boxing, he’s an accomplished fighter, a trainer, a cut man, you name it, and most importantly he’s a good person,” said McWater.

“This is a very unique situation for me. Dave McWater is a very intelligent guy, and I have known him a long time,” said Cohen. “Dave is from New York, and I do a lot of business in New York, so we seem to run into each other everywhere. Dave wants to get more into women’s boxing, and we started talking. Split-T Management has a lot of terrific fighters, and I feel I can be an asset because of my experience doing different things in the sport. I can scout talent, work corners, train fighters in the gym, do strength and condition and help with nutrition. I look forward working with Split-T Management.”

Split-T Management’s Teofimo Lopez Scores Explosive 2nd Round Stoppage over Richard

Commey to Win IBF World Lightweight Title

NEW YORK (December 16, 2019)- This past Saturday night at Madison Square Garden, undefeated lightweight Teofimo Lopez had the whole boxing world buzzing as he scored an emphatic and explosive 2nd round knockout over Richard Commey to win the IBF World Lightweight championship.

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Lopez, a former Olympian from Honduras, is managed by Split-T Management.

In round two. Lopez walked Commey into a powerful right hand that connected on Commey's face and sent the now-former world champion plummeting to the canvas. After trying to get up, the impact of the blow forced Commey to stumble back to the canvas. Commey showed a champions heart by beating referee David Fields' count, but the fight would only last a few seconds longer, as Lopez was all over Commey as he landed a plethora of hard power-shots that forced Fields to wave off the action at 1:13 of the 2nd frame.

"I think we both saw it. There were a lot of shots that were open. I just had to close the gap. Commey has a lot of experience, and I started working the jab a lot. I blocked his jab, and came with the over hand right, and just clipped him."

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With the win, Lopez is now in line to face pound-for-pound top fighter Vasilliy Lomachenko in the first part of 2020, in a fight that boxing fans are already salivating for.

"I'm at a loss for words right now. This is a dream come true," Lopez said. "{Commey} is a bad man. His shot could've done the same to me if he hit me with that shot.

"I am elated for Teofimo. He is now officially a star in the sport. These are the types of fights and outcomes we had envisioned for him when we signed him. At still just 22

years-old, this is just the beginning, and he will be at the top of the mountain for a long time to come,” said David McWater, CEO of Split-T Management.

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Lopez is promoted by Top Rank

One Step Closer to Completing #TheTakeover Teofimo Lopez takes on Richard Commey for the IBF Lightweight Title on Saturday Night at Madison Square Garden

NEW YORK (December 13, 2019)- This Saturday night at Madison Square Garden, undefeated and number-one ranked lightweight, Teofimo Lopez will look to move one step closer to a completing #TheTakeover of the lightweight division when he takes on reigning IBF champion Richard Commey for the world title.

Lopez is managed by Split-T Management.

Lopez, who coined the hashtag #TheTakeover when he turned professional will be looking for his 1st world title against the tough and battle tested Commey on a card that will feature WBO Welterweight champion Terence Crawford taking on Egidijus Kavaliauskas.

“It’s a blessing. It’s a breathtaking moment. It’s just

something I have to visualize and just know that, 22 years old, I have a great opportunity here to do a lot. I'm excited, man. What better way to finish off the year than fight in the Mecca of Boxing, Madison Square Garden, for my first world title, in New York? This is a moment right here," Lopez said at Wednesday's press conference.

"God didn't bring us this far for nothing. I didn't come out here just to talk my smack and not back it up. We're gonna do what we have to do. Richard Commey is a {former} world champion for a reason. And we know that it's going to be a great and exciting fight."

Lopez was 134.4 lbs at Friday's weigh-in. Commey was 134.2

Lopez is promoted by Top Rank.

The fight will be televised live on ESPN at 9 PM ET