

An Odd Pair Make the Perfect Match for Kings Promotions

As winter weather approaches in the Northeast and 2019 draws to a close, boxing insiders have taken notice that the activity out of Kings Promotions is heating up. The company closed out 2019 by promoting a pair of back-to-back shows in Philadelphia and Harrisburg, PA that featured some of its top talent, including world ranked contenders Mykal Fox (22-1, 5 K0's) and Marcus Bates (11-1-1, 8 K0's) along with recent acquisitions Alycia Baumgardner (9-1, 6 K0's), Carlos Vidal (16-0, 15 K0's) and Michael Coffie (8-0, 5 K0's).

While the history and success of Kings Promotions can be attributed to its hard-charging founder and CEO Marshall Kauffman, it has caught a second wind in its new junior partner Andrew Foy, a medical doctor out of Hershey, PA. Foy

officially merged his company, the Harrisburg-based Titans Boxing Promotions, with Kauffman's in July of 2019 and settled under the KP banner. On the surface, the pair could not seem any more different.

Kauffman is a grizzled veteran of the sport whose reputation has been forged by years of making it the hard way in the industry; first as a fighter, then as a trainer and gym owner, followed by manager and lastly, as a promoter and matchmaker. His personality is gregarious, warm and welcoming but can change in an instant to intense and fiery – a trait that has generally served him well over the years. In a sport where the line between good and bad business is often blurred, standing up for one's own interests is vital for success.

Foy, on the other hand, is reserved and soft spoken but carries a quiet confidence. At only 38 years of age, he is regarded as a thought leader in the world of academic medicine. With over 50 peer-reviewed publications, several appearing in the world's leading journals, he has challenged the status quo on the overuse of medical tests and treatments, particularly in his field of cardiology, and has penned highly influential papers that call for a sea-change in how the medical profession approaches patient care. He is also a featured speaker in the Penn State College of Medicine whose lectures and seminars involve medical decision making, critical thinking, evidence appraisal and scientific skepticism. He is the recent recipient of a "New Innovator Award" grant from the Penn State Department of Medicine for an ambitious project that looks to apply novel approaches to determine whether results from landmark clinical trials in cardiovascular medicine apply to patients with multiple medical conditions.

If you think that Foy should stay

in his Ivory Tower and out of the seedy underworld of the boxing business, you would be like most others who have heard his story – a contradiction he revels in. In fact, his first real conversation with Kauffman over 3 years ago involved Kauffman advising him to stay out of boxing. While Foy partially resented it, he understood Kauffman's perspective that a doctor shouldn't get involved in the sport to make money because that is highly unlikely to occur at first, if ever, and there are far better ways to turn a buck. But making money was never Foy's primary intention and Kauffman, along with many others, have come to appreciate that.

Interestingly, Foy doesn't view himself as that different from Kauffman. He recognizes the stark difference in personalities between them but otherwise, thinks they are a lot alike especially in terms of their resiliency and work ethic. In fact, he thinks he might have gone down a similar road had his

family not detested his participation in the sport and strongly encouraged him to attend a liberal arts college that would take him away from his hometown gym and the boxing culture he grew accustomed to during his high school years.

But since returning to boxing as a promoter in 2017 he's been one of the busiest in the area, promoting 8 solo events and participating in several other co-promotions, all the while continuing to excel in his full-time gig. When asked why he began promoting, Foy just smiled before saying, "It just kind of happened. One chance occurrence lead to a series of events and 6 months later I found myself agreeing to promote a boxing event."

At first he knew nothing about how to do it but learned quickly. The hardest part for him, he admits, was being tough about the business-side of the sport. It wasn't that he didn't understand it but he found it challenging to separate his desire to help fighters advance their careers and put on great events with being able to say "no" to things that he knew were bad business.

Reflecting on his run with Titans Boxing, Foy believes that most people who paid attention probably thought he was more successful than he really was, particularly from a financial standpoint. He acknowledges that "perception is reality" and he staged the events in such a way that they really came across as something special in places like the Pennsylvania State Farm Show Complex and the Zembo Shrine Arena but the cost of the venues and the staging that went into them, along with the small population size of Harrisburg, was ultimately prohibitive to financial success.

Foy says he lost a lot of money, which is not something he regrets and his income from medicine allowed him to continue on without a hitch. He viewed it as a personal investment on a grand experiment that he was determined to succeed at and if not succeed, at least learn. And he enjoyed it too.

His greatest satisfaction came from working with Jamaal Davis (18-16-1), a rugged journeyman from Philadelphia who moved to Harrisburg and looked to rekindle his boxing career around the same time Foy promoted his first event. Davis would go on to have success fighting as the main event on Titans shows, winning two regional titles, and more-or-less becoming the face of professional boxing in Harrisburg. Foy not only promoted Davis but participated heavily in training him and the two developed a tremendous friendship.

But after Davis's one-sided loss to Tyrone Brunson in March of this past year in Philadelphia on an event that was co-promoted by Kings and Titans, in a show that saw 3 other Harrisburg fighters suffer devastating defeats, Foy thought long and hard about his own future in the sport. He wanted to be involved outside of Harrisburg, but knew he couldn't handle the work of promoting events by himself outside the immediate area where he lived and worked full-time.

He first decided to try his hand at management, a role he was already serving in unofficially for several of the fighters he promoted. But after making an unsuccessful run at a top-flight Philadelphia prospect, the opportunity to officially pair with Kauffman presented itself and Foy took it.

Despite the tension of their first conversation, Foy and Kauffman went on to develop a close working relationship over the time Foy led Titans Promotions, often exchanging fighters

for each other's shows. The two regarded each other as honest and reliable figures in the sport and were impressed with the other's events as well as ideas for how to improve. Prior to officially merging companies, they had even started a podcast as a way to speak directly to fans and fighters and promote upcoming events.

Merging companies made a lot of sense to Foy, who immediately recognized the value of collaboration based on his work in medical research. According to Foy, "I've found that I'm much more successful when I collaborate with other investigators. There's always ways to improve what you're doing or how you're thinking about a problem and hearing the perspective of another voice that you trust and respect is often what is needed to nudge you in a better direction or to even change course altogether. I don't see why it should be any different for running a boxing promotion company. Marshall and I each have separate strengths that we bring to the table and so far, the collaboration has been a success. Plus, I'm finding that I personally enjoy doing this more with a partner than on my own."

Since officially joining forces the pair have promoted more events than any other company on the East Coast. They have made major investments in acquiring new talent including the likes of Alycia Baumgardner, Carlos Vidal and Michael Coffie. They are also

making strong attempts to boost their social media imprint, engage new forms of advertising, and find creative ways to present themselves as the face of boxing in Pennsylvania and a major player on the national scene. They even officially re-branded and launched their podcast “In the Ring with Kings”, which is viewable live on Facebook and welcomes audience interaction and participation. And the pair believes they are only just getting started.

2020 will see Kings Promotions open strong with being part of a major event on January 18th as Julian Williams defends his WBA/IBF Junior Middleweight world titles against Jeison Rosario at the Liacouras Center in Philadelphia and live on FOX.

Then on February 8th, King’s Promotions will be a co-promoter on a SHOWTIME Championship Boxing show that will feature WBC Featherweight champion Gary Russell.

Just six-days later, King’s will be a co-promoter on a ShoBox: The New Generation card at The 2300 Arena in Philadelphia that will showcase the national television debut of undefeated super bantamweight Raese Aleem.

King's Promotions has been the most active promotional company in the United States by promoting a staggering 89 cards since 2014.

Alycia Baumgardner Stops Christina Del Valle Pacheco in opening round in Harrisburg, PA.

Harrisburg, PA (December 16, 2019)—Alycia Baumgardner was sensational in stopping Christina del valle Pacheco in the 1st round of their scheduled eight-round junior lightweight bout that headlined a nine-bout card at the Zembo Shrine in Harrisburg, Pa.

The show was promoted by King's Promotions.

Baumgardner sent Pacheco to the canvas in round one with a chopping right to the head. Baumgardner finished off Pacheco by landing a flush combination that left Pacheco defenseless and the bout was stopped at 1:46.

Baumgardner, 130 3/4 lbs of Freemont, OH is 9-1 with six knockouts. Pacheco, 128 1/2 lbs of Cordoba, ARG is 11-13-2.

"Alycia looked fantastic tonight, and showed that she is one of the top fighters in the world. She is ready and wanting to fight anybody in the world." said Marshall Kauffman, CEO of King's Promotions.

Carlos Vidal remained undefeated by stopping Jonathan Perez in the 2nd round of a scheduled six-round junior lightweight

fight.

Vidal started landing hard shots in the 2nd frame. He then landed a three-punch combination that wobbled Perez into the corner. A follow up flurry sent Perez down and the fight was stopped at 1:48.

Vidal, 128 1/2 lbs of Las Vegas is 16-0 with 15 knockouts. Perez, 128 3/4 lbs of Barranquilla, COL is 38-25.

James Bernadin stopped Nick Baez in the 2nd round of their scheduled four-round junior welterweight bout.

Bernadin landed several hard shots that backed up Baez before a huge overhand right to the jaw sent Baez down, and the fight was immediately called off at 1:57.

Bernadin, 141 lbs of Lancaster, PA is 3-0-1 with two knockouts. Baez, 136 lbs of Bronx, NY was making his pro debut.

Dewayne Williams stopped Brent Oren in the 1st round of their scheduled four-round middleweight bout.

Williams landed a thudding combination that was capped by a left to the jaw that sent Oren down. The fight was stopped upon Oren getting to his feet at 2:38

Williams, 160 1/2 lbs of Philadelphia is 2-2 with one knockout. Oren, 156 1/2 lbs of Harrisburg is 2-3.

Michael Coffie won a technical decision over Grover Young after Young suffered a cut in

round five of their scheduled six-round heavyweight bout.

In round two, Coffie sent Young down with a straight left to the head.

In round five, Young was cut over his left eye. Later in the round, the cut worsened to the point that the ringside

physician determined that the cut was too much, and the fight was halted.

Coffie, 273 3/4 lbs of Kissimmee, FL won by scores of 49-45 twice and 48-46, and is now 8-0. Young, 260 lbs of Memphis is 13-29-3.

Luis Morales remained undefeated with a four-round unanimous decision over Ayron Palmer in a lightweight battle.

Morales, 136 3/4 lbs of Harrisburg won by 40-36 tallies on all cards and is now 4-0. Palmer, 138 3/4 lbs of Tallahassee, FL is 0-3,

Roudly Lolo and Mike Diorio brawled their way to a four-round split draw in a super middleweight bout.

In round four, Lolo suffered a cut around his left eye.

Each guy took a card 39-37 and a 3rd card was 38-38.

Lolo, 165 1/2 lbs of Harrisburg was making his pro debut. Diorio, 167 3/4 lbs of Cortland, NY is 0-2-1.

Britain Hart and Unique Harris battled to a four-round split draw in a bantamweight fight.

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Hart, 118 1/4 lbs of Bedford, VA is 3-3-3. Harris, 118 1/4 lbs of Philadelphia is 1-3-1.

Khainell Wheeler remained undefeated with a 37 second destruction over Patrick Pierre in a scheduled four-round super middleweight bout.

Wheeler landed a left hook in the opening seconds in the bout that wobbled Pierre into the ropes. The follow up flurry saw Wheeler landed several flush punches to the head, and referee Gary Rosato called a halt to the action.

Wheeler, 167 lbs of Bethlehem, PA is 4-0 with four knockouts.
Pierre, 167 3/4 lbs of Brooklyn is 3-10.

Photos by Darryl Bugham

Alycia Baumgardner Ready Christina del valle Pacheco in the Main Event on Saturday Night at The Zembo Shrine in Harrisburg, PA

Harrisburg, PA (December 12, 2019)—Alycia Baumgardner (8-1, 5 KOs) will be looking to put on an emphatic performance when she appears in the headlining bout against Christina del valle Pacheco (11-12-2, 2 KOs) this Saturday night at The Zembo Shrine in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The card is promoted by King's Promotions.

Baumgardner, 25 years old of Fremont, Ohio, has a record of 8-1 with five knockouts, and has been working hard as she prepares for this coveted main event spot.

"My training camp has been amazing. This probably the best camp that I have had so far," said Baumgardner.

Baumgardner knows that being the headliner is a chance to raise her profile, and that is something she is not taking lightly.

"It is an awesome opportunity to be the main event. Not only

does it showcase me, but it showcases women's boxing. I want to show everybody who I am and what I represent."

She knows that she has a tough foe in the native of Argentina, Pacheco, but Baumgardner is ready for the challenge.

"My opponent is a veteran fighter who fought for a world title and she is very experienced. so I have prepared very hard for this fight."

Baumgardner believes that when the calendar turns to 2020, she will make a breakthrough and be recognized as one of the top fighters in the world.

"2020 will be a fruitful year. I think the public will get a good look on who I am, and since signing with King's Promotions, I have been promoted well. I am keeping busy and getting the fights that I need to get. I am ready for anybody, and that's facts. You will have to tune in on Saturday to see "The Bomb""

The 39 year-old Pacheco is a 13 year-professional who in her last bout lost to Yazmin Rivas for the WBA Bantamweight title on November 10, 2018 in Tijuana, Mexico.

New King's Promotions signee Carlos Vidal (15-0, 14 KOs) of North Las Vegas will also be in action in an eight-round lightweight bout against 62-fight veteran Jonathan Perez (38-24, 30 KOs) of Barranquilla, Colombia

Undefeated heavyweight Michael Coffie (7-0, 5 KOs) of Brooklyn, New York will be in action against crafty Grover Young (13-28-3, 9 KOs) of Memphis, TN in a six-round bout

In four-round bouts:

Luis Morales (2-0) of Harrisburg, PA will take on Ayron Palmer (0-2) of Tallahassee, FL in a lightweight fight.

Roudly Lolo of Harrisburg, PA will make his pro debut against

Mike Diorio (0-2) of Cortland, NY in a middleweight contest.

Brent Oren (2-2) of Harrisburg, PA takes Dewayne Williams (1-2) of Philadelphia in a middleweight bout.

Unique Harris (1-3) of Philadelphia will fight Britain Hart (3-3-2, 2 KOs) of Bedford, VA in a lightweight fight.

James Bernadin (2-0-1, 1 KO) of Lancaster, PA squares off with pro debuting Nick Baez of Bronx, NY in a lightweight bout.

Khainell Wheeler (3-0, 3 KOs) of Bethlehem, PA fights Patrick Pierre (3-9, 1 KO) of Brooklyn in a light heavyweight bout.

Tickets for this outstanding evening are \$25, \$50 and \$400 for VIP tables and can be purchased by [CLICKING HERE](#)

The Zembo-Shine Auditorium is located at 2801 North 3rd Street, #2 in Harrisburg.

It's Fight Week in Harrisburg, PA

Harrisburg, PA (December 9, 2019)—Fresh off her win on November 2nd, lightweight Alycia Baumgardner will be right back in action on THIS SATURDAY NIGHT, December 14th when she headlines against former world title challenger Christina del valle Pacheco an eight-bout card at the Zembo Shrine in Harrisburg, PA.

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Perez of Barranquilla, Colombia has a record of 38-24 with 30 knockouts.

The 32 year-old is a 14 year-veteran who has wins over Gustavo Sandoval (7-1-1), Hugo Berrio (15-2) and former world title challenger Gamalier Rodriguez (25-3-3).

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Undefeated heavyweight Michael Coffie (7-0, 5 KOs) of Brooklyn, New York will be in action against an opponent to be named in six-round bout.

Also in six-round bouts:

Angel Rivera (5-1, 4 KOs) of Harrisburg, PA fights an opponent to be named in a cruiserweight bout.

In four-round bouts:

Luis Morales (2-0) of Harrisburg, PA will take on an opponent to be named in a lightweight fight.

Carl Murphy (2-2, 2 KOs) of Harrisburg, PA boxes Khainell Wheeler (3-0, 2 KOs) of Behemoth, PA in a super middleweight

fight.

Brent Oren (2-2) of Harrisburg, PA takes Dillon Kasprzak (1-2, 1 K0) of Philadelphia in a middleweight bout.

Stafford Weddeburn of Harrisburg makes his pro debut against Lawrence Gabriel (3-2-1, 2 K0s) of Syracuse, NY in a heavyweight contest.

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King's Promotions Sign Undefeated Featherweight Carlos Vidal and Re-Signs Undefeated Heavyweight Michael Polite Coffie

Reading, PA (October 14, 2019)– King's Promotions has announced the signing of undefeated featherweight Carlos Vidal as well as re-signing undefeated heavyweight Michel Polite Coffie.

"We at King's Promotions have high expectations for both of these undefeated fighters. We are extremely proud of these signings , and cannot wait for them to get back in the ring," said King's Promotions CEO, Marshall Kauffman.

Vidal of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico and now resides in North Las Vegas, Nevada has a record of 15-0 with 14 knockouts.

Vidal was a two-time Puerto Rican National Champion with an amateur record of 104 wins against just 10 losses.

Since turning professional in 2016, Vidal has a win over Antonio Castro (5-1). In his last bout, Vidal stopped Jesus Ricardo Armenta on May 25th in Mexico.

Vidal has stopped his last four opponents.

Coffie of Brooklyn, New York, has a record of 6-0 with five knockouts.

Coffie turned professional on November 21, 2017 with a 1st round stoppage over Ralph Alexander.

Coffie is coming off a 2nd round stoppage over Eduardo Vitela on March 29th in Philadelphia.

He was the number-one ranked amateur super heavyweight

Coffie won the 2017 New York Daily News Open Champion where he defeated the number-one ranked fighter in the United States, Nkosi Solomon.

Before boxing, Michael and his nine siblings were removed from care from their drug addicted mother, and awarded to the state of New York. At age two, he was put into foster care and bounced from family to family in each section of Brooklyn.

One he reached his teenage years, Michael was placed in a stable family in Malverne, New York.

Michael then relocated to Brooklyn and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Michael served for eight years, which included tours in Afghanistan.