

Teofimo Lopez continues Takeover with stoppage over Tatli at Madison Square Garden

NEW YORK (April 22, 2019) -Hot lightweight contender Teofimo Lopez continued to be the most talked about fighter in the sport of boxing as he knocked out European champion Edis Tatli in the 5th round of their bout at Madison Square Garden.

With the win, Lopez (13-0, 11 KOs) retained the NABF Lightweight title, and moved one-step closer to a world title opportunity.

Lopez controlled the fight from the opening bell as he showed off superior boxing skills, and with each moment started land power shots with more authority.

In round five, Lopez landed a thudding right to the body that sent Tatli down for the count of ten at 1:32.

It was the first time in the 34-fight career that Tatli, who is a former world title challenger has been stopped.

The fight, which was the co-feature the Terence Crawford – Amir Khan title clash, further made the case for Lopez as being the top lightweight contender in boxing, and that a title shot could come as early as this Summer.

“I didn’t have the best camp, but I did what I needed to do and came out victorious,” Lopez said. “I knew I was going to get him with a body shot. I softened him up and finished him.

“I want a world title shot next. That’s what I want. We promised to take over the show, and once again, I took it over.”

Undefeated Lightweight Sensation Teofimo Lopez brings #TheTakeover to Pay-Per-View

NEW YORK (April 19, 2019)—Tomorrow night, undefeated lightweight sensation, Teofimo Lopez (12-0, 10 KOs) continues his quest towards a world championship as he takes on highly-regarded European champion Edis Tatli (31-2, 10 KOs) in the 12-round co-feature of the highly anticipated Terence Crawford – Amir Khan Pay-Per-View card at Madison Square Garden.

The fight will be contested for the NABF Lightweight title, which is held by Lopez.

Lopez, the 2016 Olympian representing Honduras, has risen through the lightweight division at a meteoric rate as he scored 10 sensational knockouts in his 12 wins.

Saturday night will be the next progression as he is the chief support bout on a major pay-per-view card in the world's most famous arena.

This will be the 5th appearance for Lopez at the Garden property (two fights in the big arena and two in the theater), and with a win, a Summer world title fight could be on the agenda.

In Tatli, Lopez is facing a tough and durable fighter, who has a record of 31-2 with 10 knockouts. Those two losses were by majority and split decisions. Tatli has competed for the lightweight world title and has held the European title for

most of the last half-decade.

Lopez was 135 pounds and Tatli was 134.8 lbs at Friday's weigh-in

Lopez is managed by Split-T Management and promoted by Top Rank.

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