

Undefeated Welterweight Giovani Santillan takes on Jeovannis Barraza Saturday Night in ESPN Co-Feature

New York, NY (April 8, 2022)- Undefeated welterweight contender Giovani Santillan of Split-T Management will be back in action on Saturday night as he takes on Jeovannis Barraza in the co-feature bout of an ESPN card on Saturday night in Costa Mesa, California.

The 30 year-old Santillan of San Diego, has a record of 28-0 with 15 knockouts. A 10 year-veteran of the squared circle, Santillan is on the verge of a big fight. Of his 28 wins, some of his noted victories have been over Peter Haro (2-0), Michael Balasi (10-2), Daniyar Harryk (10-0), Osenohan Vazquez (7-1-1), Eduardo Rivera (9-1-2), Ernesto Ortiz Centeno (10-2), Omar Tieneda Bahena (18-3), Sammy Valentin (12-0), Dodzi Kahmeh (19-1), Alejandro Barboza (11-1), former world champion Antonio DeMarco, Cecil McCalla (23-4) and his last bout when he took a 10-round unanimous decision over Angel Ruiz (17-1) on October 15, 2021 in his hometown of San Diego.

Barraza of Barranquilla, Colombia is 23-2 with 15 knockouts. The 26 year-old is an eight-year professional, and a former Colombian Welterweight champion who has defeated the likes of Francisco Marlmon (1-0), Luis Guillermo Berrio (5-1-1), Domicio Roldon (11-2), Carlos Saenz (19-2). Barraza is coming off a loss to Alexis Rocha on November 13, 2021 in Anaheim, California.

Giovani Santillan Press Conference Quotes:

“I like fighting in Southern California. It was great to have been able to fight in San Diego, my hometown. I think that San

Diego has a lot of boxing fans, and to have a show out there is great for everybody. To be in the co-main event of that show was amazing. Now we're in Costa Mesa, which is only an hour away from San Diego. I expect a lot of fans, friends and family to be there."

"I'm ready for a title shot. I think I'm there. We definitely want the big fights. Hopefully, this year we get closer to something like that. Hopefully, we can be the main event in San Diego. This Saturday night will be important for me because it will set the tone for what I'm going to do for the rest of the year."

"With every fight, there is always pressure. You always have to perform as a fighter, especially fighting on ESPN. You always want to do your best. I think I'm undefeated for a reason. We're always thinking about trying to get the bigger fights. I'm always working hard because I want to give the best version of myself in each fight."

At Friday's weigh-in, Santillan was 147.4 lbs. Barraza was 148.6.

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