

# UNDEFEATED SUPER WELTERWEIGHT PROSPECTS ARDREAL HOLMES AND MEKHRUBON SANGINOV CLASH IN MAIN EVENT OF SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION® FRIDAY, MARCH 11 LIVE ON SHOWTIME®

NEW YORK – February 24, 2022 – Super welterweight prospect Ardreal Holmes puts his undefeated record on the line against fellow unbeaten prospect Mekhrubon Sanginov in another tightly-matched main event of ShoBox: The New Generation on Friday, March 11 live on SHOWTIME at 9:35 p.m. ET/PT from Deadwood Mountain Grand Hotel in Deadwood, S.D.

The main event pairs two amateur standouts trying to seize the spotlight as Flint, Michigan's Holmes (11-0, 5 KOs) takes on Tajikistan's Sanginov (12-0-1, 9 KOs) in an eight-round super welterweight contest. Uzbekistan's Hurshidbek Normatov (10-0, 3 KOs) faces once-beaten Vernon Brown (13-1-1, 9 KOs) in an eight-round co-featured middleweight bout and undefeated lightweight prospect Luis Acosta (12-0, 11 KOs) takes on the power-punching Edwin De Los Santos (13-1, 12 KOs). Plus, 2021 National Golden Gloves Champion Giovanni Márquez, the son of former world champion and ShoBox commentator Raul Márquez, makes his professional debut against Dominican Nelson Morales (2-0) in a four-round super lightweight bout that opens the telecast.

The event is promoted by Holden Productions.

Here is a closer look at the matchups:

Holmes vs. Sanginov – Eight-Round Super Welterweight Main

## Event Bout

The southpaw Holmes was a No. 1-ranked amateur at 147 pounds with more than 80 amateur fights. He won several amateur tournaments including the 2015 USA National Elite Championship and was a three-time Michigan Golden Gloves Champion. He also represented USA in the World Series of Boxing and was an alternate on the 2016 U.S. Olympic Boxing Team. Standing at six-foot-two-inches, Holmes has proven to be a handful since turning pro in 2016. He owns wins over 55-fight veteran Lanardo Tyner and most recently defeated Jose Antonio Abreu in 2019. He is coached by Joe Bermudez, managed by David McWater and promoted by DiBella Entertainment.

"I am excited to jump back in the ring," said the 27-year-old Holmes. "I am in a good spot, and I will make the most of this opportunity. I think I should be able to do anything that I want off the jab. I'm not worried about anyone slipping on me because I am in a position that people will get to know who I am really soon. Get ready for a great night of boxing. Seeing people come up that you know such as the Dirrell brothers motivated me, and March 11 people will get to know and remember who I am."

An exceptional amateur himself, Sanginov amassed a record of 105-14 and became a fan favorite in his native Tajikistan. He turned professional in 2016 and moved to Las Vegas in 2018 to pursue his dream of becoming a world champion. He stopped four-of-his-last-six opponents, beating then-undefeated Quincy LaVallais via split-decision and fighting then-undefeated Fred Wilson Jr. to a draw. Sanginov has fought five times since Holmes last stepped into the ring.

"I am very happy and excited for this opportunity," said the 26-year-old Sanginov, who is five inches shorter than Holmes. "ShoBox is a steppingstone to bigger and better things. I know that a win gets me bigger fights. I don't know much about my opponent except his amateur career. Training camp has been

great and I can't wait to get in the ring on March 11."

#### Normatov vs. Brown – Eight-Round Middleweight Bout

Uzbekistan's Normatov, who now resides and fights out of Brooklyn, N.Y., finished his impressive amateur career in 2016 with a 190-40 record. In his first ten fights as a pro, the southpaw has faced seven fighters with winning records including two undefeated prospects. He also participated in the World Series of Boxing, where he fought to a 5-1 record. Normatov is trained by Andre Rozier, who has trained several world champions including Richard Commey, Daniel Jacobs and Sergiy Derevyanchenko. Normatov is also managed by McWater and promoted by DiBella Entertainment.

"I am very happy to be back in the ring and especially to be on a big show like ShoBox," said the 29-year-old Normatov. "This is a big chance for me to show what I can do. It's a great opportunity and I will take advantage of it."

Brown, a 32-year-old Chicago native, turned professional in 2015 and has competed in a variety of weight classes from 140 to 160 pounds. He won his first seven fights, including five by way of stoppage, before fighting Jesus Zazueta Anaya to a split-draw in 2017. He won his next three fights before dropping a hotly contested 10-round unanimous decision to talented 154-pound contender Jamontay Clark in a fight many felt Brown could have won. Brown rebounded with three straight wins, including a second-round KO in his last time out in February 2021. He will face his first undefeated opponent since his 2017 win over then 6-0 Angelo Snow on March 11.

"I am just ready to fight," said the 5'7" Brown. "I haven't fought in a year, but I have been in the gym, and I am just ready. My opponent is a crafty southpaw who is tall, but I have knocked out a couple guys with a similar style as his. I'm excited to fight on ShoBox and I'm ready to give people a show. A win will boost my career and will show a lot of people

what I am made of.”

## Acosta vs. De Los Santos – Eight-Round Lightweight Bout

The undefeated, power-punching Acosta began boxing at the age of 16, following in the footsteps of his father, Jose, and uncle, Mario, who were both professional boxers. As an amateur, the Houston native Acosta had a record of 57-8 and won both the Title and Ringside Tournaments. Known as an aggressive, come-forward fighter, Acosta has stopped 11-of-his-12 professional opponents. Acosta is a graduate of the University of Houston with a degree in Exercise Science and Kinesiology and is trained by his father.

“I am very excited for my first televised fight,” said Acosta, 25. “I feel like I have something to prove. I will not get caught in the moment and I want to put on a show for everybody. I know that my opponent is a southpaw and is taller, and he looks like he is strong early on in the fight. May the best man win.”

De Los Santos began boxing in his native Dominican Republic at the age of 12, and by age 14, he had won his first amateur tournament. Following a brilliant amateur career in which he fought 265 times and lost just six bouts, he turned pro in 2018 and made his ShoBox debut in January, dropping a close decision to William Foster III. Packing one-punch power, De Los Santos had scored stoppages in his last seven fights prior to the defeat. Among his most impressive performances is a first-round KO over then 8-2 Juan Alberto Garcia Perez and a unanimous decision over then 31-10 Francisco Contreras.

“I am extremely disappointed in my last performance,” said De Los Santos of his ShoBox debut. “It did not go as I expected. A lot had to do with the weight loss, which caused me to get weak and tired after the third round. This is why I am fighting at 135 pounds in this fight. I will be stronger than ever so my opponent better watch out.”

## Márquez vs. Morales – Four-Round Super Lightweight Bout

Highly regarded super lightweight prospect Giovanni Márquez will become the seventh fighter in the history of ShoBox to make their professional debut on the series. The previous six, including the likes of world champions Gary Russell Jr. and Errol Spence Jr., were all U.S. Olympians. Houston's Márquez is fresh off winning the national Golden Gloves 152-pound championship, where he was also given the prestigious Outstanding Boxer of the Tournament Award. The list of current or former world champions to win the Golden Gloves title at 152 pounds in the past 20 years includes Spence (2009), Demetrius Andrade (2006-07), Daniel Jacobs (2004) and Andre Berto (2003). Márquez began boxing at age 12 and finished his amateur career with a record of 75-12. He is trained by his father, 1992 U.S. Olympian, former junior middleweight world champion and SHOWTIME Boxing analyst Raul "El Diamante" Márquez.

"I am very excited to be making my debut on ShoBox," said the 20-year-old Márquez. "I am excited to display my skills and everything that my father and I have been working on in the gym. I have been envisioning this moment for myself from a young age. There is footage of me mimicking walking to the ring in my house. To make that walk is a dream come true. Being on the show my dad works on is an honor, and I am definitely up for it. For some, that might be pressure, but I am embracing it. The audience will see the best of me on March 11."

Dominican Republic born, Scranton, Penn.-based 29-year-old Nelson Morales has two professional bouts under his belt, including a four-round unanimous decision over Ronny Arana in August 2021. In his 2019 pro debut, he defeated Kynndale Prather via majority decision. For the second consecutive fight, Morales will be facing an opponent making their pro debut. Morales works as a part-time police officer in the Pennsylvania boroughs of Clarks Summit, Throop and Dunmore.

"This is a dream come true," said Morales. "I have been watching SHOWTIME Boxing for a long time. I have been dreaming about this for a long time. I know that Márquez has been around boxing since he was in the belly. I know of his father Raul, so I know he will bring it. I have been working very hard and a lot had to happen for me to get this opportunity, and I won't waste it."

Hall of Famer Barry Tompkins calls the action from ringside with veteran combat sports reporter Brian Campbell and Márquez serving as expert analysts, and Hall of Famer Steve Farhood remotely performing unofficial scoring duties.

The executive producer of ShoBox: The New Generation is Gordon Hall with Richard Gaughan producing and Rick Phillips directing.

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## About ShoBox: The New Generation

Since its inception in July 2001, the critically acclaimed SHOWTIME boxing series, ShoBox: The New Generation has featured young talent matched tough. The ShoBox philosophy is to televise exciting, crowd-pleasing and competitive matches while providing a proving ground for willing prospects determined to fight for a world title. Some of the growing list of the 86 fighters who have appeared on ShoBox and advanced to garner world titles includes: Errol Spence Jr., Andre Ward, Deontay Wilder, Erislandy Lara, Shawn Porter, Gary Russell Jr., Lamont Peterson, Guillermo Rigondeaux, Nonito Donaire, Devon Alexander, Carl Froch, Robert Guerrero, Timothy Bradley, Jessie Vargas, Juan Manuel Lopez, Chad Dawson, Paulie Malignaggi, Ricky Hatton, Kelly Pavlik, Paul Williams and

more.

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**AUDIO: Interview with  
undefeated super welterweight  
Ardreal Holmes**

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**VIDEO: Talking with  
undefeated super welterweight  
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**Split-T Management's Ivan**

# **Golub and Ardreal Holmes in action TONIGHT!! in Utah**

NEW YORK (November 15, 2019)–Tonight, two Members of the Split-T Management banner will be in action at The Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Once-beaten welterweight Ivan Golub takes on Janer Gonzalez in a ten-round contest for the WBC USNBC Welterweight title, while undefeated super welterweight Ardreal Holmes battles Jose Antonio Abreu in a eight-round bout.

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Golub of Brooklyn, New York via Goravoka, Ukraine is 17-1 with 13 knockouts. The hard punching Golub is on a four-fight winning streak and over his five-year career, the 30 year-old has wins over Kirk Huff (3-0), Tyson Harrison (2-0), Juan Rodriguez Jr (12-3), Marlon Aguas (9-0), James Stevenson (23-2), and in Golub's last bout he stopped Joaquim Cameiro on August 1st in Monroeville, PA.

Gonzalez of Colombia has wins over Victor Coronado (4-1), Devis Caceres (14-2) and Carlos Galven (9-1-1). the former Colombian and WBC Latino Super Welterweight champion, Gonzalez is coming off a loss to world ranked Jamal James on February 23rd in Minneapolis.

Golub weighed in at 146,2 lbs and Gonzalez weighed in at 149.4 lbs. Gonzalez is ineligible to win the title.

Holmes of Flint, Michigan, has a record of 10-0 with four knockouts. Holmes, who was a heralded amateur, was a National Golden Gloves Finalist, and has a win over Bryan Goldsby (4-1). Holmes is coming off an eight-round unanimous decision over veteran Walter Wright on October 11 in Warren, Michigan.



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Abreu of La Romana, Dominican Republic has a record of 14-6 with eight knockouts.

The 31 year-old Abreu has quality wins on his resume over Jose Eduardo Souza (1-0-1), Euri Ginzalez (24-6-1) and Wesley Tucker (14-2).

Abreu is coming off a defeat to Eric Walker on August 1st in Monroeville, PA.

Holmes was 155.4 lbs. Abreu was 158.4 lbs at Thursday's weigh-in

Golub is promoted by DiBella Entertainment and Fight Promotions. Holmes is promoted by DiBella Entertainment.

The fights can be seen live on UFC Fight Pass beginning at 11 PM ET.

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## **Split-T Management Fighters Post 4 Victories in Warren, Michigan**

NEW YORK (October 14, 2019)—This past Friday night, four members of the Split-T Management stable scored big wins at DeCarlos Convention Center in Warren, Michigan.

Undefeated super welterweight Ardreal Holmes (10-0) won a eight-round unanimous decision over Walter Wright in a super welterweight bout.

Holmes of Flint, Michigan, boxed his way to the victory by

keeping the veteran at bay, and won by scores of 80-72, 79-73 and 77-75.

Michael Moore was impressive in dominating Alex Hloros by scoring a 2nd round stoppage in their scheduled eight-round super middleweight bout.

Moore (18-3, 8 KOs) of Cleveland Ohio beat up Hloros until the corner threw in the towel at 2:47.

Anthony Barnes was impressive in defeating tough Kenneth Council but somehow the judges came back with a six-round split-decision for Barnes.

Barnes of Huntington Woods, Michigan, pushed the action and was the superior boxer and won by scores of 60-54, 58-56 and somehow a card was awarded to Council by a 59-55 tally.

Rolando Vargas needed just 59 seconds to take out Rashio Evans in a lightweight bout.

Vargas (4-0, 4 KOs) of Milwaukee landed a booming left that sent Evans down and out.

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## **TONIGHT            Four            Split-T Management's    Fighters    in Action in Warren, Michigan**

NEW YORK (October 11, 2019)—TONIGHT, four Members of the Split-T Management stable will be in action at DeCarlos Convention Center in Warren, Michigan.

Undefeated super welterweight Ardreal Holmes takes on the

capable Walter Wright in an eight-round bout; Michael Moore battles Alex Hloros in a six-round middleweight tussle; Undefeated super middleweight Anthony Barnes fights capable Kenneth Council; Undefeated super lightweight prospect Rolando Vargas battles Rashio Evans.

Holmes of Flint, Michigan has a record of 9-0 with four knockouts. The 25 year-old Holmes will be making his 2nd start of 2019. He is coming off a unanimous decision over Lanardo Tyner on May 18th.

Holmes, who was the number-one ranked amateur welterweight in the United States, competed in the Olympic Trials. As a professional, Holmes holds a 1st round stoppage over Bryan Goldsby (4-1).

Holmes is promoted by DiBella Entertainment.

Wright of Seattle, Washington maybe best known for competing on The Contender in 2006. He has a record of 17-7 with eight knockouts.

The 38 year-old has wins over Mike Hannash (2-0), Ray Craig (3-0), Darnell Boone (4-0-1), Vinroy Barrett (21-5), Dan Wallace (8-0) and Mark DeLuca (21-0).

Moore of Cleveland, Ohio has a record of 17-3 with seven knockouts.

The 33 year-old is a nine year-pro who made it to the semi-finals of the 2018 Contender as he defeated Malcolm McAllisiter (9-1) and Gerald Sherrell (9-1). This will be his 1st appearance of 2019.

Hloros of Mount Clemens, Michigan, has a record of 18-7-2 with 12 knockouts.

The 16 year-veteran has wins over Jason Wahr (1-0-2), & Jeremiah Jones (1-0-1). Hloros has faced world champions Rob Brant and Demetrius Andrade.

Barnes of Huntington Woods, Michigan is undefeated with a record of 11-0 with eight knockouts.

The 28 year-old is a seven year pro, and is making his 1st appearance of 2019. He is coming off a unanimous decision over Dwayne Williams on July 13, 2018.

In Council, Barnes is taking a step up in competition. Council of Knoxville, Tennessee has a record of 10-2-1 with eight knockouts. His only two defeats have been to undefeated fighters, which includes dropping a fight to Erickson Lubin.

Vargas of Milwaukee, Wisconsin is 3-0 with all three of his wins coming inside of two rounds. Just twenty years-old, Vargas was a 2017 National Junior Champion, and he has lived up to expectations in all of his victories. Two of his three knockouts have come against undefeated foes in Jessi Hackett, and in his last bout, Vargas took out Nathaniel Lee Davis in one round on July 19th in Oxon Hill, Maryland.

Evans, 0-1 is from Wilson, North Carolina

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## **Split-T Management's Holmes, Miller and Dixon Get Big Wins on Saturday Night**

NEW YORK (May 20, 2019) –Three cites, three wins for Split-T Management fighters this past Saturday night as Ardreal Holmes and Raquel Miller remained undefeated while Carlos Dixon scored a big knockout in his hometown.

Holmes went to 9-0 with a six-round unanimous decision over veteran Lanardo Tyner in Dearborn, Michigan.

The 24 year-old Holmes of Flint, Michigan was systematic in winning by shutout tallies on two cards at 60-54 and 58-56 to raise the former amateur star's record to 9-0.

Miller moved a step closer to winning a world championship as she captured the NABF Middleweight title with a 7th round stoppage over Erin Toughill in Hawaiian Gardens, California.

Miller of San Francisco knocked Toughill down in the 1st round with a body shot, and then she dropped Toughill with a vicious combination that was punctuated by a nasty left hook in the 7th round that sent Toughill to the canvas. Toughill got up, but was in no condition to continue, and the bout was stopped at 1:01.

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With the win, the fighter dubbed "Pretty Beast" is now 9-0 with four knockouts.

Also on Saturday night in Louisville, Kentucky, 22 year-old super bantamweight, Carlos Dixon stopped Jeno Tonte in the 2nd round of their scheduled six-round bout.

With the win over the 17 fight veteran, Dixon of Louisville, is now 8-1 with six knockouts.

Holmes and Miller are promoted by DiBella Entertainment.

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# **Split-T Management's Ardreal Holmes, Raquel Miller and**

# Carlos Dixon in action this weekend

NEW YORK (May 16, 2019) –Three members of the Split-T Management stable will be in action across the United States this weekend.

Undefeated super welterweight Ardreal Holmes takes on Lanardo Tyner in Dearborn, Michigan on Saturday; undefeated middleweight Raquel “Pretty Beast” Miller battles veteran Erin Toughill on Saturday night in Hawaiian Gardens, California; ; Also on Saturday, super featherweight Carlos Dixon will be in action against Jeno Tonte.

Holmes of Flint, Michigan has a record of 8-0 with four knockouts The 24 year-old Holmes.was the number-one welterweight in the US, had an outstanding amateur career that culminated in reaching the finals of the Olympic trials.

Holmes competed in over 80 amateur fights and won several major tournaments including the 2015 USA National Elite Championship.

Holmes also competed in several major international tournaments. In March 2016, he competed in the World Series of Boxing and scored a sensational knockout over Cyrus Patterson of Great Britain.

In Tyner, he has facing his most experienced foe who has wins over Gilbert Venegas (9-2-2), Antwone Smith (18-1-1), former world champion Vivian Harris (29-6-1), former world title challenger Charles Hatley (17-0-1), Tyrese Hendrix (21-3-1), Luis Eduardo Florez (22-5-2) and Cortez Chambliss (4-0).

Miller of San Francisco has a record of 8-0 with three knockouts, will be looking to continue her winning ways against the battle tested Toughill (7-4-1). Toughill has

battles Maricela Cornejo and Laila Ali.

Dixon, 22 years of Louisville has a record of 7-1 with five knockouts, takes on Tonte of Keckskmet, Hungary in an eight-round bout.

Tonte has a record of 9-7 with eight knockouts. Tonte will be making his 6th fight on American soil, and Dixon will be looking to solidify himself as a prospect in the 122-pound division.

Miller and Holmes are promoted by DiBella Entertainment.

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## **Split-T Management Prospects, Ardreal Holmes & Isaiah Steen Look to Stay Undefeated This Saturday in Columbus, Ohio**

NEW YORK (December 21, 2018) -Two highly regarded members of the Split-T Management stable will appear in separate bouts this Saturday at Promo West in Columbus, Ohio.

Undefeated junior middleweight Ardreal Holmes fights tough Lucius Jackson in scheduled six-round bout, while Isaiah Steen will take on Tyi Edmonds.

Holmes of Flint, Michigan, brings in a perfect mark of 7-0 with four knockouts.

The 24 year-old Holmes, who was the 2016 United States Olympic alternate will be making his 3rd ring appearance of 2018.

In his last bout, Holmes won a unanimous decision over Rick Graham in Shawnee, OK.

Johnson of Compton, California has a very deceiving mark of 4-4-1 with three knockouts.

In those four wins, Johnson holds victories over two undefeated foes in Daniel Rodriguez (1-0) and Oleg Zubenko (3-0), as well as a knockout win over Thomas Hill (6-1).

Holmes will be the 6th undefeated opponent for Johnson.

Steen of Cleveland, Ohio has a record of 11-0 with nine knockouts. The 22 year-old will be making his 2nd appearance of 2018, as he is coming off a 4th round stoppage over Cameron Burroughs on July 28th in Louisville, KY.

Steen will set the tone for his family, as he is the co-feature of this event as his brother, 2016 U.S. Olympian Charles Conwell will be the headliner.

Edmonds has a record of 11-3 with eight knockouts, will be Steen's toughest opponent to date.

Both Holmes and Steen are co-promoted by DiBella Entertainment and Holden Promotions.

The show is promoted by Team Tory Promotions and tickets are \$35 for Standing Room; \$40 for General Seating and \$60 for Ringside. 1st bell is at 7:30 P.M. E.T

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**ARDREAL            HOLMES            DESTROYS**



# DOMINIQUE FOSTER IN 2 ROUNDS

New York, NY (June 24, 2018)-Junior Middleweight Ardreal Holmes (6-0, 4 KOs) of Flint, Michigan remained undefeated as he stopped Dominique Foster after the 2nd round of their scheduled four-round bout at The International Banquet and Conference Center in Detroit.

Holmes landed hard straight shots from the southpaw stance on Foster, who had to retire on the stool after the 2nd round with a possible broken nose.

“I am very happy to get back in the ring and get some of the rust off,” said the victorious Holmes. “Hopefully my promoters can put me right back because I want to make up for lost time. It’s only a matter of time when everyone in boxing will know the name, Ardreal “Bossman” Holmes! ”

Holmes is managed by Split-T Management, and CEO David McWater was very happy to have 6’2” junior middleweight prospect back in the ring.

“Ardreal did what I expected him to do, which was impress the fans with an impressive stoppage. He has the frame, skills and power to win titles in 4 weight divisions and I expect him to do just that.”

## ABOUT SPLIT-T MANAGEMENT

Headed by David McWater, Split-T Management has amassed one of the top stables in boxing.

Their impressive roster includes:

World Rated Contenders

IBF Super Lightweight Mandatory Title Challenger Ivan Baranchyk

Welterweight “The New” Ray Robinson

Former Bantamweight Title Challenger Antonio Nieves

2016 Olympians

Lightweight Teofimo Lopez

Junior Middleweight Charles Conwell

Bantamweight Antonio Vargas

Undefeated Prospects

Heavyweights: Stephen Shaw, Marcus Carter, Yegor Plevako

Cruiserweights: Joshua Temple, “Mighty” Joe Jones

Light Heavyweights: Joseph Williams, Bortirali Mamajonov

Super Middleweights: Isiah Steen, DeAndre Ware, Isiah Jones

Middleweights: Marquis Moore, Raquel Miller

Junior Middleweights: Ardreal Holmes, Hurshidbek Normatov,  
Fred Wilson, Jr.

Welterweight’s Janelson Bocachica, Poindexter Knight, Mark  
Dawson, Boubacar Sylla, Brian Ceballo

Junior Lightweight: Erick De Leon