

# Former world champion Jonathan Guzman in action This Friday night in Oklahoma City

New York (November 15, 2018) – Friday night in Oklahoma City, former IBF Super Bantamweight champion Jonathan Guzman will be back in the ring for the 1st time since losing his title when he takes on Roberto Castaneda in a 10-round bout at the Chesapeake Energy City.

The bout can be seen live on ESPN+.

Guzman (22-1, 22 KOs) of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic will be making his first start since dropping a razor think decision to Yukinori Oguni in Japan on December 31, 2016.

Guzman, 29 years-old won the title by stopping Shingo Wake on July 20, 2016 is looking for a win over Casteneda to get himself back in the rankings, on his way to another title shot, perhaps against WBO kingpin Isaac Dogboe.

This will be the 1st bout for Guzman under his new management team of El Matador Management.

“It’s been two years since I last fought and I can’t wait to get back in the ring. I’ve lost two years of my career because of promotional issues and now I need to make up this time,” said Guzman.

“I am facing a tough, strong and tall veteran fighter, but I have been training hard and I am ready for whatever comes.”

“I want to thank Top Rank for signing me to a promotional deal. They are one of the best promotional company around, and I know they will get me right back in to a world championship

fight soon enough. I also would like to give special thanks to my manager Felipe Gomez from El Matador Management for making this happen for me.”

“I am excited to see Guzman back in the ring,” said Gomez. “It is sad to see a former World Champion with great talents sitting around for so long without fighting. He just needs to get one or two wins under his belt to get him right back in the mix with the top-ten super bantamweights.”

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## **DeVaun Lee looking to shine on The Contender undercard Tonight**

New York (November 9, 2018) – TONIGHT!!! Middleweight DeVaun Lee will be in action when he takes on Tyrone Brunson on the undercard of The Contender finale at The Forum in Inglewood, California.

Lee of Queens, New York has a record of 10-4-1 with five knockouts is looking to shine after suffering a disappointing a 5th round stoppage loss to eventual finalist Shane Mosley Jr. in their opening round bout.

Since being on the show, Lee's visibility has grown to where he is recognized more.

"It's always positive. I am getting more random people hitting me up on social media and such, and they say very positive things about seeing me on the show," said Lee.

On some of the things that Lee learned and what he took away from the show, was the meeting and kinship he gained with one Hall of Famer and someone else who will be enshrined in the next few years.

"I created a bond with Freddie Roach and Andre Ward. Just being around them created even extra motivation for me. It was very inspiring to be around them. Freddie has trained so many world champions, Andre's record speaks for itself. To just have to hear stories and the pointers from them. Andre was cool, we played chess and it was great to get advice from him."

Being around 15 other fighters under one roof was extremely positive for the 31 year-old Lee.

"Being on the show, the cast were all cool people. There was a lot of positive energy, and now it's great to be back in Los Angeles for my fight. This has definitely been the greatest experience of my career."

In Brunson, he is fighting an opponent with great knockout power.

"We are cool, but once Friday happens, I have a job to do. I am really looking forward to see what this will do for my career. I have to become a world champion, and I really would want to get a rematch with Mosley, but first have to take care of business on Friday."

Lee is managed by El Matador Management

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# **El Matador Management Fighters Mathew Gonzalez and Justin Biggs in action on Saturday night in Brooklyn**

New York (September 28, 2018) – Two undefeated fighters from Felipe Gomez's El Matador Management will be on display on Saturday night at The King's Theatre in Brooklyn, New York.

Super Welterweight Mathew Gonzalez (6-0, 4 KOs) will take on Jordan Morales (3-4, 1 KO) in a four-round bout, while super welterweight Justin Biggs (4-0, 4 KOs) will take on Noe Lozano (2-3) in a six-round tilt.

Gonzalez of Ridgewood, New York will be making his 5th start of 2018, and the busy fighter is ready for his next challenge.

"Everything is going well. I have had good sparring, my weight is good, and it is time to perform," said Gonzalez.

He will be facing Morales, of Sunbury, Pennsylvania, who took the fight on two-weeks notice.

"I don't know too much about him. A friend of mine, Richardson Hitchins fought him at Barclays Center, and I was at that fight, so I have seen him fight."

Gonzalez has established himself as one of the top ticket sellers in the New York area, and the 23 year-old nicknamed "Lefty" is getting noticed.

"I go to different places and people are starting to know me. It's good to know that I am building a fan base. I thrive on

having a big fan base. It makes me want to go out and execute and perform for my fans,”

Gonzalez is happy on where he is at in his career, as getting in a 5th fight in 2018 is setting himself up for a good year in 2019.

“I am where I should be. Every fight, I am getting better and better. I am just taking one fight at a time. I just want everyone to stay tuned and keep an eye on me. Fans can follow me on Instagram at leftygunz\_

Biggs of Brooklyn will be making his 3rd consecutive appearance at the venue in his hometown.

“My training was great. I have been working hard, and I am on weight,” said Biggs.

Biggs has a pretty good scouting report on his foe, and he is looking for a great fight on Saturday.

“He is a fellow southpaw. He is pretty intense, and he comes at you, which should make for a great fight. I think that my body punching and jab will be too much for him to handle.”

Biggs has a nice knockout streak to start his career, and unlike most fighters he feels that stoppages are important for many reasons.

“The most important thing is to win. I don’t go in there looking for a knockdown, but I feel I will eventually get him out of there by breaking my opponents down. It is important to get knockouts because that is what people pay to see.”

Four fights into his career, Biggs continues to see himself evolve as a fighter.

“I see myself from old fights in the amateurs, and I see that I am more disciplined. I am more defensively responsible, and I am moving more fluidly. I feel that I am efficient and

exciting. I am happy with my progress.”

Biggs, 26 years-old has a very ambitious schedule, and within a year, he sees himself as a legitimate contender.

“In the next year, I would like to be 14 or 15 and 0. Maybe even higher. I feel good that more that I fight, the more that I learn. I want to be fighters on the networks and being called a future world champion. Saturday, i will do my best, and hope people will be inspired by watching me fight.”

Both Gonzalez and Biggs are promoted by Real Deal Boxing.

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## **Wesley Ferrer Ready For National Television Debut Tonight On ShoBox: The New Generation Live On SHOWTIME®**

New York (September 21, 2018) – Undefeated lightweight Wesley Ferrer is looking to make a big statement when he makes his national television debut against fellow undefeated Steven Ortiz in a co-featured bout of ShoBox: The New Generation tonight live on SHOWTIME (9:45 p.m. ET/PT).

Ferrer, 26 years-old of Brooklyn, has a record of 12-0 with seven knockouts.

“Training camp was great, and I am ready for fight night,” said Ferrer.

In Ortiz, Ferrer only knows that he is taking on an undefeated fighter who has a record of 8-0 with three knockouts from Philadelphia.

“I really do not know much about him. I just listen to my dad/coach, and he will give me the fight plan that I will execute on Friday night.”

Ferrer is ready to become a big name in boxing, and he knows that the ShoBox platform is a perfect opportunity to take his career to the next level.

“I feel great, and I am excited for me to showcase my talent on national television. I am ready, as this win is a springboard for my career. It will show my promoter, DiBella Entertainment, that I am ready for the next level. The fans will see that I can brawl or that I can box. I have been ready for this for a long time, and I can't wait for Friday night.”

Ferrer's manager, Felipe Gomez of El Matador Management, is equally excited for his fighter to show the boxing world that he is a legitimate contender in the lightweight division.

“I am happy that Wesley will be able to be showcased on a great platform like ShoBox,” said Felipe Gomez of El Matador Management. “He has faced very good competition, and now he is ready for the next step in career. I am very confident that he will put on a great performance on Friday night.”

Ferrer weighed in at 134 3/4 lbs while Ortiz was 134 1/2 at Thursday's weigh in.

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## **Video: Joshafat Ortiz talks bout with Javier Oquendo**

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## **Undefeated Super Featherweight Joshafat Ortiz ready for Showdown with Javier Oquendo TONIGHT in Philadelphia**

New York, NY (August 10, 2018)-Undefeated Super Featherweight Joshafat Ortiz (4-0, 2 KOs) will take on fellow perfect fighter Javier Oquendo tonight at SugarHouse Casino in Philadelphia.

Ortiz of Reading, Pa. is very confident as he heads in to what, on paper, looks to be the toughest test in his young career.



“Everything went great. I had a tremendous camp. Everything went good. I am excited, and I am ready to get back in there, and put on another show like I did last time” said Ortiz.

“I am excited to see that Joshafat Ortiz is stepping it up and fighting a fellow undefeated fighter,” said his manager Felipe Gomez. “These types of fights are great learning experiences, and it’s going to make him a better fighter. I want to thank promoter Marshall Kauffman for giving Joshafat Ortiz the opportunity to display his talents and skills in his home state of Pennsylvania”.

Ortiz weighed in at 128.6 lbs while Ortiz was 128.8

Ortiz is managed by El Matador Management.

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## **Lamar Russ and DeVoun Lee of El Matador Management to appear on The Contender**

New York, NY (July 31, 2018)—Two members of El Matador Management stable, middleweights Lamar Russ & DeVoun Lee will be featured on the upcoming season of The Contender.

The highly anticipated 12-episode season, from MGM Television and Paramount Television, will premiere on EPIX® on Aug. 24, 2018 at 10 PM ET/PT.

Russ of Wilmington, North Carolina has a record of 17-2 with eight knockouts, while Lee of Queens, New York has a record of 10-3-1 with five knockouts.

DeVoun “Unique” Lee, Age: 30, of Jamaica Queens, N.Y:

When one of his friends was shot and killed at 16, DeVoun "Unique" Lee knew he needed a way out from the mean streets of Queens. Boxing keeps him straight. So do long hours fueling airplanes and caring for his five year old daughter. The real love of his life. Fatherhood and the sport are the motivation to take this NY State Middleweight championship to the next level.

"The Contender will be a good experience for me, and I appreciated to being added to the cast. I will be able to allow the world to learn about who I am and learn about what I do. It will be great to meet new people and learn about their lifestyle as well" said Lee.

Lamar "Omega" Russ, Age: 31, of Wilmington, N.C:

One of four kids raised by a single mom and the first person in his family to graduate college, Lamar "Omega" Russ takes pride in being the underdog, and beneath the loud exterior is a boxer that needs to prove he can put his money where his mouth is. HBO, ESPN and a first round KO on Showtime do all the talking.

"This is an opportunity to create a legacy for my son, and my family. I am a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and we are tight family. I am looking to become the best and show the world that I am the best in the Contender. I am ready and willing to fight anybody they put in front of me. I want to thank my promoter Lou DiBella, my manager Felipe Gomez and The Contender for giving me this great opportunity in life.

"I am excited to have two of my guys on The Contender." said their manager Felipe Gomez "Both of these fighters not only can fight, but they have an amazing life story to share with the world. This is a great opportunity and can be a life changer for both of my fighter's career."

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## **Mathew Gonzalez & Cesar Francis Remain perfect with stoppage wins in Brooklyn**

Brooklyn, NY (June 11, 2018) – Mathew Gonzalez and Cesar Francis remained perfect by scoring stoppage wins in welterweight bouts this past Saturday night at the King's Theatre in Brooklyn.

Both Gonzalez and Francis are managed by El Matador Management.

Cesar Francis remained undefeated by stopping Victor Manuel Abreu in round two of their scheduled six-round junior lightweight bout.

Francis dropped Abreu with a right to the body for which Abreu got up just after the ten-count, and the bout was halted at 39 seconds of the 2nd frame.

Francis, 142.6 lbs of Brooklyn is now 5-0 with four knockouts.

Gonzalez dominated Jimmy Rosario and registered at stoppage after round three of their scheduled four-round bout.

Gonzalez dominated the fight by working behind a pinpoint jab, and beat up Rosario until he retired on his stool following

the 3rd round.

Gonzalez, 144.6 lbs of Queens, NY is now 6-0 with 4 knockouts.

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## **Undefeated Mathew Gonzalez & Cesar Francis in action tonight in Brooklyn**

Brooklyn, NY (June 9, 2018) – Tonight, two undefeated member from the El Matador Management stable will be on display at The King's Theatre in Brooklyn, New York.

Mathew Gonzalez (5-0, 3 KOs) Of Ridgewood, New York will take on Jimmy Rosario (3-6, 2 KOs) in a four-round welterweight bout.

Cesar Francis (4-0, 3 KOs) of Brooklyn, New York battles Victor Abreu (9-3, 5 KOs) in a super lightweight bout scheduled for six-rounds.

"I am excited to see two of my top young undefeated prospects back in action, especially on a show that is geared to the National Puerto Rican Day Parade in New York City," said manager Felipe Gomez of El Matador Management. "A lot of Puerto Rican boxing legends used to fight on major boxing

events the night before the Puerto Rican Day Parade and this is what makes it special. I want to give a special shout out to Real Deal Boxing for giving my guys the opportunity to showcase their talents.”

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## **FORMER IBF WORLD CHAMPION JONATHAN “SALOMON KING” GUZMAN SIGNS WITH EL MATADOR MANAGEMENT**

QUEENS, NY (May 15th, 2018) – El Matador Management, Inc. has announced the signing of hard hitting super bantamweight contender, Jonathan “Salomon King” Guzman (23-1, 22 KO’s). Felipe Gomez will now be managing the career of hard hitting and former IBF World Super Bantamweight Champion Guzman, who hails from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Gomez will be working closely with Sampson Lewkowicz (Guzman’ Promoter) as they jointly look to keep Guzman busy, while guiding him back toward a world title.

Guzman won the IBF World Super Bantamweight Title with an 11-round stoppage over Shingo Wake (20-4-2, 12 KO’s) in Japan. Guzman then defended his title against Yukinori Oguni (18-1-1, 8 KO’s) in Kyoto, Japan losing a 12-round unanimous decision.

“I been out of the ring for over a year now and I know Felipe Gomez can help jump-start my career again.” said Guzman. “I see the job he is doing with all his fighters and how he has been keeping them busy. That is exactly what I need, someone that can help keep me busy fighting and that also believes in me becoming a World Champion again.”

“I am extremely happy to be part of Jonathan Guzman’s team” said Felipe Gomez. “He is an exciting fighter to watch, he reminds me of a mini Mike Tyson. I have big plans for him and I will work relentlessly with Sampson Lewkowicz to help Guzman get back on track. Guzman is a skillful fighter that has tremendous punching power in both hands and I am excited to have him be part of my team!”

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