

Split-T Management Fighters Andreas Katzourakis and Dontae Layne Impressive in Atlanta

NEW YORK (August 29, 2023) -Split-T Management fighters turned in impressive outings over the weekend.

Friday night in Atlanta, Andreas Katzourakis came off the deck to score an eighth and final round stoppage over Raphael Igbokwe in a middleweight contest.

Just 30 seconds into the fight, Igbokwe dropped Katzourakis with a short left.

That was short lived as Katzourakis turned things around and started to take control of the fight as early as round two.

In round five, Katzourakis had a big round as he hurt Igbokwe several times with big flurries. In round eight, Katzourakis poured on the pressure and landed 11 unanswered and flush shots that forced a referee stoppage at 2:18.

The performance from Katzourakis drew great reviews from fans who were commenting on social media, as most were looking forward to seeing the Greek warrior in action very soon.

Katzourakis, 160 lbs of Athens, GRE is now 11-0 with nine knockouts. Igbokwe, 160 lbs of Houston, TX is 16-5.

Donte Layne made a terrific pro debut by stopping Nathan Mitchell in the opening round of their four-round super middleweight bout.

In round one, Layne dumped Mitchell on the canvas with a hard left hand. Seconds later, Layne landed another hard left hand

to the head that put Mitchell down and out at 2:29.

Layne, 166.8 lbs of Elmhurst, NY is 1-0 with one knockout. Mitchell, 166 lbs of Tupelo, MS is 0-2-1.

The 20 year-old Layne is a native of Elmont, New York.

Layne began boxing at the age of eight after his family would have backyard fights, and young Donte wanted to go to the gym.

Layne had an 85 fight amateur career that saw him go 74-11. He won the 2015 and 2017 Junior Olympics as well as a 2017 Silver Gloves title. Layne also won four U.S. National titles, which included the 2021 Elite National Championship and the 2022 Elite National Golden Gloves and National Championship.

He competed at 165 pounds and will campaign as a super middleweight in the professional ranks.

The 6'1" Layne is trained by Anthony Santiago and Kenyatta Harris.

Mitchell of Senatobia, Mississippi is 0-1-1.

Saturday night San Juan, Puerto Rico, featherweight Yan Santana kept his perfect knockout streak intact as he stopped previously undefeated Jostin Ortiz Maysonet in round one of their six-round bout.

With the win, the 23 year-old native of La Romana, Dominican Republic is 9-0 with nine knockouts. Maysonet is the third straight undefeated fighter to fall to the emerging Santana and he is now 4-1.

Saturday night at The Showboat in Atlantic City, Split-T Management's Christopher Pearson battled to a 10-round split draw with Derrick Webster in fight for the NBA Super Middleweight world title.

The bout was closely contested with Pearson landing the harder

blows and very good body work.

Each fighter won a card 96-94 and a third card was even at 95-95.

Pearson is now 17-3-1. Webster is 29-4-1.

Andreas Katzourakis, Luis Acosta, Czarina McCoy & The Pro Debut of Donte Layne Tonight in Atlanta

NEW YORK (August 23, 2023) – Tonight in Atlanta, Four Split-T Management fighters will be featured on week for of the OTX Boxing Series that will be streamed live on DAZN beginning at 8:30 PM ET.

In an eight-round middleweight bout, undefeated **Andreas Katzourakis** will take on Raphael Igbokwe.

Katzourakis of Athens, Greece and now makes Los Angeles home, is 10-0 with eight knockouts. The 25 year-old has wins over Edward Brown (7-1) and Rodrigo Octavio Gonzalez (5-1-2). Katzourakis is coming off a fifth round stoppage over Marcelo Fabian Bzowski on June 17th in Houston.

Igbokwe of Houston is 16-4 with seven knockouts. The 30 year-old has two wins over Genc Plana as well as victories over Juan Carlos Rodriguez (18-2).

In a six-round lightweight fight, **Luis Acosta** will fight Christian Barreto Gonzalez.

Acosta of Houston is 13-1 with 12 knockouts. The heavy-handed 27 year-old Acosta won his first 12 bouts and is coming off a fourth round stoppage over Abdel Saucedo (11-1) on August 13, 2022 in Houston.

Gonzalez of Arecibo, Puerto Rico is 9-0 with seven knockouts. The 26 year-old Gonzalez is coming off a fifth round stoppage over Willy Morrillo Sanchez on August 5, 2022 in The Dominican Republic.

In a six-round lightweight contest, **Czarina McCoy** will be making her Split-T debut when she takes on Carisse Brown.

McCoy of Las Vegas is 11-1 with three knockouts. The 22 year-old McCoy is coming off a 10-round unanimous decision over Monica Henao on December 17, 2022 in Mexico.

Brown of Lakeland, Florida is 9-6 with six knockouts. The 36 year-old Brown has a win over previously undefeated Alicia Amaro (3-0)

In a four-round super middleweight fight, **Donte Layne** will make his pro debut against Nathan Mitchell.

The 20 year-old Layne is a native of Elmont, New York.

Layne began boxing at the age of eight after his family would have backyard fights, and young Donte wanted to go to the gym.

Layne had an 85 fight amateur career that saw him go 74-11. He won the 2015 and 2017 Junior Olympics as well as a 2017 Silver Gloves title. Layne also won four U.S. National titles, which included the 2021 Elite National Championship and the 2022 Elite National Golden Gloves and National Championship.

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The 6'1" Layne is trained by Anthony Santiago and Kenyatta Harris.

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Saturday night at The Showboat in Atlantic City, in a 10-round bout featuring **Christopher Pearson** taking on Derrick Webster for the NBA Super Middleweight championship.

Pearson of Selma, Texas is 17-3 with 12 knockouts. The 32-year-old Pearson won his first 13 bouts with wins over Arturo Crespin (10-2-1), Acaclo Jose Fereira (13-0-1), Steven Martinez (15-1), Siad El Harrak (12-2) and Janks Trotter (9-1-1). Pearson also has wins over Joshua Okine (28-6-1) and world title challenger Yamaguchi Falcao (16-0).

Webster of Glassboro, New Jersey has a record of 29-4 with 14 knockouts. The 41 year-old Webster is a 14 year-professional who has defeated Obodai Sai (23-1), Thomas Awimbono (25-5), Frankie Filippone (22-5-1), Francisco Cordero (38-9) and his last outing when he won a six-round unanimous decision over Christian Thomas on April 29th in Philadelphia.

Joe Frazier Jr. and Mis Downing Promotions Presents Championship Boxing on Saturday, August 26th at The Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (AUGUST 19, 2023)—On Saturday night, August 26th, Joe Frazier Jr. and Mis Downing Promotions will present

a night of championship boxing that will coincide with [the previously announced Ultimate Experience Weekend.](#)

The boxing card will take place at The Showboat Hotel and will be headlined by a 10-round bout featuring Derrick Webster taking on Christopher Pearson for the NBA Super Middleweight championship.

Webster of Glassboro, New Jersey has a record of 29-4 with 14 knockouts. The 41 year-old Webster is a 14 year-professional who has defeated Obodai Sai (23-1), Thomas Awimbono (25-5), Frankie Filippone (22-5-1), Francisco Cordero (38-9) and his last outing when he won a six-round unanimous decision over Christian Thomas on April 29th in Philadelphia.

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In the eight-round co-feature, Shinard Bunch will take on Abraham Afful in a super lightweight contest.

Bunch of Trenton, NJ has a record of 20-2-1 with 16 knockouts. The 24 year-old is a four-year professional who has wins over Shyngyskhan Tazhibay (9-1-1) and former world title challenger Hank Lundy. Bunch is coming off a split decision loss to Bryan Flores on April 7th in Brooks, California.

Afful of Accra, Ghana is 12-5-1 with all of his wins coming via knockout. The 26 year-old is a 13 year professional who has a win over Joseph Tagoe (2-0). Afful has lost two straight and is looking to get back in the win column after losing to Angel Beltran Villa on June 23rd in Ontario, California.

In a six-round super bantamweight bout, Devin Gantt (4-0, 4

KOs) of Sicklerville, NJ takes on Kevin Traynor (1-4, 1 K0 of Denny, Scotland.

Nimal Farmer (4-0, 4 KOs) of Lindenwold, NJ fights Nelson Morales (4-8,1 K0) of Scranton, PA in a junior welterweight contest.

In four-round bouts:

Khaalid Billings (1-0) of Queens,NY takes on Aaron Nemones (1-3) of Atlantic City in a welterweight contest.

Stanley Johnson (1-0, 1 K0) of Houston Squares off with Charles Johnson (2-7, 1 K0) of Upper Marlboro, Maryland in a heavyweight scrap.

Tickets are \$150 for Premium Floor, \$125 for Premium Balcony, \$90 for General Floor and \$65 for General Balcony and can be purchased [BY CLICKING HERE](#)

VIDEO: Gabriel Pham talks about his big win over Derrick Webster

Gabriel Pham Expecting Big Victory Over Derrick Webster This Saturday Night at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and Casino

Atlantic City, NJ (March 6, 2020)—Atlantic City native Gabriel Pham believes that he is ready to even the score with Derrick Webster when they meet this Saturday night in an eight-round super middleweight main event at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and Casino.

The card is promoted by Hard Hitting Promotions.

Pham, who has had several stops and starts in his career, is ready for a victory that will put him on the map in the super middleweight division. Pham has been training with world championship trainer, Raul “Chino” Rivas, and has been working hard in preparation for this bout.

“Training camp was good. I have been preparing for this bout for a while. As soon I was able to start training after my last fight, I started camp for Saturday night,” said Pham.

One of the big motivating factors for Pham was an amateur bout, which was the last one for Webster before he turned pro, where Webster defeated Pham.

“He beat me as an amateur,” continued Pham. “That is why I want this fight, but we are completely different fighters. He talked about when we sparred, we are different fighters from that point as well.”

Being in Atlantic City, Pham has something to prove to the

hometown fans as this will be the the 10th time that Pham has laced up the gloves in the boardwalk town."

"It's a big fight, and because it is in my hometown, people will talk about it. Heck I live about three blocks from Ballys, so yes I am excited about this fight."

Taking on a formidable opponent in Webster is what Pham wanted as he only wants to fight quality opposition in order to achieve what he wants, and that is to be a world champion.

"I am coming off a loss in my last bout to Ievgen Khytrov, and now I am fighting Derrick. I want to take on guys in the top-50 and then top-20, top-15 and so on. When I win on Saturday night, that will help me get to those goals."

"I actually want to possibly move down to 160 pounds, I have been eating three-times a day and have been drinking, but the motivation to get even for that amateur fight is the reason why I took this fight. I saw that he feels that I am not on his level, and he can talk all that he wants to, but I know he respects me."

Pham also has another big and personal reason to perform on Saturday.

"I want to dedicate the fight to people battling Mental Health Issues. I have been battling depression for about 10 years. I think it is so great what Tyson Fury has done in making awareness of this. I just want everyone to know that Saturday night will be a great fight."

Said Pham's Manager Rich Masini, "Gabriel is very confident and this is the nest that I have seen him mentally and physically as he went into a fight."

In six-round Bouts:

Anthony Young (21-2, 8 KOs) of Atlantic City battles Jorge Martin Garcia (13-7-1, 3 KOs) of Buenos Aires, Argentina in a

six-round welterweight bout.

Jeremy Cuevas (12-1, 9 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on Nestor Hugo Paniagua (26-9-2, 17 KOs) of Santa Fe, Argentina in an lightweight bout.

Christian Tapia (10-0, 9 KOs) of Coamo, Puerto Rico fights Carlos Colon (5-2, 2 KOs) of Hatillo, Puerto Rico in a super featherweight contest.

Thomas Velasquez (9-0-1, 5 KOs) of Philadelphia squares off with Gustavo Molina (24-21, 9 KOs) of Tlaxcala, Mexico in a lightweight fight.

Isiah Seldon (13-3-1, 4 KOs) of Atlantic City fights Darryl Bunting (4-6-2, 2 KOs) of Asbury Park, NJ in a six-round super middleweight fight.

In four-round bouts:

Benny Sinakin (5-0, 3 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on Leroy Jones (3-7, 2 KOs) of Saint Louis in a light heavyweight contest.

THE WEIGH IN WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY AT THE BOOK AT BALLYS AT 3 PM ET

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Derrick Webster Confident of

Knockout Performance Against Gabriel Pham This Saturday Night at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and Casino

Atlantic City, NJ (March 5, 2020)—This Saturday night, super middleweight contender Derrick Webster (28-2, 14 KOs) views Gabriel Pham (11-2, 5 KOs) a mere steppingstone as they meet in an eight-round bout that will serve as the main event at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and Casino.

The card is promoted by Hard Hitting Promotions.

Webster of Glassboro, New Jersey is supremely confident as he enters will is being billed as a South Jersey Super Middleweight Showdown.

“My camp was amazing. I was scheduled to fight in October, but my opponent came in way over weight. I took about two days off, and was right back in the gym. I then got a call to fight Demond Nicholson, but then we were offered this fight.”

There is some familiarity with Pham as Webster defeated Pham in Webster’s last amateur bout and the two have sparred.

“When I sparred with him, I was told by trainers to take it easy and hold back on my punches. So that’s all you have to know.”

“He does not have a chance of beating me. I have nothing to worry about in this bout. This fight is more for him then it its for me. He does not impose a threat. There is no one on his resume with my ability and in his last bout he was knocked out by Ievgen Khytrov from a body shot.”

Despite Pham being from Atlantic City, Webster feels that he

is the hometown fighter as this will be his 6th bout on the boardwalk.

“Atlantic City is my town. I have been headlining here since very early in my career. They love me in Atlantic City. The only reason that he is in a main event is because of me. The only reason that he is on any billboards is because of me. He has to be on top of his game to be competitive with me. I am looking down the road at world title bouts, where he has never been ranked. The bottom line is that I will not be happy with my performance if I don’t knock him out.”

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Anthony “Juice” Young To Take on Jorge Martin Garcia in Co-Feature bout on Saturday, March 7th at Bally's Atlantic City Hotel and Casino

Atlantic City, NJ (March 4, 2020)– Local favorite Anthony “Juice” Young will take on Jorge Martin Garcia in the eight-round welterweight co-feature bout, this Saturday night, March 7th at Bally's Atlantic City Hotel and Casino.

The show, which is promoted by Hard Hitting Promotions will be headlined by a eight-round South Jersey Super Middleweight Showdown between Derrick Webster (28-2, 14 KOs) of Glassboro and Gabriel Pham (11-2, 5 KOs) of Atlantic City

Young has a record of 21-2 with eight knockouts. The 32 year-old Young is a nine-year professional who has wins over Jose Javier Calderon (4-1) and his last bout when he burst into contendership when he stopped former junior middleweight world champion Sadam Ali (27-2) in three rounds on May 4th in Las Vegas.

Young will be making his 13th appearance in Atlantic City.

Garcia of Buenos Aries, Argentina, has a record of 13-7-1 with three knockouts. The 35 year-old Garcia is a 14 year veteran who has shared the ring with two-time world title challenger Fernando Saucedo and former world title challenger Juan Jose Velasco. Garcia is coming off a unanimous decision victory over Dario Baigorria on October 19th in Buenos Aries. This will be Garcia's 1st fight outside of Argentina.

This will be 1st card staged by Hard Hitting Promotions as part of a series of boxing events at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and Casino. Hard Hitting Promotions has grown into one of the biggest promotions in the Tri-State Area as they have been the 1st to promote fights at SugarHouse Casino, The Filmore and Met Philadelphia. Hard Hitting Promotions also was the last promoter to host fights at The Tropicana in Atlantic City and spearheaded the 1st ShoBox: The Generation card in Philadelphia.

In six-round Bouts:

Jeremy Cuevas (12-1, 9 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on Nestor Hugo Paniagua (26-9-2, 17 KOs) of Santa Fe, Argentina in an lightweight bout.

Christian Tapia (10-0, 9 KOs) of Coamo, Puerto Rico fights Carlos Colon (5-2, 2 KOs) of Hatillo, Puerto Rico in a super featherweight contest.

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Atlantic City Favorites Anthony "Juice" Young Plus DeCarlo Perez as well as undefeated Thomas Velasquez added to Huge Fight card on Saturday, March 7th at Bally's Atlantic City Hotel and Casino

Atlantic City, NJ (February 19, 2020)– Some more local flavor has been added to an already terrific night of boxing that will take place on Saturday, March 7th at Bally's Atlantic City Hotel and Casino.

Atlantic City natives in welterweight contender, Anthony "Juice" Young plus super middleweight DeCarlo Perez pas well

as undefeated super featherweight Thomas Velasquez will be added to an impressive lineup that will be headlined by a eight-round South Jersey Super Middleweight Showdown between Derrick Webster and Gabriel Pham.

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Young will be making his 13th appearance in Atlantic City.

Perez has a record of 17-6-1 with five knockouts, will be competing in a six-round super middleweight bout. The 28 year-old Perez is a 10 year-professional who has wins over Shamone Alvarez (21-5), Dante Moore (8-0-2), Jamar Freeman (9-1-2), Marcus Willis (13-3-2), Tyrone Bruns (22-2-1), Jesse Nicklow (24-5-3), Juan Ubaldo Cabblera (23-0), Lanell Bellows (16-1-1),. In his last bout, Perez won an eight-round unanimous decision over cross-town rival Antowyan Aikens on September 8, 2018 in Atlantic City.

Perez will making his 10th hometown start.

Velasquez of Philadelphia has a record of 9-0-1 with five knockouts. The 24 year-old Velasquez is a five year professional, has Grashino Yancy (1-0). In his last bout, Velasquez battled to a draw with Tyrome Jones on September 19, 2017 in Bethlehem, Pa.

Opponents for Young, Perez and Velasquez will be announced shortly

Besides those four aforementioned bouts, Isiah Seldon (13-3-1, 4 KOs) of Atlantic City fights Darryl Bunting (4-6-2, 2 KOs) of Asbury Park, NJ in a six-round super middleweight fight.

Jeremy Cuevas (12-1, 9 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on an opponent to be named in an lightweight bout.

Christian Tapia (10-0, 9 KOs) of Coamo, Puerto Rico fights Carlos Colon (5-2, 2 KOs) of Hatillo, Puerto Rico in a super featherweight contest.

Jan Carlos Rivera (4-0, 4 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on an opponent to be named in a super lightweight contest.

In four-round bouts:

Benny Sinakin (5-0, 3 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on Francisco Neto (1-8, 1K0) of Woburn, Mass. in a light heavyweight contest.

Jeff Lentz (5-1, 1 K0) of Lanoka Harbor, NJ takes on an opponent to be named in a middleweight fight.

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**Derrick Webster Battles
Gabriel Pham in South Jersey
Super Middleweight Showdown
on Saturday, March 7th at
Ballys Atlantic City Hotel**

and Casino

Atlantic City, NJ (February 4, 2020)– Popular South Jersey based super middleweights, Derrick Webster and Gabriel Pham will meet in the main event as Hard Hitting Promotions makes it debut at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and Casino on Saturday night, March 7th.

The bout will highlight a eight-bout card.

Webster of Glassboro, New Jersey has a record of 28-2 with 14 knockouts.

The 37 year-old Webster is a 11-year professional who has wins over Obadai Sai (23-1), Thomas Awimbono (25-5), Frankie Filippone (22-5-1) & Francisco Cordero (38-9). Webster is coming off a decision loss to undefeated Lennox Allen on February 15, 2019 in Hinckley, Minnesota.

Pham of Atlantic City has a record of 11-2 with five knockouts.

The 30 year-old Pham is also a 11-year professional who has wins over Michael Glenn (2-0), Chauncey Fields (4-1), & Jaba Khositashvili (4-0). Pham is coming off a stoppage defeat to Ievgen Khytrov on August 1st in Monroeville, Pennsylvania.

Fighters scheduled to appear on the undercard will be lightweight Jeremy Cuevas (12-1, 9 KOs) of Philadelphia; junior lightweight Christian Tapia (10-0, 9 KOs) of Coamo, Puerto Rico; light heavyweight Benny Sinikin (5-0, 3 KOs) of Philadelphia; junior welterweight Tre'Sean Wiggins (11-4-3, 6 KOs) of Newburgh, New York; super lightweight Jan Carlos Rivera (4-0, 4 KOs) of Philadelphia; middleweight Isiah Seldon (13-3-1, 4 KOs) of Atlantic City; super welterweight Jeff Lentz (5-1, 1 KO) of Lanoka Harbor, NJ. All opponents Plus more bouts will be announced Shortly.

Tickets are on Wednesday, February 5th for \$100 for VIP, \$65 for Ringside and \$50 for VIP and can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com and at The Caesars Box Office.

Undefeated Heavyweight Darmani Rock Headlines Against Maurenzo Smith as part of “Philly vs. Dallas” on Saturday, October 19th at The Met Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (October 9, 2019)—Hostilities between Philadelphia has been prominent for years on the gridiron and more recently in the Hockey rink, and on Saturday night, October 19th add boxing to the rivalry as Undefeated Heavyweight Darmani Rock will headline in an eight-round bout against Maurenzo Smith the 3rd installment of The Met Boxing Series on at The Met Philadelphia.

The show is promoted by Hard Hitting Promotions and Live Nation.

The card, which will have several Philadelphia vs. Dallas matchups will fall on the weekend where The professional sports teams of each city will also meet in football and Hockey.

Rock of North Philadelphia, who is promoted by Roc Nation Sports, has a record of 16-0 with 11 knockouts.

The 23 year-old will be making his 3rd start of 2019 and his 6th appearance in his hometown. Included in his 16 victories is a 1st round stoppage over Carlos Cotto (8-1-1). Rock is coming off a 2nd round stoppage over Raymond Ocheng on June 14th in Jacksonville, Florida.

Smith who is originally from Houston, but for the past five-years has called Dallas home, has a record of 21-11-4 with 14 knockouts.

Smith has wins over Robbie McClimans (3-0), Ty Cobb (16-4) and Donald Caples (21-5-1). Smith has also fought world champions Andy Ruiz, Shannon Briggs & Charles Martin.

Smith is coming off a 1st round stoppage over Marvin Hunt in June 15th in Forrest City, Arkansas.

Appearing in an eight-round super middleweight bout will be Derrick Webster (28-2, 14 KOs) of Glassboro, New Jersey taking in Francisco Javier Castro (28-11, 23 KOs) of El Paso, Texas

In six-round bouts

Jeremy Cuevas (11-1, 8 KOs) of Philadelphia battles Rondale Hubbert (13-9-2, 8 KOs) of Fargo, ND in a super lightweight bout.

Gadwin Rosa (10-1, 8 KOs) of Ocala, FL fights Danny Flores (15-17-1, 8 KO) of Mexico City n a super featherweight contest

Christian Tapia (9-0, 8 KOs) of of Camden, New Jersey via Coaamo, PR takes on Jorge Luis Santos Guzman (7-8-1, 2 KOs) of Monterrey, Mexico in super featherweight fight.

in Four-round bouts:

Benny Sinkain (4-0, 2 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on Ferris Golden (1-0) of Findley, OH in a battle of undefeated light heavyweights.

Jan Carlos Rivera (3-0, 3 KOs) of Philadelphia will take on Ricardo Escajeda (4-16-1, 2 KOs) of Monterrey, Mexico in a welterweight fight.

Tahmir Smalls (1-0, 1 KO) appears in a welterweight bout.

Tickets start at \$25 and are on sale now at www.TheMetPhilly.com or 1-800-745-3000. VIP Premium packages which include box seats, beer and cocktails, food options, private space, access to the Citi Grande Salle and other amenities are also available at 610-784-5438.

The Philly vs. Dallas Night of Live Boxing is the third in an ongoing series at The Met Philadelphia produced by Live Nation Philadelphia in association with Hard Hitting Promotions. The Met Philadelphia once held regular boxing events from 1939 until 1954. Now, newly restored, The Met Philadelphia is again hosting live boxing events.

In addition to the Philadelphia and Dallas football teams competing on Sunday, October 20; the Philadelphia and Dallas hockey teams will tangle in Philadelphia on Saturday, October 19.

The Metropolitan Opera House held regular boxing events from 1939 until 1954. Now, newly restored, The Met Philadelphia will again hold live boxing events.

Originally built in 1908 by opera impresario Oscar Hammerstein, the iconic venue recently completed a massive \$56 million restoration that combines spectacular live entertainment with remarkable food and drink options to create an unparalleled guest experience. The venue's transformation is the crown jewel of North Broad Street's renaissance.