#### Chazz Witherspoon ready for big fights in the heavyweight division

Atlantic City, New Jersey (March 8, 2018)—Heavyweight Chazz "The Gentleman" Witherspoon is looking for a big fight in the suddenly hot heavyweight division. In order to get into the mix he will need a victory this Saturday night when he takes on veteran Mike Sheppard in in the eight-round main event on at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The Witherspoon – Sheppard bout will headline a nine-bout card, promoted by Mis Downing Promotions and Silver Spoon Promotions.

Witherspoon, 36-3 with 28 knockouts, is on a six-fight knockout streak, and has not lost in almost six years.

Witherspoon will be making his first start since stopping Carlos Sandoval in the 4th round on October 1, 2016.

"Everything is good, and despite me having a layoff, I am never too far out of shape, so I don't expect to have any ring rust," said the 36 year-old native of Paulsboro, New Jersey.

In Sheppard, Witherspoon is taking on a veteran, who has fought a handful of top heavyweights.

"He is a veteran, and he has 25 wins, so you have to respect that. I am not taking him lightly."

Witherspoon is done taking layoffs, and he does not expect anymore layoffs.

"I want to stay as busy as possible, so I can be ready for big fights. I am closing in on 40 wins, so with the heavyweight division getting hot again, I feel with my record, that I should be able to get into the mix. I always like fighting in Atlantic City. It is a 40 minute drive from my home. It has been a pleasure working with Mis Dowing Promotions, and I look forward to a great night on Saturday."

In the eight-round co-feature, Anthony Young (18-2, 6 KOs) of Atlantic City takes on Fidel Monterrosa Munoz (38-16-1, 30 KOs) of Mexico in a welterweight fight.

In six-round bouts, Mike Hilton (8-0, 7 KOs) of Trenton, NJ will take on Hector Perez (3-1, 2 KOs) of Pleasantville, NJ in a cruiserweight bout.

Prince Badi Ajamu (28-3-1, 15 KOs) of Camden, NJ faces Willis Lockett (15-22-6, 5 KOs) of Takoma Park, Maryland in a cruiserweight fight.

Gabriel Pham (9-1, 4 KOs) of Atlantic City, NJ takes on Blake Mansfield (6-1-1, 4 KOs) of Burlington, NC in a super middleweight showdown.

In a six-round bout, John Bauza (8-0, 5 KOs) will take David Morales (13-7, 12 KOs) of Managua, Nicaragua in a super lightweight contest.

In four-round bouts:

Kevin Asmat (3-1, 2 KOs) of North Bergen, New Jersey will fight Edgar Cortes (5-4) of Vineland, New Jersey in a featherweight bout.

Alejandro Jimenez of New Jersey will make his pro debut against Derrick Pitts (0-1) in bantamweight bout.

Dan Murray (3-1) of Lanoka Harbor, New Jersey battles Latorrie Woodberry (1-6-1)of Roanoke, VA in a junior welterweight bout.

Ticket prices are : \$150 for VIP Ringside; \$120 for stage seating; \$85 for premium and \$60 for General Admission, and can be purchased by calling Michelle at 609-712-3854 or mrgeglus12@aol.com

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# Chazz "The Gentleman" Witherspoon to take on Mike Sheppard in headlining bout on Saturday, March 10th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, New Jersey (March 1, 2018)—Heavyweight Chazz "The Gentleman" Witherspoon will take on veteran Mike Sheppard in in the eight-round main event on Saturday, March 10th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The bout will headline a nine bout card dubbed "Ring Redemption" is promoted by Mis Downing Promotions in association with Silver Spoon Promotions.

Witherspoon of Paulsboro, New Jersey has a record of 36-3 with 28 knockouts.

The 36 year-old Witherspoon is a 14 year-veteran who has wins over Michael Alexander (11-0), Talmidge Giffiths (24-6-3), Jonathan Haggler (18-1), Adam Richards (21-1), Ty Cobb (14-2), Nick Guivas (11-2-2) & Michael Marrone (21-5.

Witherspoon is on a six-fight knockout streak, with the latest being a 4th round stoppage over Jonathan Sandoval on October 1, 2016 in Trenton, New Jersey.

Sheppard of Palestine, West Virginia has a record of 25-22-2 with 11 knockouts.

Sheppard is a 21 year-professional who has fought a whose-who of fighters that include former world champions Ruslan Chagaev, Antonio Tarver and James Toney: as well as world title challenger Gerald Washington.

Sheppard is coming off a loss to undefeated Simon Kean on December 16, 2017 in Laval, Quebec, Canada.

Seeing action in the eight-round co-feature will be welterweight Anthony "Juice" Young of Atlantic City, NJ taking on Fidel Monterrosa Munoz.

The 29 year-old Atlantic City native and seven year veteran will be making his 11th start on the boardwalk.

Young has won seven fights in a row, which includes his last outing, when he took a six-round unanimous decision over Carlos Winston Velasquez on August 19, 2017 at The Claridge. This will be Young's fifth fight at The Claridge and fourth in a row.

Munoz of Ecatapec, Mexico has a record of 38-16-1 with 30 knockouts.

The 29 year-old Munoz is a 12 year veteran, and is the former Colombian lightweight champion. Munoz has a win over Oscar Cuero (8-0) and has been in the ring with world champions Humberto Soto & Antonio Demarco as well world title challengers Pablo Cesar Cano and Lenny Zappavigna.

In six-round bouts, Mike Hilton (8-0, 7 KOs) of Trenton, NJ

will take on Hector Perez (3-1, 2 KOs) of Pleasantville, NJ in a cruiserweight bout.

Prince Badi Ajamu (28-3-1, 15 KOs) of Camden, NJ faces Willis Lockett (15-22-6, 5 KOs) of Takoma Park, Maryland in a cruiserweight fight.

Gabriel Pham (9-1, 4 KOs) of Atlantic City, NJ takes on Blake Mansfield (6-1-1, 4 KOs) of Burlington, NC in a super middleweight showdown.

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Kevin Asmat (3-1, 2 KOs) of North Bergen, New Jersey will fight Edgar Cortes (5-4) of Vineland, New Jersey in a featherweight bout.

Alejandro Jimenez of New Jersey will make his pro debut against Derrick Pitts (0-1) in bantamweight bout.

Dan Murray (3-1) of Lanoka Harbor, New Jersey battles Anthony Smith (1-2, 1 KO) of Fresno, California in a junior welterweight bout.

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## Chazz "The Gentleman" Witherspoon to headline on Saturday, March 10th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, New Jersey (February 13, 2018)—Heavyweight Chazz "The Gentleman" will be featured in the main event on Saturday, March 10th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The ten-round bout will headline a nine bout card dubbed Ring Redemption 1, promoted by Mis Downing Promotions in association with Silver Spoon Promotions.

Witherspoon of Paulsboro, New Jersey has a record of 36-3 with 28 knockouts.

The 36 year-old Witherspoon is a 14 year-veteran who has wins over Yul Witherspoon (1-0), Michael Alexander (11-0), Talmidge Giffiths (24-6-3), Jonathan Haggler (18-1), Adam Richards (21-1), Ty Cobb (14-2), Nick Guivas (11-2-2) & Michael Marrone (21-5.

Witherspoon is on a six-fight knockout streak, with the latest being a 4th round stoppage over Jonathan Sandoval on October 1, 2016 in Trenton, New Jersey.

Seeing action in the eight-round co-feature will be welterweight Anthony "Juice" Young of Atlantic City, NJ.

The 29 year-old Atlantic City native and seven year veteran

will be making his 11th start on the boardwalk.

Young has won seven fights in a row, which includes his last outing, when he took a six-round unanimous decision over Carlos Winston Velasquez on August 19, 2017 at The Claridge. This will be Young's fifth fight at The Claridge and fourth in a row.

Seeing action in six-round bouts will be super middleweight Gabriel Pham (9-1, 4 KOs) of Atlantic City; cruiserweight Prince Badi Ajamu (28-3-1, 15 KOs) of Camden, NJ; Terrance Cauthen (38-8, 8 KOs) of Trenton, NJ; cruiserweight Mike Hilton (8-0, 7 KOs) of Trenton, NJ & middleweight Shady Gamhour (6-0, 5 KOs) of Pensacola, Florida.

Three additional four-round bouts bouts will round out the card featuring pro debuting bantamweight Alejandro Jimenez of New Hope, PA; featherweight Kevin Asmat (3-1, 2 KOs) of North Bergen, NJ and super lightweight Dan Murray (3-1) of Lanoka Harbor, NJ

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## Thomas LaManna battles Gabriel Bracero for WBC Fecarbox Welterweight title in inaugural main event of Boardwalk Boxing on Saturday, February 24th at The Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY – January 8, 2018 – Thomas "Cornflake" LaManna will headline the inaugural Boardwalk Boxing series when he takes the battle-tested veteran Gabriel Bracero in a ten-round welterweight bout for the WBC Fecarbox welterweight title on Saturday, February 24th at The Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City.

The bout will be the main event of a huge night of boxing promoted by Rising Star Promotions

The new Boardwalk Boxing series, which was announced last week, promised high-quality matchups, while featuring the best local fighters.

LaManna, 26, of Millville, New Jersey has an impressive mark of 25-2 with nine knockouts.

The popular LaManna has led the revival of boxing in Atlantic City as his Rising Star Promotions has become the preeminent promoter in Atlantic City.

LaManna consistently has performed as a headliner in front of sell out crowds is eager to thrill fans, and potentially notch the biggest win of his career. "This is a crossroads fight. He needs a win over me to stay relevant, and I need a win over him to be taken serious," said LaManna. "Bracero has fought some top guys. His losses have been to world champions and Gold Medal winners. He has been around the block."

"I want to start 2018 with a good test. I want to test myself. When I go through a hard camp, dieting and focusing, I want it to be worth it."

"This should be a great atmosphere as he is a popular fighter like myself. A win over him will give me an opportunity as I will move up in the ratings. This is a make or break year, and a win will put me in there with other contenders."

LaManna will celebrate his 7th year as a professional, as he has wins over Kendal Mena (20-3), as well as winning the WBC Silver Latino and WBC FECARBOX Welterweight titles with a tenround unanimous decision over rugged George Sosa.

In his last bout, LaManna defended the WBC FECARBOX title with a ten-round unanimous decision over Samuel Amoako on November 28th in Atlantic City.

This will be LaManna's 18th fight in Atlantic City.

Bracero of Brooklyn, New York has an impressive mark of 24-3 with five knockouts.

Bracero, who will be 38 on February 14th has faced and defeated some impressive foes over his 17 year-career.

Bracero win his first 18 bouts which were highlighted by wins over Winston Mathis (6-0), Danny O'Connor (14-0), Guillermo Valdes (12-3), Jermaine White (17-4), former world totle challenger Dmitry Salita (35-1-1), and a sensational 1st round stoppage over O'Connor (26-2) in the rematch.

Bracero is coming off a ten-round unanimous decision defeat to former two-division world champion Paulie Malignaggi on July 30, 2016 in Brooklyn, New York

"This will be a good fight. He is a tough kid. He is tall, and I will get into the best shape possible," said Bracero.

"I am excited to finally be fighting in Atlantic City. I have family there, plus my fans from Brooklyn can drive there and spend a nice weekend. "

"This fight is a true crossroads battle. He is looking to make his name off of me, and I am focusing on winning his WBC Fecarbox title. A win will get me back into the bigger fights.

Also announced is a terrific co-feature bout that will see Anthony "Juice" Young of Atlantic City battling Khiary Gray or Worcester, Massachusetts.

Young, 29, has a record of 18-2 with six knockouts.

The seven-year professional will be looking for his eighth consecutive victory. The Atlantic City favorite has a quality win over Jose Javier Claderon (4-1), and will be making his 12th start in his hometown.

Pitts has an impressive mark of 15-3 with eleven knockouts.

The 25 year-old New Englander won his first 13 bouts. The four-year professional is a former UBF International Super Welterweight champion, and in his last bout he won the Interim New England Super Welterweight title with an eight-round majority decision over Greg Jackson on December 7, 2017 in Lincoln, Rhode Island.

There will be an announcement about the full undercard shortly.

Tickets are available for \$155, \$80 and \$55, and can be purchased online at www.risingboxingpromotions.com.

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Clean Bro, Calvi Electric, and Alpha Academy.

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## Anthony "Juice" Young headlines on Saturday, December 16th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, New Jersey (November 2, 2017)—Local favorite Anthony "Juice" Young will headline a special night of action dubbed "Boardwalk Brawls 2" on Saturday, December 16th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The show is promoted by Mis Downing Promotions.

Young of Atlantic City has a record of 18-2 with six knockouts, and is riding a seven fight winning streak.

The 29 year-old Young is a six-year veteran who has garnered wins over Jose Javier Calderon (4-1), and is coming off a sixround unanimous decision over 56-fight veteran Carlos Winston Velasquez on August 19th at The Claridge.

This will be Young's 4th consecutive start at The Claridge and 12th overall fight in his hometown of Atlantic City.

Young's opponent in the scheduled ten-round bout will be announced shortly.

Appearing the eight-round heavyweight co-feature will be

Heavyweight Chazz Witherspoon.

Witherspoon of Paulsboro, New Jersey has a record of 36-3 with 28 knockouts.

The 36 year-old Witherspoon is a 13-year-professional has fought some of the top fighters in the Heavyweight division.

He has wins over Yul Witherspoon (1-0), Michael Alexander (11-0), Talmidge Griffis (24-6-3), Jonathan Haggler (18-1), Adam Richards (21-1), Ty Cobb (14-2), Nick Guivas (11-2-2) and Michael Marrone (21-5).

Witherspoon has stopped his last six foes, and is coming off a 4th round stoppage over Carlos Sandoval on October 1, 2016 in Trenton, New Jersey.

Witherspoon's opponent will be announced shortly.

An all-star lineup makes up an exciting undercard.

In eight-round bouts:

Former world Super Bantamweight champion Alicia Ashley (24-11-1, 4 KOs) of Jamaica will fight Kristie Simmons (8-3, 2 KOs) of Denver, Colorado.

In six-round bouts:

Gabriel Pham (9-1, 4 KOs) of Atlantic City will take on an opponent to be named in a super middleweight bout.

Prince Badi Ajamu (28-3-1, 15 KOs) of Camden, NJ will take on an opponent to be named in a cruiserweight fight.

Former U.S. Olympian Terrance Cauthen (36-8, 9 KOs) of Trenton, NJ will take on an opponent to be named in a junior welterweight bout.

In four-round bouts:

Vidal Rivera (7-0, 4 KOs) of Camden, NJ will take on an opponent to be named in a featherweight bout.

Mike Hilton (7-0, 6 KOs) of Trenton, NJ will take on an opponent to be named in a cruiserweight bout.

Shadd Gamhour (5-0, 4 KOs) of Pensacola, FL will take on an opponent to be named in a middleweight tussle.

Ikram Kerwat (8-1, 5 KOs) of Beja, Tunisia will take on an opponent to be named in a lightweight scrap.

Tickets are priced at \$150, \$120, \$85 & \$60 and can be purchased at The Claridge Hotel or by calling 609-712-3854 or email mreglus12@aol.com

## LaManna and Sosa Chime in for this Saturday's WBC Silver Latino Welterweight title bout at The Clardige in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (August 16, 2017)—This Saturday night, Thomas LaManna will take on George Sosa in a ten-round bout for the WBC Silver Latino Welterweight bout that will headline a big 11 bout card at what is expected to be a sold out Calridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The show, promoted by Rising Promotions, is the 9th card that will be staged before a capacity crowd.

Both main event fighters recently gave their final comments before Saturday's showdown.

" I'm just ready to fight and I hope he is too. I encourage people to come to this action packed, stacked event. 12 bouts featuring some of the hottest prospects and a title fight," said LaManna.

"I think LaManna is a boxer who has not fought anyone of my caliber yet, and unlike me, I have fought everyone," said Sosa. LaManna has been protected during his whole career, Do I think he will be easy? No. There is no such thing as an easy fight. He is his Mommy and Daddy;s baby. When he fought somebody with caliber, he lost."

Despite his 15-9 record, Sosa knows a win can change his whole career.

"This fight is for the WBC Silver title, and would definitely change my career. Before I would just take fights because I needed the money to take care of my family in Cuba. I was too busy partying, and not taking matters seriously. Like my last fight with Anthony Young, I arrived three days before the weigh-in, and I was 21 pounds over the weight. Not only did I make the weight, but I went the distance with a formidable opponent. Not this timeI went directly to Cuba to begin training."

In the eight-round feature, former cruiserweight world champion, Imamu Mayfield (26-10-2, 19 KOs) of Freehold, New Jersey battles Lamont Capers (7-10-2) of Hawley, Pennsylvania.

In six-round bouts:

Anthony "Juice" Young (17-2, 6 KO's) of Atlantic City, NJ battles Carlos Winston Velasquez (25-29-2, 14 KOs) of Managua, Nicaragua in a welterweight bout.

Yurik Mamedov (6-0, 3 KOs) of Brooklyn. NY takes on Ariel

Vasquez (12-18-2, 9 KOs) of Managua, Nicaragua in a welterweight bout.

Frederick Julan (5-0, 2 Kos) of Brooklyn, NY battles Tahlik Taylor 2-7, (1KO) of Freeport, NY in a light heavyweight battle.

Alvin Vermall, Jr. (11-0-1, 10 KOs) of Catskills, NY will take on Tracy Johnson (4-5-4) of Boston, MA in a cruiserweight affair.

In four-round bouts:

Joshafat Ortiz (1-0of Reading, PA will take on Sidell Blocker (1-8-1) of Pleasantville, NJ in a lightweight fight.

Ronald Logan (0-1) of New York, NY takes on Nahir Albright (1-1) of Philadelphia in a battle of lightweights .

Emmanuel Rodriguez (1-0) of Newark, NJ will take on pro debuting Willie Anderson of Paulsboro, NJ in a bantamweight bout.

Marcos Lugo of Vineland, NJ will make his pro debut against Tomas Romain (3-1) of Brooklyn, NY in a lightweight scrap.

Vidal Rivera (6-0, 4 KOs) of Camden, NJ will fight Weusi Johnson (2-4) of Wilmington, DE in a featherweight bout.

Tickets for this great evening of boxing are priced at \$150, \$125, \$100, \$80 and \$55 and can be purchased at www.rspboxing.com

## Big 11 bout card on tap for Saturday, August 19th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (July 27, 2017)—On Saturday night, August 19th, it will be wall to wall boxing action as 11 big fights will make up a tremendous night of boxing at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The card, which is promoted Rising Promotions will feature a title bout, a former world champion, and some of the brightest prospects in well matched bouts. The show is just another in the line of terrific cards by Rising Promotions. The show will feature an unheard of 11 big fights, which are strategically matched for the fans, who will get their full monies worth of action.

In the main event, local favorite, Thomas "Cornflake" LaManna (23-2, 9 KOs) of Millville, NJ will take on knockout artist, George Sosa (15-9, 15 KOs) of Reading, PA in a ten-round battle for the WBC Silver Latino Welterweight title.

The winner of the fight will garner a top-20 world ranking by the WBC.

In the eight-round feature, former cruiserweight world champion, Imamu Mayfield (26-10-2, 19 Kos) of Freehold, New Jersey battles Lamont Capers (7-10-2) of Hawley, Pennsylvania.

In six-round bouts:

Anthony "Juice" Young (17-2, 6 KO's) of Atlantic City, NJ battles Carlos Winston Velasquez (25-29-2, 14 KOs) of Managua, Nicaragua in a welterweight bput. Yurik Mamedov (6-0, 3 KOs) of Brooklyn. NY takes on Ariel Vasquez (12-18-2, 9 KOs) of Managua, Nicaragua in a welterweight bout.

Frederick Julan (5-0, 2 Kos) of Brooklyn, NY battles Brian Macy (5-2, 2 KOs) of New Haven, CT in a light heavyweight battle.

Alvin Vermall, Jr. (11-0-1, 10 KOs) of Catskills, NY will take on Tracy Johnson (4-5-4) of Boston, MA in a cruiserweight affair.

In four-round bouts:

Joshafat Ortiz (1-0of Reading, PA will take on Sidell Blocker (1-8-1) of Pleasantville, NJ in a lightweight fight.

Pro debuting Biheem Billups takes on Nahir Albright (1-1) in a battle of Philadelphia based lightweights.

Emmanuel Rodriguez (1-0) of Newark, NJ will take on pro debuting Willie Anderson of Paulsboro, NJ in a bantamweight bout.

Marcos Lugo of Vineland, NJ will make his pro debut against Tomas Romain (3-1) of Brooklyn, NY in a lightweight scrap.

Malik Jackson (2-0, 2 KOs) of Washington, DC will fight an opponent to be named in a super bantamweight bout.

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## Thomas "Cornflake" LaManna takes on George Sosa for the WBC Silver Latino title on Saturday, August 19th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey

Atlantic City, NJ (July 14, 2017)—Welterweight contender, Thomas "Cornflake" LaManna will take on George Sosa for the WBC Silver Latino Welterweight championship in the ten-round main event that will headline a great night of championship boxing on Saturday, August 19th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The show is expected to be the 9th sold-out show at the Claridge promoted by Rising Promotions.

"Rising Promotions is looking forward to ending the Summer with another great show here at the Claridge. We have a good line up on the card so we are hoping for a packed house, and we are looking forward to staging our first championship bout," said Debbie LaManna of Rising Promotions.

The championship bout is the first major sanctioning body championship bout in Atlantic City in almost three years. (Kovalev vs Hopkins, November 8, 2014).

LaManna will be looking to win his first belt in the welterweight division. A win will propel him into the rankings as he looks for a high profile bout later this year.

The 25 year-old LaManna has a record of 23-2 with nine knockouts, and he is currently riding a two fight win streak,

and is undefeated in 2017.

The six-year professional is 4-1 as a Welterweight and has credible wins over Kendal Mena, and Ayi Bruce as well as his last two victories, which have come over Eduardo Flores and Carlos Winston Velasquez, who stepped into the ring with 52 and 54 fights under their belt.

LaManna dropped a ten-round unanimous decision to undefeated Dusty Hernandez-Harrison (30-0-1 16 KO's) on September 15th, 2016 in a very high intense battle that was contested for the USBA Title. The LaManna/Harrison fight is a candidate for Fight of the Year for local Philadelphia boxing award "Briscoe Award"

This will be LaManna's 6th fight at The Claridge, and his 16th fight in Atlantic City.

"This is a great blessing for me. I get another shot at a meaningful title that will place me in the right spots with a victory. I have seen Sosa fight on our last card and he is very game, durable and strong so I cannot take him lightly. Training camp is intense, we know what we are gunning for so come August 19th, it's going to be dark places for George Sosa," Said Thomas LaManna.

Sosa of Philadelphia, PA has a record of 15-9 with all victories coming by way of knockout.

The 30 year-old Sosa is a high energy fighter, who has fought the likes of Emmanuel Taylor, Sammy Vasquez, Wilkens Santiago, Javontae Starks, Terrell Gausha and Ray Robinson.

Like LaManna, Sosa is a six-year professional, and is coming off a grueling eight-round unanimous decision defeat to Anthony Young on June 10th at The Claridge.

In the eight-round co-feature, former world cruiserweight champion, Imamu Mayfield will take on upset minded Lamont Capers.

Mayfield of Freehold, New Jersey has a record of 26-10-2 with 19 knockouts. At a young 45 years-old, Mayfield is making the 3rd start since taking an eight-year hiatus from the sport.

In 1997, Mayfield captured the IBF Cruiserweight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over Uriah Grant. He made one defense of the crown with an 11th round stoppage over previously undefeated Terry Dunston (17-0).

Over his 23 year-career, Mayfield has racked up wins over Rayco Saunders (Twice), Okello Peter (11-2), Gary Wilcox (15-2-1), Ernest Mateen (23-5-1), Ismael Gneco (3-0) & Lew Chester (1-0).

Mayfield is coming off a sixth-round stoppage over Anthony Caputo Smith on November 12, 2016 at The Claridge.

Capers of Hawley, PA has a deceiving record of 7-10-2.

The 26 year-old is a five-year pro, and already has produced upset victories over Nick Kisner (16-2-1), Josh Himes (3-0), Dave Valykeo (4-0) & Earl Platt (4-1). Capers also has a draw with previously unblemished Alvin Vermall, Jr. (6-0).

Capers is coming off a four-round unanimous decsion defeat to Garrett Wilson on June 9th in Tannersville, PA.

In six-round bouts:

Anthony "Juice" Young (17-2, 6 KO's) of Atlantic City, NJ takes on Carlos Winston Velasquez (25-29-2, 14 KO's) of Managua, Nicaragua in a welterweight bout.

Yurik Mamedov (6-0, 3 KO's) of Brooklyn, NY will fight Taiwo Ali Sulaimon (21-5-1, 16 KO's) of Lagos, Nigeria in a welterweight fight.

Frederick Julan (5-0, 2 KO's) of Brooklyn, NY will take on an

opponent to be announced in a light heavyweight bout.

Alvin Vermall, Jr. (11-0-1, 9 K0's) will see action in a cruiserweight bout against an opponent to be named.

In four-round bouts:

Joshafat Ortiz (1-0) of Reading, PA will square off with Sidell Blocker (1-8-1) of Pleasantville, NJ in a lightweight fight.

Emmanuel Rodriguez (1-0) of Newark, NJ will take on an opponent to be named in a bantamweight affair.

Tomas Romain (3-1) of Brooklyn, NY will take on pro debuting Marcos Lugo of Vineland, NJ in a lightweight bout.

Malik Jackson (2-0, 2 KO's) of Washington, DC will take on Edward Kakembo (10-2, 3 KO's) of Lugogo, Uganda in a super bantamweight bout.

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#### LaManna decisions Velasquez in Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY (JUNE 12, 2017) – This past Saturday, welterweight Thomas LaManna won an eight-round unanimous decision over veteran Carlos Winston Velasquez that headlined a card at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The show was the 8th consecutive capacity capacity crowd

promoted by Rising Promotions at the Claridge

LaManna dominated the action with power shots that he landed behind a long jab throughout the contest. Velasquez was game as he took a lot of shots and landed an occasional power shot. LaManna sealed the deal in the final round when he landed a flush 4-punch combination that put Velasquez on the canvas.

LaManna of Millville, NJ won on all cards by scores of 80-71 to raise his mark to 23-2. Velasquez falls to 24-29-2.

"Velasquez was tough and durable,"said LaManna following the fight.

"I needed this fight, and now I would like to fight Kermit Cintron if he should win his fight with Tyrone Brunson on June 24th. Maybe he will stop ducking me, I want to fight a big name like Cintron, Zab Judah or a rematch with Dusty Harrison. We at Rising Promotions will be back here at the Claridge on August for our 9th event."

Anthony Young won a eight-round unanimous decision over George Sosa in an entertaining welterweight contest.

Young was extremely active as he landed hard combinations with Sosa landing an occasional hard shot to the head.

Young of Atlantic City won by scores of 80-72 twice and 80-71 to raise his mark to 17-2. Sosa of Reading, PA is 15-9.

Donald Smith remained undefeated by winning a four round unanimous decision over Sidell Blocker in super featherweight bout.

Smith of Philadelphia won on all cards 40-36, and is now 5-0. Blocker of Pleasantville, NJ is 1-8-1.

Chris Thomas and Oscar Valdez battled to a four round majority draw in a middleweight contest.

Thomas of Beachwood, NJ took a card 39-37, while two judges saw it even at 38-38.

Thomas is now 6-0-1. Valdez of Batesville, ARK is 1-2-1.

Gabriel Pham won a six round unanimous decision over Edgar Perez in a light heavyweight bout.

Pham won on all cards 60-54 and is now 9-1. Perez of Chicago is 7-21.

Tomas Romain won a four round unanimous decision over Lamont White in a lightweight bout.

Romain of Brooklyn, NY won by scores of 40-36 twice and 39-37, and is now 3-1. White of Washington, DC is now 1-8.

Elijah Vines remained perfect with a 3rd round stoppage over Harry Tyrone Paige in a scheduled four round junior middleweight bout.

In round one, Vines dropped Paige with a perfect right hook. In round three, Vines dropped Paige with a right to the body. Paige got to his feet, but his corner pulled the plug at 1:42.

Vines of Philadelphia is 4-0 with 4 knockouts. Paige of Batesville, ARK is 0-5.

Frederick Julan stopped Jose Valderrama in the 6th and final round of their light heavyweight bout.

Julan dropped Valderrama in round six with a body shot. Julan finished off the when he dropped Valderrama for a 2nd time with a right hook to the head, and the fight was stopped at 1:17.

Julan of Brooklyn, NY is 5-0 with three knockouts. Valderrama of Manati, PR is 5-20.

Dan Pasciolla and LeMarcus Tucker battled to a majority draw in a rematch of Heavyweights. In round one, Pasciolla began to bleed from his nostrils.

Pasciolla took a card 58-56. That was overruled by 57-57 scores.

Pasciolla of Brick, NJ is 9-2-3. Tucker of Batesville, ARK is 4-2-1.

Photo by Matthew Heasley

# Thomas "Cornflake" LaManna looking for major names with a win this Saturday night at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (June 8, 2017)—Welterweight contender, Thomas "Cornflake" LaManna feels that he is on the brink of a breakthrough win, and he is looking to fight a big name later this Summer that will help catapult himself up the rankings, and on his way to a world title shot.

This Saturday night at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City, he first must get through 54-fight veteran Carlos Winston Velasquez in the eight-round main event of a card promoted by Rising Promotions.

LaManna, 22-2 with nine knockouts of Millville, New Jersey, will be looking for his 2nd consecutive win, and a win over Velasquez would set up a coveted fight with highly thought of foe. "I am looking forward to a great fight on Saturday. I am not taking Velasquez lightly as he is a tough veteran who has had 54 fights," said LaManna. "After I win, I want something big. Myself and Rising Promotions have regional title bouts in mind. Fights with Zab Judah and Kermit Cintron have been brought up. The ultimate goal is to get world rated, and climb up the ladder with meaningful fights that I would like to take place in Atlantic City."

"Because I have two losses, I get calls all the time to be an opponent. I don't look at myself as being one. I am one of the biggest, if not the biggest tickets seller in New Jersey, with a tremendous fan base, and myself and my Rising Promotions team would like to capitalize on that and move me along like a real promotional company is supposed to move a fighter. Atlantic City is a great fight town, and I think that we can bring the type of bouts back to the boardwalk that made this town the mecca of boxing that it once was. I think a fight with a big name opponent later this Summer would create great buzz in the Atlantic City boxing scene, and it would keep me moving towards my goal of being a world champion."

In the eight-round co-feature, Anthony "Juice" Young (16-2, 6 KO'a) of Atlantic City battles George Sosa (15-8, 15 KO's) of New Jersey in a welterweight bout.

In six-round bouts:

Gabriel Pham (8-1, 4 KO's) of Atlantic City, NJ will battle Edgar Perez (7-20, 3 KO's) of Chicago in a super middleweight clash.

Frederick Julian (4-0, 2 KO's) of Cambaul, France will take on Jose Valderrama (5-19, 3 KO's) of Manati, PR in a light heavyweight bout.

Dan Pasciolla (9-2-2) of Brick, NJ will battle Lemarcus Tucker (4-2, 2 KO's) of Batesville, AR in a rematch of heavyweights. Pasciolla took the first bout this past March via six-round

split decision.

In four-round bouts:

Donald Smith (4-0, 3 KO's) of Philadelphia will take on Sidell Blocker (1-7-1) of Pleasantville, NJ in a super featherweight bout.

Chris Thomas (6-0, 3 KO's) of Toms River, NJ will take on Oscar Valdez (1-2, 1 KO) of Batesville, AR in a middleweight bout

Elijah Vines (3-0, 3 KO'ts) of Philadelphia will take on Henry Tyrone Paige (0-4) of Batesville, ARK in a junior middleweight tilt.

Tomas Romain (2-1) of Brooklyn, NY will fight Lamont White (1-7, 1 KO) of Washington, DC in a lightweight bout.

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Tickets for this great evening of boxing are priced at \$150, \$125, \$100, \$80 and \$55 and can be purchased at www.rspboxing.com