

# Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna to battle 54-fight veteran Carlos Winston Velasquez in main event on Saturday, June 10 at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (May 31, 2017)–Welterweight contender Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna will take on 54-fight veteran Carlos Winston Velasquez in the main event of of a stacked card on Saturday, June 10th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The show is promoted by Rising Promotions.

LaManna of Millville, New Jersey will compete in a bout scheduled for eight-rounds.

The 25 year-old LaManna has a record of 22-2 with nine knockouts.

This will be LaManna’s 5th appearance at The Claridge, and 15th start in Atlantic City.

“I have something big planned for the rest of 2017, but I have to handle Velasquez first. I’m talking meaningful titles against meaningful names. I want to keep fighting guys with the experience this way going in to another big fight, I know I’ll be 100%.” said LaManna

“Camp has been awesome with coach Charles Johnson, coach Vince Jackson and Strength and Conditioning with former IBF Cruiserweight Champion Imamu Mayfield.”

“We are looking for another great night at The Claridge,” said

Debbie LaManna of Rising Promotions. "We continue to put on great shows, and June 10th will be no different. We feel that the momentum of our shows is starting to help the restoration of boxing in Atlantic City."

"After Thomas gets through this fight, We will be going to be looking for a regional title belt in one of the the four recognized organizations. If we win that and defend that a couple of times and move through the ratings of the sanctioning bodies, Thomas can earn himself a world title shot," said Vinny LaManna.

Velasquez of Managua, Nicaragua has a record of 24-28-2 with 15 knockouts.

The 37 year-old Velasquez has been a professional since 2005, and has some quality wins on his resume over Danilo Moises Solis (18-1), Maisael Castillo (20-0).

Velasquez has also been in the ring with former world champion Jose Alfaro (21-4), former world title challengers Daniel Estrada (17-1), Michele Di Rocco (25-1-1), Petr Petrov (24-2-2), Matt Zegan (38-5), Rene Gonzalez (28-4-1), Luis Cruz (20-2) & Hank Lundy (25-5-1) as well as contenders Luciano Cuello (25-1), Aaron Herrera (20-0), Mahonry Montes (22-0-1), Adrian Granados (12-2-1) & Dusty Hernandez Harrison (26-0).

In his last bout, Velasquez went the distance before dropping a decision to Josue Vargas on March 24th in Orlando, Florida.

In the eight-round co-feature, it will be a battle of welterweight's as local favorite Anthony "Juice" Young will take on George Sosa.

Young of Atlantic City has a record of 16-2 with six knockouts.

Sosa of New Jersey has a record of 15-8 with all 15 wins coming via knockout.

The 30 year-old Sosa is a six-year professional, who began his career in the Dominican Republic with six consecutive knockouts.

Sosa's losses have come to fighters who had a combined record of 87-7-1 and they included Three undefeated fighters plus contenders Ray Robinson and Ed Peredes.

Sosa has won two consecutive bouts by knockout as in his most recent effort he stopped Jesus Pascual in three rounds on October 29, 2016 in the Dominican Republic.

In six-round bouts:

Gabriel Pham (8-1, 4 KO's) of Pleasantville, NJ will take on Edgar Perez (7-20, 3 KO's) of Chicago, IL super middleweight bout.

Frederick Julian (4-0, 2 KO's) of Cambaul, France will take on an opponent to be named 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 an opponent to be named in a junior middleweight tilt.

Tomas Romain (2-1) of Brooklyn, NY will fight Lamont White

(1-7, 1 K0) of Washington, DC in a lightweight bout.

Marcus Lugo of Vineland, NJ will make his pro debut against an opponent to be named in a lightweight 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](http://www.rspboxing.com)

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## **Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna headlines on Saturday, June 10th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City**

Atlantic City, NJ (May 12, 2017)—Welterweight contender Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna will headline a stacked card on Saturday, June 10th at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The show is promoted by Rising Star Promotions.

LaManna of Millville, New Jersey will compete in a bout scheduled for eight-rounds.

The 25 year-old LaManna has a record of 22-2 with nine knockouts.

LaManna won his first 16 bouts, where enjoyed wins over Ashanti Gibbs and Jamaal Davis.

After suffering his first professional defeat to undefeated middleweight prospect Antoine Douglas, LaManna ripped off five consecutive victories that was highlighted by by a 4th round

stoppage over Kendal Mena (20-3).

On September 15, 2016, LaManna engaged in a hotly contested bout with undefeated Dusty Hernandez Harrison in Philadelphia. The bout, which was for the USBA Welterweight title was a close fight and LaManna fought well, but came up just short via unanimous decision.

LaManna will be looking for his 2nd consecutive victory, as in his last bout, he won a one-sided eight round unanimous decision over Ecuadorian veteran Eduardo Flores on January 28th at The Claridge.

This will be LaManna's 5th appearance, and 15th start in Atlantic City.

"I'm happy to be back in the ring, I was supposed to fight on April 14th, but unfortunately the promoters did not live up to their word so I ended up not fighting. I gone through some personal issues that kept me down and out for a while, but I bounced back. I'm now with a new teacher Mr. Charles Johnson, leading my training. Charles has shown be a new side of boxing that I've never been around and I can't wait to show it on June 10th. I feel like I have a whole new start." "I was strongly considering stepping out of the promotion field, but it's obvious that what I'm doing is working, so why give myself up to someone else. I'm keeping myself busy and gaining knowledge and experience, while at the same time packing The Claridge Hotel and fighting in front of my fans. I'm a strong believer in "If you want things done right, you got to do it on your own".

LaManna's opponent will be announced shortly,

In the eight-round co-feature, it will be a battle of New Jersey based welterweight's as local favorite Anthony "Juice" Young will take on Juan "The Beast" Rodriguez.

Young of Atlantic City has a record of 16-2 with six

knockouts.

Young is a six-year professional and is coming off a career best performance against Samuel Amoako (21-13, 15 KO's). That bout took place on March 11th. The 29 year-old will be making his 10th appearance in Atlantic City and 3rd at The Claridge.

Rodriguez of Union City, New Jersey has a record of 13-4 with five knockouts.

Rodriguez is an eight-year professional who has wins over Greg Jackson (3-0-1), and in his last bout he took an eight-round split decision in a all out war over Alex Perez (18-2) on August 27, 2016 in Bayonne, New Jersey.

"This is going to be a great fight card! You have Thomas who's on the edge of getting another big opportunity and the Young/Rodriguez fight is a all out Crossroads." Debra LaManna, President of Rising Star Promotions.

"Not to mention the under card. Ennis, Smith, Thomas all these fighters have tremendous fan bases and they can really fight. I expect great match ups on this card and the fans will really get their moneys worth."

In six-round bouts:

Jaron Ennis (10-0, 8 KO's) of Philadelphia will take on an opponent to be named in a Welterweight bout.

Gabriel Pham (8-1, 4 KO's) of Pleasantville, NJ will take on an opponent to be named in a super middleweight bout.

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.

Rocco Salimbene (1-0) of Waretown, NJ will fight pro debuting

Marcus Lugo of Vineland, NJ in a New Jersey lightweight bout.

Chris Thomas (6-0, 3 K0's) of Toms River, NJ will take of rough and rugged Dawond Pickney (1-4-2) of Hot Springs, Arkansas. Pickney's last outing at the Claridge, he dropped a very close MD defeat to Philadelphia's Greg Jackson (7-3-1 2 K0's).

Elijah Vines (3-0, 3 K0's) of Philadelphia will take on Henry Tyrone Page (0-4) of Batesville, Arkansas in a junior middleweight title.

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## **Former National Amateur champion and undefeated junior welterweight Kenneth Sims, Jr. is ready for Israel Villela this Saturday night at The Claridge in Atlantic City**

Atlantic City, NJ (April 19, 2017)- Undefeated junior welterweight Kenneth Sims, Jr. will look to make it 12 in a row without a loss when he takes on tough Mexican Israel Villela in a six-round co-feature bout this Saturday night at

The Claridge Hotel In Atlantic City.

The bout will be part of a ten-bout card promoted by GH3 Promotions and D and D Promotions.

In the main event, undefeated junior welterweight Keenan Smith (10-0, 4 KO's) of Philadelphia takes on veteran Edgar Gabejan of the Philippines in a bout scheduled for eight-rounds.

Sims of Chicago, will be making his 2nd consecutive start on the boardwalk after his eight-round unanimous decision over Emmanuel Robles (15-1-1) on January 20th at Ballys. That fight was part of a ShoBox: The New Generation card seen live on Showtime.

Sims got the call to take a "Stay Busy" fight, before he steps back up later in the Summer.

"I found out about this fight three weeks ago. It is not a big deal, I already had been sparring, so I am in good shape and ready for Saturday," said Sims.

In Villela, Sims has seen little, but not a lot of his opponent, but he will be ready for anything that Villela will bring to the ring.

"I saw a few Youtube videos, but I did not see a lot to get to a feel for him. But I am an experienced fighter, and I just have to fight my fight. I am not underestimating him, and I know he will be trying to win."

In the fight with Robles, Sims fought well throughout, and gave a brief critique of his performance.

"I looked over the last fight, and I looked better watching it on television than I thought I did in the ring. With that being said, I know I have things to work on, and I could have looked better."

Sims is looking for a big performance on Saturday that will be



a prelude to a busy Summer.

“It would be good to get a stoppage. I am looking to come back May 13th in Louisiana, then a fight back on television.”

Appearing in six-round bouts will be:

Tyrell Wright (9-0-1, 6 K0's) of Jersey City, NJ will face Dan Pasciolla (9-2-1) of Brick, New Jersey in a heavyweight bout.

In a battle of undefeated super lightweights, John Bauza (5-0, 2 K0's) of North Bergen, NJ will fight Jesus Salas (1-0, 1 K0) of Puerto Rico

In four-round bouts:

Elijah Vines (3-0, 3 K0's) of Philadelphia will take on James Robinson (4-7-4, 1 K0) of York, PA in a super welterweight bout.

Donald Smith (4-0, 3 K0's) of Philadelphia will square off with Vincent Jennings (5-3, 4 K0's) of Grand Rapids, MI in a super featherweight tussle.

Dylan Price (1-0, 1 K0) of Sicklerville, NJ will fight Chris Nelson (1-3) of Kentucky in a super flyweight bout.

Emmanuel Rodriguez of Newark, NJ will make his pro debut against Jaxel Marrero (1-7-2) of Puerto Rico in a bantamweight bout.

Tickets range from \$50 – \$150 and can be purchased by calling 856-842-7577

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# Full card set for this Saturday's card at The Claridge in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (April 18, 2017)- An eight round battle for the NABA USA Lightweight title bout has just been added to a stacked night of boxing that will take place on THIS SATURDAY NIGHT at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

Aidar Sharibayev (5-0, 4 K0's) of Almaty, Kazakhstan will take on Zach Ramsey (8-1, 4 K0's) of Springfield, Massachusetts.

In the main event, undefeated super lightweight Keenan Smith (10-0, 4 K0's) will take on Edgar Gabejan (27-33-7, K0's) in a bout scheduled for eight-rounds.

The show is promoted by GH3 Promotions and D and D Promotions.

Appearing in six-round bouts will be:

Kenneth Sims, Jr. (11-0, 3 K0's) of Chicago will take on Israel Villela (6-4, 2 K0's) of Cancun. Mexico in a super lightweight bout.

Anthony Young (15-2, 6 K0's) of Atlantic City will take on Francis Gakpetor (4-3-1, 4 K0's) of Accra, Ghana in welterweight bout.

Tyrell Wright (9-0-1, 6 K0's) of Jersey City, NJ will face Dan Pasciolla (9-2-1) of Brick, New Jersey in a heavyweight bout.

In a battle of undefeated super lightweights, John Bauza (5-0, 2 K0's) of North Bergen, NJ will fight Jesus Salas (1-0, 1 K0) of Puerto Rico

In four-round bouts:

Elijah Vines (3-0, 3 K0's) of Philadelphia will take on James

Robinson (4-7-4, 1 K0) of York, PA in a super welterweight bout.

Donald Smith (4-0, 3 K0's) of Philadelphia will square off with Vincent Jennings (5-3, 4 K0's) of Grand Rapids, MI in a super featherweight tussle.

Dylan Price (1-0, 1 K0) of Sicklerville, NJ will fight Chris Nelson (1-3) of Kentucky in a super flyweight bout.

Emmanuel Rodriguez of Newark, NJ will make his pro debut against Jaxel Marrero (1-7-2) of Puerto Rico in a bantamweight bout.

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## **Undefeated super lightweight Keenan Smith takes on 67 fight veteran Edgar Gabejan on Saturday, April 22nd at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City**

Atlantic City, NJ (April 12, 2017)- Undefeated super lightweight Keenan Smith will take on 67 fight veteran Edgar Gabejan in a bout scheduled for eight-rounds that will headline a 10-bout card at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The show is promoted by GH3 Promotions and D and D Promotions.

The card will also feature many up and coming stars from the Philadelphia/New Jersey region.

Smith of Philadelphia has a record of 10-0 with 4 knockouts.

Smith, the 2008 National Golden Gloves Featherweight Champion and a 2007 Junior Olympic National Champion, turned pro in April 2010-at 130 pounds. Smith went 72-4 in the amateurs. Two of the victories came against current world-ranked contender Amir Imam.

He turned professional in 2010, and his wins over two undefeated fighters Alex Montes (1-0) and Lavelle Hadley (2-0). Smith also has a win over Benjamin Whitaker (10-1) in a bout that was nationally televised on Showtime's ShoBox series. In his last bout, Smith defeated Marquis Hawthorne on January 20th in Atlantic City.

The will be Smith's 6 fight Atlantic City.

Gabejan of Binanginan, Philippines is a 14 year professional who sports a record of 27-33-7 with nine knockouts.

The 35 year-old Gabejan has some quality results on his resume with wins over Marbon Bodiongan (11-2-2), Balweg Bangonyan (16-4), Ernie Sanchez (11-0), Lloyd Francisco (9-1), Ronald Pontillas (7-1-1), Jason Egera (9-1), Jun Talape (11-2), Gary Bagsaio (2-0) & Rager Balonggod (1-0). In his last bout, Gabejan had a draw with undefeated Pedro Durran (14-0) on July 9, 2016 in San Mateo, California.

Appearing in six-round bouts will be:

Kenneth Sims, Jr. (11-0, 3 K0's) of Chicago will take on Israel Villela (6-4, 2 K0's) of Cancun. Mexico in a super lightweight bout.

Anthony Young (15-2, 6 K0's) of Atlantic City will take on an

opponent to be named in a welterweight bout.

Tyrell Wright (9-0-1, 6 K0's) of Jersey City, NJ will face Dan Pasciolla (9-2-1) of Brick, New Jersey in a heavyweight bout.

In a battle of undefeated super lightweights, John Bauza (5-0, 2 K0's) of North Bergen, NJ will fight Tyrome Jones (4-0, 3 K0's) of Chicago.

In four-round bouts:

Elijah Vines (3-0, 3 K0's) of Philadelphia will take on James Robinson (4-7-4, 1 K0) of York, PA in a super welterweight bout.

Donald Smith (4-0, 3 K0's) of Philadelphia will square off with Vincent Jennings (5-3, 4 K0's) of Grand Rapids, MI in a super featherweight tussle.

Dylan Price (1-0, 1 K0) of Sicklerville, NJ will fight Chris Nelson (1-3) of Kentucky in a super flyweight bout.

Emmanuel Rodriguez of Newark, NJ will make his pro debut against Jaxel Marrero (1-7-2) of Puerto Rico in a bantamweight bout.

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# Undefeated super lightweight Keenan Smith Headlines on

# Saturday, April 22nd at The Claridge in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (March 24, 2017)- Undeclared super lightweight Keenan Smith will headline a big night of action on Saturday, April 22nd at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

The show is promoted by GH3 Promotions and D and D Promotions.

The card will also feature many up and coming stars from the Philadelphia/New Jersey region.

Smith of Philadelphia has a record of 10-0 with 4 knockouts.

Smith, the 2008 National Golden Gloves Featherweight Champion and a 2007 Junior Olympic National Champion, turned pro in April 2010-at 130 pounds. Smith went 72-4 in the amateurs. Two of the victories came against current world-ranked contender Amir Imam.

He turned professional in 2010, and his wins over two undefeated fighters Alex Montes (1-0) and Lavelle Hadley (2-0). Smith also has a win over Benjamin Whitaker (10-1) in a bout that was nationally televised on Showtime's ShoBox series. In his last bout, Smith defeated Marquis Hawthorne on January 20th in Atlantic City.

The will be Smith's 6 fight Atlantic City.

In the exciting eight-round co-feature, Gabriel Pham will battle Jerry Odom in a super middleweight bout.

Pham of Atlantic City, New Jersey has a record of 8-1 with four knockouts.

The 28 year-old Pham turned professional in 2009, and won his first six bouts, which included a win over undefeated Michael

Glenn (2-0). Since his only professional blemish, Pham has knocked out his last two opponents, with the latest being a 4th round stoppage over Chauncey Fields (4-10) on March 11th at The Claridge in Atlantic City.

This will be Pham's 7th fight in Atlantic City, with this being his 3rd consecutive at The Claridge.

Odom of Bowie, Maryland has a record of 14-3-1 with 13 knockouts.

The 24 year-old is a 5 year professional. Odom won his first 11 bouts, which included a thrilling stoppage over previously undefeated Victor Quinonez (8-0) in six-rounds in a bout that was nationally televised on Showtime's ShoBox: The New Generation.

Odom then was disqualified in his bout against Andrew Hernandez, when Odom hit Hernandez while he was down. The loss was extremely controversial, and Odom avenged that setback in dramatic fashion as he stopped Hernandez inside of a round in their rematch. Odom, who has appeared on ShoBox five times, stopped Julius Jackson (19-1) on July 22, 2016. In his last bout, Odom was stopped in five rounds by Philadelphia based upset specialist Taneal Goyco on November 11, 2016 in Philadelphia.

Appearing in six-round bouts will be:

Leroy Davila (5-0, 3 KO's) of New Brunswick, New Jersey taking on an opponent to be named in a bantamweight bout.

Ian Green (12-1, 9 KO's) of Paterson, New Jersey taking on an opponent to be named in a middleweight bout.

Anthony "Juice" Young (15-2, 6 KO's) of Atlantic City will take on an opponent to be named in a welterweight bout.

Tyrell Wright (9-0-1, 6 KO's) of Jersey City, New Jersey battling Dan Pasciolla (9-2-1) of Brick, New Jersey in

heavyweight bout.

John Bauza (5-0, 2 K0's) of North Bergen, New Jersey will fight Tyrome Jones (4-0, 1 K0) of Chicago, Illinois in a super middleweight bout.

In four-round bouts:

Super Middleweight Elijah Vines (3-0, 3 K0's) of Philadelphia, super featherweight Donald Smith (4-0, 3 K0's) of Philadelphia, super flyweight Dylan Price (1-0, 1 K0) of Sicklerville, New Jersey as well as Manuel Rodriguez of Newark, New Jersey making his pro debut against will see action against opponents to be named.

Tickets range from \$50 – \$150 and can be purchased by calling 856-842-7577

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## **Anthony “Juice” Young defeats Eduardo Flores in front of sold out crowd at The Claridge in Atlantic City**

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (July 22, 2016)-Welterweight Anthony “Juice” Young won a six-round unanimous decision over veteran Eduardo Flores in the featured bout of a nine-bout card this past Friday night at the Claridge in Atlantic City.

The bout headlined a sold out night of boxing that was promoted by Rising Promotions. It was the fourth consecutive sold out event in the last eight months that Rising Promotions has staged.



The co-feature saw welterweight Thomas "Cornflake" LaManna tuned up for a major bout in the fall with a first round destruction of Engleberto Valenzuela in a super welterweight bout.

Young, of Atlantic City systematically took apart Flores, despite Flores trying to frustrate Young by coming in with wild shots for which some strayed behind the head.

In the end, It was Young, who was not headlining for the first time, but being spurred on by his hometown fans and he was able to get the victory to the tune of 60-54 & 59-55 twice.

Young of Atlantic City is now 13-2. Flores of Ecuador is 23-22-5.

LaManna of Millville, New Jersey took apart his Mexican opponent with a hard combination that sent Valenzuela into the corner. The popular New Jersey Product wasted no time in getting Valenzuela out of the fight by landing a thunderous body punch that sent him to the canvas. The fight was halted at 2:17 of round one.

LaManna will take on a highly-regarded opponent (To be announced this week) on September 16th at Taj Mahal in Atlantic City.

This was "Cornflake's" fifth consecutive win and second consecutive inside the distance to raise his record to 21-1 with ten knockouts. Valenzuela is 10-8.

Heavyweight Dan Pasciolla avenged his only pro defeat by winning a six-round unanimous decision over Dante Selby.

Pasciolla was credited a knockdown in round two as he landed a flurry in the corner and it was ruled that only the ropes stopped Selby from hitting the canvas.

Pasciolla of Brick, New Jersey won by scores of 60-53 twice and 59-54 and is now 8-1-1. Selby of Philadelphia, was coming

off a two and a half year layoff is 2-2-1.

Exciting bantamweight prospect Christian Carto made it two consecutive stoppages by halting debuting Christopher Nelson in round three of their scheduled four-round bout.

Carto of Deptford, NJ floored the Indiana native in each of the three rounds and the bout was stopped fifty-one seconds into the third frame.

Carto is now 2-0 with two knockouts.

Marvin Johnson scored a third-round knockdown en route to a four round unanimous decision over Lamont White in a lightweight bout.

Scores were 40-35, 40-36 and 39-36 for Johnson of Atlantic City who is now 1-0-1. White of Washington, DC is 0-2.

Dallas Holden of Atlantic Cit won a four round unanimous decision over Kevin Asmat in a bantamweight bout featuring New Jersey based pro debuters.

It was a close fight with each fighter making a case for the victory.

In the end, all three cards read 39-37 in favor Holden of Atlantic City over the North Bergen native.

In a battle of pro debuters, Donald Smith of Philadelphia won his pro debut by winning a four-round unanimous decision over Cameron Cain of Indiana. in a junior lightweight bout.

Smith controlled the action and won by scores of 40-35 and 40-36 twice.

Chinese light heavyweight Fanlong Meng scored a knockdown and was ruled the winner via 5th round stoppage over former contender Daniel Judah in a scheduled eight round bout.

Meng sent Judah into the ropes with a left hand that was ruled

a knockdown and Meng and the referee ruled that Judah could not continue at the bout was stopped at 2:08.

Meng is now 8-0 with 6 knockouts. Judah of Brooklyn, NY is 24-11-3.

Zhang Zhilei of China won a six round unanimous decision over Rodney Hernandez in a heavyweight bout.

Scores were 60-53 and 59-55 twice for Zhilei of China, who is now 11-0. Hernandez is 10-5-1.