

# **Teofimo Lopez Defends WBO Junior Welterweight Title TOMORROW in Miami (Sat. ESPN, ESPN Deportes, ESPN+ at 10 PM ET**

NEW YORK (June 28, 2024)—Split-T Management's WBO Junior Welterweight world champion Teofimo Lopez defends his title against Steve Claggett on Saturday night at The James L. Knight Center in Miami.

Lopez of Brooklyn is a five-time, two-division and former undisputed lightweight world champion, will look to make his second defense of his 140-lb. crown.

Lopez, who now resides in Las Vegas via Brooklyn, is managed by Split-T Management, and has a record of 20-1 with 13 knockouts. The former undisputed lightweight champion is a five-time world champion as he won the IBF Lightweight title with an explosive second-round stoppage of Richard Commey on December 14, 2019 at Madison Square Garden. Lopez picked up three more belts when he won a unanimous decision over Vasilii Lomachenko on October 17, 2020.

The 26 year-old Lopez became a two-division world champion with a master class performance when he won a unanimous decision over WBO Junior Welterweight title over Josh Taylor on June 10th at The Theater at Madison Square Garden. In his last bout, Lopez made the initial defense of his title with a 12-round unanimous decision over Jamaine Ortiz on February 8th in Las Vegas.

Claggett of Calgary, Alberta, Canada will be making his first attempt at a world title.

The 35 year-old has been a professional for 16 years. Claggett earned the opportunity on the strength of a current nine-fight winning streak that has consisted of wins over Sebastian Aguirre (18-3), Tony Luis (29-5), Rafael Guzman Lugo (26-2-2), former world champion Alberto Machado (23-3), Carlos Sanchez (24-1), Miguel Madueno (30-1) and his last out when he blasted out Marcos Gonzalez Baraza (23-3) in two rounds on January 25th in Montreal.

Claggett also has wins over Harrison McBain (2-0-1), Abdou Sow (3-0), Ryan Wagner (4-1), Ricky Duenas (12-1), Stuart McLellan (12-1-3), Emanuel Robles (15-0-1), Yves Ulysse Jr, (14-0), Petros Ananyan (13-0-2) and David Theroux (16-3).

Lopez is promoted by Top Rank, weighed 139.4 lbs at Friday's weigh-in. Claggett was 139.5

The Lopez – Claggett bout will be on ESPN, ESPN Deportes and ESPN+ beginning at 10 PM ET.

Photo by Mikey Williams / Top Rank

In a preliminary bout, undefeated featherweight, Yan Santana will make his United States debut when he takes on Brandon Valdes in a bout scheduled for 10 rounds.

Santana of La Romana, Dominican Republic is 11-0 with all wins coming via stoppage. The 24 year-old Santana of La Romana, Republic has stopped three undefeated opponents and is coming off a fourth round stoppage over Rodolfo Hernandez Montoya on April 6th in Ponce, Puerto Rico.

Valdes of Rosemead, California is 15-4 with seven knockouts. The 25 year-old Valdes is coming off a loss to former world title challenger Ruben Villa on September 15, 2023 in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Santana weighed 127 lbs. Valdes was also 127 lbs.

The bout will be streamed on ESPN+ at 5:45 PM ET.

Friday night in Atlanta, two more members of the Split-T Management team will be in action.

Photo By OTX Boxing

Friday in Atlanta, two members of the Split-T Management team will be in action as Tiara Brown will take on former world champion Gabriela Bouvier in a 10-round featherweight bout.

Brown of Lehigh Acres, Florida is managed by Brian Cohen and carries an impressive mark of 16-0 with 11 knockouts.

Brown, 36, has wins over Vanessa Bradford (5-1-2), Jennifer Martinez (2-0), and is coming off a first round stoppage over Angi Romero on February 17th in Colombia.

Bouvier of Uruguay is 19-12-1 with four knockouts. The 32 year-old Bouvier won the IBF Flyweight title with a 10-round unanimous decision over Florencio Roxana Centros. She made one defense of the crown. Bouvier had three more world title opportunities. Bouvier has won four in a row with the latest being a 10-round unanimous decision over Augustina Marisa Delen Rojas on December 9, 2023 in Uruguay.

Brown weighed in at 126 lbs. Bouvier was 125.8.

Photo By OTX Boxing

Also in Atlanta, undefeated super middleweight Donte Layne takes on Montrel James in a four-round bout.

Layne, 21 years-old of Elmont, Long Island. New York is 2-0 with two knockouts. Both of Layne's wins have been first round stoppages with the most recent being over DeShuan Mitchell (2-0) on March 29.

James of Saint Louis is a 12 fight veteran who is coming off a unanimous decision victory over Raymond Harrison (5-1-1) on August 11, 2023 in Saint Louis.

Layne was 167.2 lbs. James was 167.4 lbs.

The Brown and Layne fights are Live on DAZN at 8 PM ET

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# **Split-T Management Fighters Andreas Katzourakis and Dontae Layne Impressive in Atlanta**

NEW YORK (August 29, 2023) -Split-T Management fighters turned in impressive outings over the weekend.

Friday night in Atlanta, Andreas Katzourakis came off the deck to score an eighth and final round stoppage over Raphael Igbokwe in a middleweight contest.

Just 30 seconds into the fight, Igbokwe dropped Katzourakis with a short left.

That was short lived as Katzourakis turned things around and started to take control of the fight as early as round two.

In round five, Katzourakis had a big round as he hurt Igbokwe several times with big flurries. In round eight, Katzourakis poured on the pressure and landed 11 unanswered and flush shots that forced a referee stoppage at 2:18.

The performance from Katzourakis drew great reviews from fans who were commenting on social media, as most were looking forward to seeing the Greek warrior in action very soon.

Katzourakis, 160 lbs of Athens, GRE is now 11-0 with nine

knockouts. Igbokwe, 160 lbs of Houston, TX is 16-5.

Donte Layne made a terrific pro debut by stopping Nathan Mitchell in the opening round of their four-round super middleweight bout.

In round one, Layne dumped Mitchell on the canvas with a hard left hand. Seconds later, Layne landed another hard left hand to the head that put Mitchell down and out at 2:29.

Layne, 166.8 lbs of Elmhurst, NY is 1-0 with one knockout. Mitchell, 166 lbs of Tupelo, MS is 0-2-1.

The 20 year-old Layne is a native of Elmont, New York.

Layne began boxing at the age of eight after his family would have backyard fights, and young Donte wanted to go to the gym.

Layne had an 85 fight amateur career that saw him go 74-11. He won the 2015 and 2017 Junior Olympics as well as a 2017 Silver Gloves title. Layne also won four U.S. National titles, which included the 2021 Elite National Championship and the 2022 Elite National Golden Gloves and National Championship.

He competed at 165 pounds and will campaign as a super middleweight in the professional ranks.

The 6'1" Layne is trained by Anthony Santiago and Kenyatta Harris.

Mitchell of Senatobia, Mississippi is 0-1-1.

Saturday night San Juan, Puerto Rico, featherweight Yan Santana kept his perfect knockout streak intact as he stopped previously undefeated Jostin Ortiz Maysonet in round one of their six-round bout.

With the win, the 23 year-old native of La Romana, Dominican Republic is 9-0 with nine knockouts. Maysonet is the third straight undefeated fighter to fall to the emerging Santana

and he is now 4-1.

Saturday night at The Showboat in Atlantic City, Split-T Management's Christopher Pearson battled to a 10-round split draw with Derrick Webster in fight for the NBA Super Middleweight world title.

The bout was closely contested with Pearson landing the harder blows and very good body work.

Each fighter won a card 96-94 and a third card was even at 95-95.

Pearson is now 17-3-1. Webster is 29-4-1.

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## **Split-T Management Fighters Willito Ortiz and Yan Santana in Action TONIGHT in Puerto Rico**

NEW YORK (April 22, 2023)—Two of the Split-T Management's undefeated fighters will be in action TONIGHT in Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

Welterweight Willito Ortiz takes on Marc Misiura, while super featherweight Yan Santana battles fellow undefeated knockout artist Javier Ailla.

Ortiz of Toa Alta, Puerto Rico is 2-0 with two knockouts and will be making his first start of 2022 and is coming off an impressive stoppage of veteran Daulis Prescott on December 9, 2022 with a second round stoppage.

Ortiz, 19-years old of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, has already built a major name for himself across the island despite only picking up the sport five years ago. A rangy southpaw with ferocious power, Ortiz has dominated the opposition since stepping onto the amateur circuit – compiling a total record of 48-4 and winning four National Championships in a row (2019-2022). As a member of Team Puerto Rico, Ortiz amassed multiple international accolades including a Gold Medal at the 2019 Cinturon de Oro Tournament in Ecuador, a Bronze Medal at the 2021 Pan-Am Games in Colombia, and a Silver Medal at the 2022 Copa Independencia Tournament in the Dominican Republic.

Misiura of Scranton, Pennsylvania is 3-3-1 with one knockout, is coming off a four-round unanimous decision over Younes El Majdoub on January 21, in San Diego.

Ortiz and Misura both weighed 142 lbs.

Santana of Lo Romana Dominican Republic is 6-0 with six knockouts.

At 23 years-old, Santana has been impressive by stopping three of his six foes in the opening frame. His latest victory was a second round stoppage over Jorge Luis Torres on November 11, 2022 in The Dominican Republic.

Ailla of Quito, Ecuador is also perfect at 3-0 with two knockouts.

Ailla is coming off a second round stoppage over Jay Idrogo on February, 24, 2018 in Quito, Ecuador

Santana and Ailla both checked in at 135 lbs.

Santana is promoted by Cotto Promotions.

The Fights will be streamed Live on Cotto Promotions Facebook Page.

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# Split-T Management Fighters Post 6 wins in 6 Fights

NEW YORK (February 28, 2022) – It was a perfect weekend for Split-T Management fighters as six members of the top management stable posted wins in as many outings.

On Thursday, Sonny Conto remained undefeated with a six-round unanimous decision over Mike Marshall in front of a capacity crowd at Live! Casino and Hotel Philadelphia.

Conto dominated the fight as he was able to land hard shots to the head and body. He was very effective with his jab that eventually set up some nice straight rights and left hooks to the body. Marshall showed a good chin, but was never able to get any consistent offense of his own on-track.

Conto, 226.1 lbs of Philadelphia won by shutout margins of 60-54 on all cards, and is now 9-0. Marshall, 248.8 lbs of Danbury, CT is 6-3-1.

Conto is promoted by Top Rank.

On Friday night, Marques and Dominic Valle scored impressive stoppage victories in Plant City, Florida.

Marques Valle needed just 89 seconds to dispose of Robbie Rose in their scheduled six-round welterweight contest.

Valle of Wesley Chapel, Florida is now 4-0 with four knockouts. Rose of Richburg, South Carolina is 1-2.

Dominick Valle stopped Nelson Colon Torres in round three of a scheduled four-round super featherweight contest.



Valle raises his perfect record to 3-0 with three knockouts. Torres of Vayey, Puerto Rico is 4-7.

The Valle brothers are promoted by ProBox Promotions.

On Saturday night in Philadelphia, Ray Robinson shook off a two-and-a-half year layoff by stopping veteran Silverio Ortiz after round three of a scheduled six-round junior middleweight bout in front of a big crowd at the 2300 Arena.

The eight-bout card was promoted by RDR Promotions.

Robinson was very sharp with his punches as he continuously banged shots off the head of Ortiz. Robinson had a big round three as he had Ortiz in trouble several times. The corner of Ortiz had seen enough and bowed their charge out of the fight.

Robinson of Philadelphia is 25-3-2 with 13 knockouts. Ortiz of Mexico is 37-29.

In Atlanta, super middleweight, Money Powell IV stopped veteran Fidel Monterrosa Munoz in round two of their scheduled eight-round bout.

Powell dropped Munoz three-times in the opening round from body shots. Munoz also had a point deducted for spitting out his mouthpiece.

With the win, Powell is now 13-1 with eight knockouts. Munoz is 39-28-1.

In the Dominican Republic, Yan Santana moved to 3-0 with a 2nd round knockout over Juan Ysabel.