

Split-T Management Undefeated Jr. Lightweight Prospect Otha Jones III in action Tonight in Miami

NEW YORK (January 30, 2020) – Tonight at the Meridian at Island Gardens in Miami, Florida, Split-T Management's undefeated junior lightweight prospect Otha Jones III will face by far his most experienced foe, Juan Santiago in a bout scheduled for six-rounds.

Jones of Toledo, Ohio has transitioned nicely from his amateur days, where he was a 21-time national champion to having an outstanding rookie campaign that saw him go 4-0 with one knockout.

Still just 19 years-old, the Toledo, Ohio native had a good camp in preparation for Thursday's assignment.

"Things were good. I had good sparring. I had good Calisthenics and weight training. I feel good going into this fight," said Jones.

Jones has relied on his immense ability, and he feels that if he does what he trained to do, the positive results will continue to come.

"It really doesn't matter who I am facing. My first opponent was 5-1, so by Santiago having 35 fights, I don't get discouraged at all. I just keep working hard and continuing to sharpen on my craft. My brother and my father are great to have with me. I sharpen them too, and its going to be easy."

Santiago of Denver Colorado has a record of 16-17-2 with nine knockouts, and has scored many an upset as he has wins over

Jose Morales (5-0), Brad Jackson (9-2-1), Ty Barnett (16-0-1), Cesar Holguin (9-2), Donaldo Holguin (8-1) and Antonio Diaz (5-1).

This card, which will feature three world title bouts, and will take place in the same city as Sunday's Super Bowl 54, so a large celebrity presence is expected to be ringside and Jones is eager to show his skills off.

"It means a lot to fight on the card. There is a lot of good talent on this card. It shows me that I am good enough to be around this talent. There will be a lot of good fights"

Jones knows that at just 19, he is still growing as a fighter.

"I feel and see Improvement. After each fight we go back and look at what we did wrong and what we need to work on. I am going into my 2nd year as a pro, I know that I will get to where I need to be."

"I am looking to be the prospect of the year, and turning into a contender. I feel good and I will show everyone when I fight on Thursday" .

Jones weighed 134.8 lbs at Thursday's weigh-in. Santiago was 132.4.

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