

# GH3 Promotions gearing up for huge 2016

Nutley, NJ (January 6, 2016) – 2016 is already looking to be a big year for GH3 Promotions.

Just days into the new year, the company already has put the wheels in motion for some high profile, nationally televised events that will showcase it's world class talent.

On February 19 on ShoBox: The New Generation, 4 members of the promotional outfit will be showcased as undefeated and world-ranked Super Bantamweight, Adam Lopez will headline a card that will also feature exciting Super Middleweight Jerry Odom, undefeated Welterweight Keenan Smith and Lightweight O'Shaquie Foster.

Just weeks after that ShoBox event, it will be the long awaited Showtime Championship Boxing debut of undefeated Middleweight contender Antoine Douglas. Douglas is currently ranked number-4 by the WBO, number-7 by the WBA and number-14 by the IBF.

GH3 Promotions is also lining up fights for former world title challenger John Thompson.

The company is also excited about the signing of Welterweight Hector Frometa, and 2016 will be a developmental year for the former Cuban amateur star.

"This is the year that we have worked five years for," said GH3 Promotions president Vito Mielnicki.

"We are starting off with Adam Lopez headlining a great ShoBox card and then we will have Antoine Douglas in a major step-up bout on Championship Boxing. There has been a lot of hard work put in by me and people like Kay Koroma and Dennis Porter that

have helped the development of all these fighters and they are all on the cusp of great things.”

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## **Undefeated Super Bantamweight Adam Lopez Punctuates 2015 with 2nd round knockout over former world champion Erik Aiken**

San Antonio, Texas (December 16, 2015) – This past Saturday night in his hometown of San Antonio, undefeated Super Bantamweight contender Adam Lopez (14-0, 7 KO’s) scored a 2nd round stoppage over former world champion Erik Aiken in a bout that took place at the AT & T Center.

Lopez is promoted by GH3 Promotions.

Lopez dominated the action as he took the fight to the former champion, finally stopping Aiken at 2:09 of round two.

“I was very excited and we executed the game-plan,”said Lopez,

who celebrated his 25th birthday on fight night.

"I am happy to have that win in San Antonio. It's my hometown and it's a great place to be. I wish I was on later in the card, but I am happy to get the stoppage win."

Aiken, who was a Featherweight world champ is the biggest name on the Lopez' resume to date.

"He is a former world champion and even though he hasn't fought at the world championship level in a while, a win is a win."

Lopez will kick off what he believes will be a huge 2016 with a nationally televised bout in February.

"I am headlining ShoBox on February 12th. It will be my first headliner. After that, I hope that I could be in a line for a world title opportunity. I am ranked number-seven by the WBA but if that isn't next after the ShoBox fight, we will wait for our opportunity."

When asked if he indulged in any birthday / knockout win celebrations, Lopez was busy with his family and fans.

"I really didn't even eat. let alone eat any cake. I was busy thanking my family and fans. I got the best present anyway and that is to be able to do what I love to do on my birthday and that is fight and win!"

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# **This Friday Night's boxing show in Parsippany, NJ is postponed**

Parsippany, NJ (December 8, 2015) – This Friday night's boxing event at the Parsippany PAL in Parsippany, New Jersey has been postponed due to a logistical emergency.

Fans who have purchased tickets may refund them at the point of purchase.

The new date will be announced by GH3 Promotions shortly.

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## **Undefeated, world-ranked Middleweight Antoine Douglas**

# **announces arrival on world stage during Showtime Championship Boxing interview**

Washington, DC (December 7, 2015) – This past Saturday night at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, Daniel Jacobs retained his WBA Middleweight title with a stunning first round stoppage over Peter Quillin.

One of the most interested spectators was undefeated and world ranked Middleweight Antoine “Action” Douglas.

Douglas (19-0-1, 13 KO’s) of Washington, DC, was an honored guest of Showtime Championship Boxing host Brian Custer along with WBC Heavyweight champion Deontay Wilder for an exclusive interview, just before the main event began.

“I will say within a year, I will be fighting on this level, no more, no less,” Said Douglas, who is currently ranked number-four by the WBO, number-nine by the WBA and number-eleven by the IBF.

Douglas, who is coming off a fourth round stoppage of Les Sherrington on November 6th in Las Vegas, that took place on Showtime’s acclaimed, ShoBox: The New Generation.

“I had a great stoppage, but the announcers said I got hit with four punches. I want to turn that into zero”

Douglas is promoted by GH3 Promotions and his promoter Vito Mielnicki said, “I am very proud of Antoine and I want to thank Showtime. To have him on camera with Deontay Wilder shows that the network is fully behind him. The network showed early on that they have a great interest in Antoine and that spot on Saturday showed that. There were a lot of great fighters in the crowd and for Antoine to be chosen for that

interview gave him terrific exposure.”

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## **Undefeated Super Bantamweight Adam Lopez to take on former world champion Erik Aiken on December 12th in San Antonio, Texas**

San Antonio, Texas (December 2, 2015) – Undefeated Super Bantamweight Adam Lopez (13-0, 6 KO’s) returns to the ring on Saturday, December 12th at the AT&T Center in his native San Antonio when he takes on former world champion Erik Aiken in a bout scheduled for 6-rounds.

Lopez, who is ranked number-eight by the WBA on the strength of his wins over undefeated fighters Pablo Cruz and Eliecer Aquino on ShoBox: The New Generation.

“Everything is good and I have been getting ready,”said Lopez. “It is very nice to be fighting in San Antonio and also be fighting on my birthday. It could not be any better as the

arena is about a mile from my home and its the perfect ending to my year”

Lopez will turn 25 on the day of the fight and he wants to continue to the momentum of a strong 2015.

“This has been the best year as a pro. I got the two big wins on ShoBox and have picked up regional titles that should have me ranked in the organizations. I wish it would have happened sooner, but better late than never!”

In Aiken, he is taking on a veteran who has been out of the ring, but he is a former world Featherweight champion, who has wins over Tim Austin and his title winning effort over Valdemir Pereira.

“I do not know much about Aiken, but I can not underestimate anybody, especially if they have been a world champion.”

“I want to look impressive on December 12th and have a great 2016. I am hoping for bigger opportunities. I am looking to headline a ShoBox card in February. By the end of 2016, I see myself as a top contender, if not a world champion, but first I am looking to close out the year by looking impressive in front of all my family and friends in San Antonio and have a great celebration for my birthday.”

Said Lopez’s promoter Vito Mielnicki of GH3 Promotions, “This has been a great year for Adam. He had two breakthrough performances in different ways. He scored the big knockout over Cruz and then he showed a lot of heart and different aspects of his game in the win over Aquino. Aiken is a good name, who is a former world champion and when he gets by this fight, i expect him to be on the cusp of a world title by this time next year.”

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# **Jerry Odom to fight Michael Mitchell on Friday, December 11th at the Parsippany PAL in Parsippany, New Jersey**

Parsippany, New Jersey (November 27, 2015) – On Friday night, December 11, GH3 Promotions will present an outstanding night of professional boxing at the Parsippany PAL in Parsippany, New Jersey.

In the main event, exciting Light Heavyweight, Jerry “The Kings Son” Odom will take on Michael Mitchell in a bout scheduled for 8-rounds.

Odom of Bowie, Maryland has a record of 13-2, with 12 knockouts.

The 22 year-old Odom won his first twelve bouts, which was highlighted by a thrilling 7th round stoppage over previously undefeated Vilier Quinonez on July 25, 2014. Odom rebounded from his first defeat, which was a controversial disqualification to Andrew Hernandez to comeback and destroy Hernandez in the first round of their March 13, 2015 rematch. The Quinonez and Hernandez rematch bouts where nationally televised on ShoBox: The New Generation.

In his last bout, Odom was stopped in three rounds by Samuel Clarkson on July 17, 2015 in Bethlehem, PA.

Mitchell of Paterson, New Jersey has a record of 3-6-2 with 1 knockout.

Mitchell has faced five undefeated fighters which includes his



last fight when he lost a decision to Meng Fanlong on September 26 in Beach Haven, NJ

In the 6-round co-feature, Ian Green (8-0, 6 KOs) of Paterson, New Jersey will look to stay undefeated in a 6-round Middleweight bout against Jamie Campbell (11-10, 8 KOs) of London, England.

Green, who was a top amateur prospect has looked great as he has started his professional career flawlessly. He is coming off 1st round stoppage over Travis Dickinson on November 14th in Springfield, VA.

Campbell won his first ten bouts. He has faced world champions Danny Jacobs, Anthony Dirrell and Hall of Famer, Virgil Hill.

In his last bout, Campbell was stopped in 2 rounds by Mike Gavronski on October 13th in Shelton, Washington.

In 6-round bouts:

Arturo Trujillo (7-0, 3 KOs) of Reading, PA will take on an opponent to be announced in a Welterweight bout.

In 4-round bouts:

DeLorien Caraway (5-0, 4 KOs) of Minnesota will see action in a Welterweight fight.

Oscar Bonilla (3-1-2) of Bridgeport, CT will fight Bienvenido Diaz (2-1, 2 KOs) of Prospect Park, NJ in a Lightweight bout.

Hector Frometa (1-0) of Miami, FL will take on Drew Morais (1-4-1) of Southgate, MI in a Welterweight bout.

Leon Johnson (1-0, 1 KO) of Paterson, NJ will fight Rex Harris (1-3, 1 KO) of Harrisburg, PA in a Cruiserweight fight.

Hakim Bryant (5-0, 4 KOs) of Asbury Park, NJ will take on an opponent to be named in a Middleweight bout.

Cassius Chaney (5-0, 3 K0's) of Bridgeport, CT will take on an opponent to be named in Heavyweight bout.

Dustin Fleischer (5-0, 5 K0's) of Monmouth Beach, NJ will take on an opponent to be named in a Welterweight bout.

There will be 8 amateur bouts that will precede the professional show that will feature standouts Vito Mielnicki Jr., Malik Nelson, Dwyke Flemmings, Kevin Bonilla, Rajohn Chance and Armani Macphall.

Tickets can be purchased for \$125, \$100, \$75 and \$50 by calling 862-223-9487

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## **Video: Antoine Douglas Post Fight interview**

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## **Jerry Odom to take on Willie Williams on Friday, December 11th at the Parsippany PAL in Parsippany, New Jersey**

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In his last bout, Odom was stopped in three rounds by Samuel Clarkson on July 17, 2015 in Bethlehem, PA.

Williams of Baltimore, Maryland has a record of 14-10-2 with 4 knockouts.

Williams has a quality win over Richard Stewart (8-1-1). He will be trying to break a 2-fight losing streak as he is coming off losses to Roy Jones Jr. and Shawn Miller.

In the 6-round co-feature, Ian Green of Paterson, New Jersey will look to stay undefeated in a 6-round Middleweight bout against an opponent to be announced.

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DeLoren Carraway (5-0, 4 KO's) of Minnesota will take on an opponent to be named in a Welterweight bout.

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Hector Frometa (1-0) of Miami, Florida will see action in a

Welterweight fight.

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Leon Johnson (1-0, 1 K0) of Paterson, NJ will fight Rex Harris (1-3, 1 K0) of Harrisburg, PA in a Cruiserweight fight.

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# **GRADUATION DAY FOR ANTOINE DOUGLAS: UNBEATEN MIDDLEWEIGHT DROPS LES SHERRINGTON FIVE TIMES EN ROUTE TO FOURTH-ROUND TKO IN MAIN EVENT OF SHOBX: THE NEW GENERATION QUADRUPLEHEADER**

LAS VEGAS (Nov. 7, 2015) – It was cold outside, the temperature dipping into the low 50s, but the elements did not affect unbeaten Antoine “Action” Douglas, however, as the talented world-ranked middleweight turned up the heat and impressively knocked out Les Sherrington in the fourth round in the main event of a ShoBox: The New Generation

quadrupleheader Friday live on SHOWTIME.

Douglas (19-0-1, 13 KOs), of Burke, Va., dropped Sherrington (35-8, 19 KOs), of Broadbeach, Queensland, Australia, five times before the one-sided fight for the WBO International 160-pound title was stopped at 1:02 of the fourth. The quick, hard-hitting Douglas dropped Sherrington one time in the first and second rounds, two times in the third and once in the fourth.

In the co-feature from the specially-constructed ring outside the Downtown Las Vegas Events Center (DLVEC) across from the D Las Vegas, Ukrainian southpaw Taras "Real Deal" Shelestyuk (13-0, 8 KOs), of Los Angeles, Calif., pitched a near-10-round shutout over Aslanbek Kozaev (26-2-1, 7 KOs), of Vladikavkaz, Russia, to capture the WBO-NABO Regional Welterweight title. A former amateur standout and 2012 Olympic Games Bronze Medalist, Shelestyuk, won by the scores of 100-90 twice and 99-91.

In other results on a card promoted by GH3 Promotions and Banner Promotions, "Killa" Keenan Smith (9-0, 3 KOs), of Philadelphia, won a unanimous eight-round decision over Benjamin "Da Blaxican" Whitaker (10-2, 2 KOs), of San Antonio, Texas, in a competitive welterweight scrap and "Tsunami Sam" Teah (7-1, 2 KOs) of Philadelphia scored a unanimous decision over previously undefeated O'Shaquie "Ice Water" Foster (8-1, 5 KOs) of Orange, Texas, in a lightweight match. It was the 135th time a boxer suffered his first loss on ShoBox.

For Douglas, it was his fifth consecutive victory on ShoBox and likely may have earned him a spot on a future SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING® card. The 10 fighters who've appeared five or more times on ShoBox have all gone on to challenge for a world title.

"Antoine Douglas is the perfect example of what we do in the ShoBox series. We build fighters. We develop them from prospect to contenders," said Gordon Hall, Executive Producer

of ShoBox: The New Generation and Senior Vice President of Production, SHOWTIME Sports. "We've seen Antoine grow. He started as a promising prospect, and we matched him really tough and each and every time he stepped up to the task. Tonight, he graduated from ShoBox with a spectacular performance; there are no doubts he is now a contender."

"We got what Antoine Douglas needed: The type of utterly dominant performance that makes you want to see him against the best middleweights. Tonight was Antoine's graduation from ShoBox. Now he'll move up to bigger and better things," said ShoBox expert analyst Steve Farhood afterward:

Douglas went 10 rounds for the second time and upped his winning streak to five since boxing a draw in July 2014.

"They said this was my graduation day, time for a cap and gown, so this was definitely a big win," said Douglas, a top amateur who made it to the 2011 U.S. Olympic Trials and was the WBA's ninth-ranked contender going in. "It was a great experience fighting on ShoBox and I appreciate everything they've done for me getting me ready to go to the next level. Now, it's time for me to take the next step.

"I expected to win, probably by knockout, but I didn't expect it to be this way. I expected Sherrington to be tougher, more prepared. I think my jab was the key. It set him up for all the big shots I landed with my right hand and left hook.

"I knew I'd be faster than him. I was very prepared. One good thing I'm happy about is how I kept my composure."

Sherrington, who was fighting outside of Australia and making his U.S. and 2015 debuts, came in having won eight of his last nine fights, including his last pair. But the WBA's No. 12 contender was no match for Douglas.

"Antoine Douglas is very good and he will go on to really big things in this sport," Sherrington said.

"I'm not making excuses, but I was freezing and could never really warm up. And then he caught me cold. I came here to reach a lifelong dream of mine but it was not meant to be. I got welcomed into the big leagues in a big hurry and in the worst way. All credit goes to Douglas for that."

Farhood was impressed with Shelestyuk, a former amateur standout. "[Taras] Shelestyuk looked like the most mature fighter on the card," Farhood said. "He has a wonderful amateur pedigree, he was an Olympic Bronze Medalist. He fought a fighter that made him fight and throw a lot of punches – he averaged 85 punches a round. He dominated the fight from the first round on and he looked like the world-class fighter that he was developed to be."

Shelestyuk utilized his 3½-inch height advantage to dominate the game but outclassed Kozaev. "This was a good fight for me. I'm so happy. I won my first pro title, went 10 rounds for the first time and won all the rounds," Shelestyuk said.

"The guy was a super tough opponent. I thought I was going to knock him out in a few of the rounds but he took all my hard punches. He was a warrior and had a lot more experience than me."

Kozaev, making his first start in 18 months, started fast but got out hustled and outworked from the second round on. "He's a good fighter and I gave my best, but having not fought for such a long time was a big factor," he said.

Smith overcame a nasty cut over the left eye from an unintentional headbutt in the sixth but came back to score a knockdown in the seventh. He triumphed by the scores of 79-73 and 78-74 twice.

"Keenan Smith overcame a very bad cut to win this fight," Farhood said. "He scored a knockdown that was unexpected late in the fight. I thought that it was a very close fight, but Smith did enough in the early rounds to win. He's definitely a

prospect that will get better.”

Smith was fighting for the fourth time this year after a three-year hiatus. He was less than enthusiastic afterward. “This was a rough camp for me. My mother died. I dedicated this fight to her and really wanted to get the knockout,” said Smith who wore all-pink trunks in her honor.

“I’m not all that happy because I felt I could have finished him even though my left shoulder was hurting and I was not 100 percent. I also couldn’t see much at all out of my eye after the cut.

“But tonight, it was like a welterweight fighting a junior welterweight. I weighed in at 141 and he was at 147. But going eight rounds for the first time was definitely a good thing. I just feel like I should have finished much stronger. The weather was not a problem.”

Whitaker had a three-fight winning streak end. “The scoring was way off. It was a much closer fight than that,” he said. “I don’t understand how he could get warned the whole fight for holding, but never get a point taken away. The knockdown wasn’t even a knockdown. It was more of a trip. The ref asked me if I could continue and I was like, ‘I wasn’t even hurt, not even wobbled a little bit.’

“I would love to fight him again.”

Teah won the opening bout of the telecast by the scores of 79-73 and 77-75 twice. “This was an upset,” Farhood said. “Teah beat a fighter who had been a tough amateur. The problem for O’Shaquie Foster is that he looked like an amateur. He didn’t adjust to the pro game. He didn’t show enough strength and enough determination. He was a disappointment and [Sam] Teah took advantage of that.”

Teah, making his eight-round debut, won his third in a row. “I’m ecstatic and couldn’t ask for anything better,” he said.



"This is definitely my biggest win and I definitely felt I won. I could have done more, but I did enough. This was a great win for my team. Working 10 hours a day paid off for me.

"This was my first time going eight rounds and I felt strong. To beat an unbeaten fighter was huge. The first six rounds I coasted. The last two rounds fatigue set in and I started to feel the weather, but I feel great now."

If anyone of the eight boxers froze under the bright lights it was Foster. "For some reason I just wasn't myself in there," a visibly disappointed Foster said. "I could have done so much more but I just didn't throw enough punches. It's time for me to regroup and get it together for the next time."

All but Douglas were making their ShoBox debuts.

The ShoBox quadrupleheader will re-air this week as follows:

#### DAY CHANNEL

Monday, Nov. 9, 10 p.m. ET/PT SHOWTIME EXTREME

Friday's four-fight telecast will be available at SHOWTIME ON DEMAND® beginning today/Saturday, Nov. 7.

Barry Tompkins called the ShoBox action from ringside with Farhood and former world champion Raul Marquez serving as expert analysts. The executive producer was Gordon Hall with Richard Gaughan producing and Rick Phillips directing.

#### About ShoBox: The New Generation

Since its inception in July 2001, the critically acclaimed SHOWTIME boxing series, ShoBox: The New Generation has featured young talent matched tough. The ShoBox philosophy is to televise exciting, crowd-pleasing and competitive matches while providing a proving ground for willing prospects determined to fight for a world title. Some of the growing list of the 63 fighters who have appeared on ShoBox and advanced to garner world titles includes: Andre Ward, Deontay Wilder, Erislandy Lara, Shawn Porter, Gary Russell Jr., Lamont Peterson, Guillermo Rigondeaux, Omar Figueroa, Nonito Donaire,

Devon Alexander, Carl Froch, Robert Guerrero, Timothy Bradley, Jessie Vargas, Juan Manuel Lopez, Chad Dawson, Paulie Malignaggi, Ricky Hatton, Kelly Pavlik, Paul Williams and more.

#### About Downtown Las Vegas Events Center

Located at the corner of Third St. and Carson Ave. across from the D Las Vegas, the Downtown Las Vegas Events Center can accommodate up to 11,000 guests and features state-of-the-art stage, sound and lighting. The open-air design is inviting to both tourists and locals and offers the perfect spot for concerts, conventions and other large-scale events. Embracing the uninhibited spirit of Downtown Las Vegas, the new venue plays host to a line-up of curated events including premier concerts, food festivals and more. The venue is also the first entertainment arena in Las Vegas to accept Bitcoin as currency. For more information, visit [www.dlvec.com](http://www.dlvec.com) or follow on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter at @DLVEC.

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## **Video: Antoine Douglas: I AM A FIGHTER**