

# Money Powell IV, LeAnna Cruz, Asa Stevens and Javier Zamarron In Action On OTX Fight Card in Atlanta

NEW YORK (August 18, 2023) – Split-T Management fighters will once again be featured prominently on the OTX boxing series TONIGHT in Atlanta.

The fights will be streamed live on DAZN at 8 PM ET.

In an eight-round super middleweight bout, **Money Powell IV** will take on Shawn McCalman.

Powell of Fort Mitchell, Alabama is 13-1 with eight knockouts. The 25 year-old Powell is a six-year veteran who is coming off a second round stoppage over Fidel Monterrosa Munoz on February 26, 2022 in Atlanta.

McCalman of Aurora, Colorado is 13-0 with seven knockouts. The 29 year-old is a five year-professional defeated Marquis Moore (10-0) and in his last bout, McCalman stopped Bo Gibbs (23-3) on June 24th in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In a six-round flyweight bout, undefeated **LeAnna Cruz** battles Maryguenn Vellinga.

Cruz of Allentown, PA is 5-0. The 25 year-old, who is managed Brian Cohen and promoted by Hard Hitting Promotions, is coming off a unanimous decision over former world title challenger Simone Da Silva on April 29th in Philadelphia.

Vellinga of Park City, Utah is 4-3-2 with two knockouts. The 41 year-old is a three-year professional and has a win over Indeya Smith. In her last outing, Vellinga won a four-round unanimous decision over Marlen Avila on May 5th in Salt Lake

City, Utah.

Undefeated super bantamweight **Asa Stevens** will take on D'Angelo Hopgood in a four-round bout.

Stevens of Waianae, Hawaii is 4-0 with two knockouts. The 22 year-old is coming off a second round stoppage of 26 fight veteran Jenn Gonzalez on February 18th in Pomona, California.

Hopgood of Milwaukee is 2-1 with two knockouts. The 24 year-old is looking to get back in the win column after losing a decision to Victor Pelayo on January 28th in San Bernadino, California.

Undefeated featherweight **Javier Zamarron** will take on Sebastian Santiago-Fernandez in a four-round bout.

Zamarron of Sheboygan, Wisconsin is 4-0 with three knockouts. The 22 year-old stopped Prentice Canada on June 24th in Milwaukee.

Santiago-Fernandez of Cidra, Puerto Rico is 0-1.

At The Caribe Royale Resort in Orlando, **Will Madera** will take on Nestor Bravo in the main event of a card that will also be streamed by DAZN at 7 PM ET.

Madera of Albany, New York is 17-2-3 with 10 knockouts. The 32 year-old Madera has proven to take on and defeat all comers. Madera has wins over Victor Vazquez (1-0), Norbert Quick (6-0), Gabriel Duluc (11-2), Thomas Mattice (13-0-1) and Jamshidbek Najmitdonov (20-1). In Madera's most recent outing, he dropped undefeated prospect Brandun Lee, but lost a decision on August 20, 2022 in Hollywood, Florida.

Bravo of Arecibo, Puerto Rico is 21-0 with 15 knockouts. The 29 year-old has quality wins over Emiliano Martin Garcia (16-3), Cristian Ruben (19-3-2), Roldolfo Fuentes (18-3-2) and Adrian Yung (28-7-3). In Bravo's latest contest, Bravo and Jair Valtierra fought to a no-contest on February 25th in

Orlando.

Both fighters weighed 140 lbs.

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## **Undefeated Giovanni Santillan and Antonio Mireles in Action in San Diego on Saturday**

NEW YORK (August 19, 2022)—Saturday night at The Pechanga Arena in San Diego, two undefeated fighters from the Split-T Management stable will be in action.

Welterweight Giovanni Santillan takes on fellow undefeated Julio Luna in a bout scheduled for 10-rounds.

Santillan of San Diego is close to having that breakthrough fight as he will enter the ring with an impressive record of 29-0 with 16 knockouts.

The 30 year-old Santillan is a 10 year-professional who has risen up the ranks on the strength of wins over Peter Haro (2-0), Michael Balasi (10-2-1), Daniyar Hanyk (10-0), Osenohan Vazquez (7-1-1), Eduardo Rivera (9-1-2), Ernesto Ortiz Centeno (10-2), Omar Tineda Bahena (18-3), Sammy Valentin (12-0), Dodzi Kemeh (19-1), Alejandro Barboza (11-1), former world champion Antonio DeNarco (33-8-1), Angel Ruiz (17-1) and his last outing when stopped Jeovanis Barraza (23-2) in seven rounds in Costa Mesa, California.

Santillan is promoted by Top Rank and Thompson Boxing.

Luna of Durango, Mexico is 19-0-2 with 10 knockouts. Avila, 24 years-old, has quality results over Oscar Ivan Tapia (6-0),

Ricardo Salas Rodriguez (16-1) and his last bout when took a 10-round unanimous decision over Jafel Perales (18-1-1) on May 14th in Mexico. This will be the American debut for Avila.

Santillan weighed 147.4 lbs; Luna was 147.4 lbs.

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

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Big 6'9" heavyweight Antonio Mireles will look to continue his impressive start to his career when he takes on Kaleel Carter in a four-round bout.

Mireles has taken out all four of his opponents inside of two rounds. The 25 year-old has a stoppage over previously undefeated Brandon Hughes. In his most recent bout, Mireles stopped Dennys Reyes in round two on July 23rd in Hinckley, Minnesota.

Mireles, of Mexican-American descent, initially began boxing at the Des Moines PAL at the age of 12 and started competing at 15. He was guided for his entire amateur career by a pair of two strong coaches in John Saunders and Elly Nunez.

In his relatively brief, but extremely successful run in the amateurs, Mireles compiled a record of 28-4 with 10 knockouts – culminating in winning the 2020 USA Olympic Trials in the Super Heavyweight division. He was also a 2019 National Golden Gloves Champion, a 2019 Eastern Elite Amateur Champion and a five-time Iowa Golden Gloves Champion.

Mireles is promoted by Top Rank.

Carter of Bellflower, California is 2-1 with both of his victories coming inside the distance.

Carter is coming off a second round stoppage over Raymundo Crispin Diaz on June 22nd in Tijuana, Mexico.

Mireles weighed 266 lbs. Carter 237 lbs.

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

Photo by Esther Lin / SHOWTIME

Also on Saturday night, Split-T Management's Will Madera takes on undefeated Brandun Lee in a junior welterweight bout scheduled for 10-rounds at The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood, Florida.

The fight will be live on SHOWTIME at 8 PM ET.

Madera of Albany, New York is 17-1-3 with 10 knockouts. The 31 year-old Madera is a nine-year professional and has wins over Victor Vazquez (1-0), Norbert Gluck (6-0), Gabriel Duluc (11-2), Thomas Mattice (13-0-1) and his last bout when he stopped Jamshidbek Najmitdinov on October 16, 2021 in Brooklyn, New York.

Madera weighed 142 1/2 lbs. Lee was 142 3/4.

Madera is promoted by Liveco.

Lee has skyrocketed into one of the top prospects in boxing. The 23 year-old of La Quinta, California is 25-0 with 22 knockouts. Lee has wins over Milton Arauz (10-1-1), Camilo Prieto (15-2), Jimmy Williams (16-3-2), Samuel Teah (17-3-1), Ezequiel Victor Hernandez (28-4-1), Juan Heraldez (16-1-1) and his last outing when he won a 10-round unanimous decision over Zachary Ochoa (21-2) on April 16th in Arlington, Texas.

Friday night in Puerto Rico, undefeated cruiserweight Joseph Williams takes on Jermin King in a six-round bout.

Williams from Far Rockaway Queens, New York is 13-0 with eight knockouts. The 34 year-old has wins over Joey Montoya (9-2-3), Chris Harris (2-0-2), Gabriel Castillo Rivera (15-0-1), and his last fight when he won a unanimous decision over Jose Mario Flores (8-1-2) on April 10, 2019 in New York.

King of Brooklyn is 6-14-1 with four knockouts. He is coming off a unanimous decision win over Juan Guerra on July 22nd.

Williams is promoted by DiBella Entertainment.

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## **Split-T Management Quartet Gain Wins Over The Weekend**

New York (October 18, 2021)-Split-T Management fighters were a perfect 4-for-4 over the weekend with winning efforts on Friday night in San Diego and Saturday night in Brooklyn.

Friday night in San Diego, Split-T fighters racked up three victories as Giovani Santillan remained undefeated with a 10-round unanimous decision over Angel Ruiz in a welterweight bout.

Santillan was able to get the better of the fast paced fight by landing hard combinations on the inside. The fight was fought at close quarters with many exchanges that saw Santillan land more and harder.

In round seven, Santillan's left eye began to swell.

Santillan landed 266 of 693 punches; Ruiz was 157 of 577.

Santillan, 147 lbs of San Diego won by scores of 100-90 twice and 99-91 and is now 28-0. Ruiz, 147.4 lbs of Tijuana, MX is 17-2.

Santillan said, "This is what it's all about, a great fight in front of my amazing hometown fans. They were cheering for me all night, and it was an honor to perform for my people in San Diego.

“My father and I always wanted to fight here. It was a dream come true, and credit to Angel Ruiz for going to battle for 10 rounds. He’s a true Mexican warrior. I have nothing but respect for him.”

Santillan is promoted by Top Rank and Thompson Boxing

Javier Martinez remained undefeated as he battered Darryl Jones over six-rounds to win a unanimous decision in a middleweight bout.

Martinez, 162.4 lbs of Milwaukee, WI won by scores of 60-54 and 60-53 twice and is now 5-0. Jones, 161.6 lbs of Sarasota, FL is 4-3-1.

Martinez is promoted by Top Rank.

6’9” Antonio Mireles made a successful pro debut with a first-round stoppage over Demonte Randle in a heavyweight bout.

In round one, Mireles dropped Randle with a right hook. Seconds later, Mireles landed a hard flurry that sent Randle into the ropes for a knockdown. Mireles ended the fight with a right hook to the side of the head that sent Randle down and the fight was stopped at 2:07.

Mireles, 262.2 lbs of Des Moines, IA is 1-0 with one knockout. Randle, 314 lbs of Kansas City, MO is 2-2.

Mireles is Promoted by Top Rank.

Saturday night at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York, Will Madera spoiled the American debut of Jamshidbek Najmitdinov after round five of a scheduled eight-round super lightweight fight.

In round four, The nose of Najmitdinov began to bleed. Najmitdinov also hurt his left arm, and the fight was halted after round five because of those injuries.

Madera, 139.4 lbs of Albany, NY is now 17-1-3 with 10 knockouts. Najmitdinov, 139.8 lbs of Tashkent, UZB is 17-2.

“This was a tough fight against a strong guy,” said Madera. “I knew I was hurting him, he was shaking his head no but that usually means yet. He was getting tired from my body shots and I could hear him grunting after each one.”

Madera is promoted by Liveco Boxing.

Split-T Management’s undefeated featherweight, Haven Brady Jr. will be in action this Saturday night in Atlanta.

Santillan/Martinez/Mireles Photos by Mikey Williams Top Rank via Getty Images.

Madera Photo by Amanda Wescott / Triller Fight Club

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## **Split-T Management’s Will Madera takes on Jamshidbek Najmitdinov Tonight in Brooklyn**

New York (October 16, 2021)-Tonight at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, Will Madera takes on Jamshidbek Najmitdonov in an eight-round junior welterweight bout at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York.

The fight can be seen Live on FITE.TV and TrillerFightClub.com at 6 PM ET

Madera, who is managed by Split-T Management, has a record of



16-1-3 with nine knockouts.

The 30 year-old Madera of Albany, New York is an eight-year professional. He has wins over Victor Vazquez (1-0), Norbert Gluck (6-0), Gabriel Duluc (11-2) and Thomas Mattice (13-0). In his last bout, Madera Iram Julian Rodriguez on April 16th in Monterrey, Mexico.

Najmitdinov will be making his American debut with a record of 17-1 with 14 knockouts.

Najmitdonov, also 30 years-old is from Tashkent, Kazakstan, has won seven straight, and is coming off a 5th round stoppage over Merab Turkadze on June 11th in Tashkent.

At Friday's weigh-in, Madera weighed 139.4 lbs. Najmitdinov was 139.8

Madera is promoted by Liveco Boxing.

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## **Jamshidbek Najmitdinov takes on Will Madera Tomorrow night at Barclays Center in Brooklyn**

PHILADELPHIA (October 15, 2021)—On Saturday night, October 16th, junior welterweight contender Jamshidbek Najmitdinov will make his long-awaited American debut when he takes on Will Madera (16-1-3, 9 KOs) at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York.

The fight will be part of Trillerverz III and can be seen live

on FITE.TV and Trillerfightclub.com at 6 PM ET

Najmitdinov, who is promoted by Banner Promotions and Uprising Promotions, has a record of 17-1 with 14 knockouts. The 31 year-old from Tashkent, Uzbekistan is riding a seven bout winning streak (for which the last five have come by way of stoppage) since his only career blemish when he dropped a controversial decision to former world champion Viktor Postol in Postol's home country of Ukraine.

That bout, which took place on September 16, 2017, saw Jamshidbek drop Postol three times but was denied two of those knockdowns, due to Postol fighting in front of his home-country fans. Jamshidbek pushed the action and established himself as one of the top-140 pounders in the world. Since that fight, Jamshidbek has won five in a row, which includes his last bout when he won the WBC CIS and Slovak titles with a 1st round stoppage over Giorgi Khutsishvili on October 6th in Uzbekistan.

"I am very excited. I have been waiting for this opportunity to fight in America for a long time. I will show my best ability. I really do not know anything about Madera. I just want to fight anyone. I am not here to take easy fights. This is very exciting to fight in New York. It motivates me to show my best. I feel very confident, and I believe that I will win on five or six rounds," said Najmitdinov

"We are looking forward to Jamshidbek's debut here in the United States," Banner Promotions President Arie Pelullo. "Because of everything going on in the world, this would have happened sooner. We expect a big performance out of him and we envision him in being in big fights in the near future."

Najmitdinov is a former WBC CIS and Slovak Boxing Bureau Welterweight champion, and is coming off a 5th round stoppage over Merab Turkadze on June 11th in Tashkent.

Najmitdinov weighed 139.8 lbs. Madera was 139.4.

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**AUDIO: Interview with undefeated Lightweight Will Madera who talks about his showdown with Felix Verdejo**

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**VIDEO: Interview with Will Madera**

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# **UNDEFEATED LIGHTWEIGHTS THOMAS MATTICE AND WILL MADERA TO CLASH IN NEW CO- FEATURE OF SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION THIS FRIDAY LIVE ON SHOWTIME®**

NEW YORK – January 28, 2019 – Undefeated lightweights Thomas Mattice and Will Madera will face off in the new co-feature of this Friday's ShoBox: The New Generation tripleheader live on SHOWTIME from Main Street Armory in Rochester, N.Y.

Mattice (13-0-1, 10 KOs) and Madera (12-0-2, 6 KOs) will meet in an eight-round co-featured bout on the telecast, which begins at 10 p.m. ET/PT and is headlined by the return of undefeated super middleweight prospect Ronald Ellis against once-beaten DeAndre Ware.

The Mattice vs. Madera bout was added to the telecast after unbeaten 140-pound prospect Logan Yoon suffered a knee injury while training to face Richard Zamora.

Mattice, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, returns for his fourth bout on the prospect developmental series. In his last fight, the 28-year-old fought to a split-draw in an immediate rematch with Zhora Hamazaryan on September 28 on ShoBox. Mattice had edged Hamazaryan in a controversial split-decision in July and granted his opponent an immediate rematch. Prior to his first bout with Hamazaryan, Mattice had won six consecutive bouts via knockout.

The 28-year-old Madera is a native of Albany, N.Y. and was a three-time New York Golden Gloves Champion. In his toughest

test to date, Madera fought to a draw with then-unbeaten Wesley Ferrer in 2017. Madera, who comes forward and presses the action, will face yet another undefeated opponent in Mattice in his national television debut.

In the opening bout of the telecast, former No. 1-ranked U.S. amateur Abraham Nova (14-0, 10 KOs) will face fellow-unbeaten Oluwaseun Joshua Wahab (16-0, 10 KOs), of Ghana, in an eight-round super featherweight bout.

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Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by GH3 Promotions in association with Greg Cohen Promotions, are priced at \$100 for VIP Ringside, \$50 for Preferred Seating, \$30 for General Admission and \$2,000 for VIP Tables. Tickets can be purchased by calling 585-232-3221.