

# John “Apollo Kidd” Thompson arrives in Manchester, England for October 10th WBO Junior Middleweight world title fight with Liam Smith

Manchester, England (October 1, 2015)–WBO number-five ranked junior middleweight contender & Boxcino 2015 champion, John “Apollo Kidd” Thompson arrived Thursday morning in Manchester, England in advance of his October 10th WBO junior middleweight world title clash with Liam Smith that will take place at the Manchester Arena.

Thompson of Newark, New Jersey, is promoted by GH3 Promotions and Banner Promotions, is excited for the opportunity to become world champion.



“I am glad to be here, but I have a job to do and on October 10. That night I will become world champion.”

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# **GH3 Promotions O'Shanique Foster takes on Darius Jackson tonight in Beach Haven, NJ**

Nutley, NJ (September 26, 2015) – Tonight at Veterans Memorial Park in Beach Haven, New Jersey, undefeated Lightweight O'Shanique Foster will be in action in a 4-round bout against Darius Jackson.

Foster, of Orange, Texas has a record of 7-0 with 4 knockouts, has a lot on the line because with a win, he is in line for his national television debut when he is scheduled to take on Samuel Teah on ShoBox: The New Generation.

The 22 year-old Foster is not taking Jackson lightly as he knows that he needs a victory to advance his promising career.

"Training camp was great. I had a lot of good sparring and put a lot of roadwork in," said Foster.

When asked about taking a "tune-up" fight just 6 weeks before a big fight on television, Foster is treating this fight just as serious.

"This fight will prepare my mind for November 6. It will be my first television shot but I take every opponent one at a time. I treat all opponents like they are world champions. I do not know much about him except that he is a little taller and we have a gameplan to get inside."

"I am looking for a big win on Saturday and that will get me to the November fight and I expect to put on a great show on that night as well," said Foster.

GH3 Promotions will also be keeping a close eye on undefeated

Middleweight Arturo Trujillo of Easton, PA.

Trujillo has a record of 6-0 with three knockouts and is taking on Alec Asbury in a 4-round fight.

“We are looking at Arturo as our next signee,” said GH3 Promotions president, Vito Mielnicki.

“He is managed by Pete Festa and we have formed a great relationship with Pete in terms of working with his fighters”

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## **GH3 Promotions developing into a promotional powerhouse**

Nutley, NJ (September 21, 2015) – in just three years, Vito Mielnicki’s GH3 Promotions has become one of the top promoters in the United States.

In the next month, Mielnicki will see the fruits of his hard work as he will have his first fighter compete in a world title bout when WBO number-five ranked John Thompson (17-1, 6 KO’s) takes on Liam Smith on October 10 for the vacant WBO Jr. Middleweight title in Manchester, England.

“It is only fitting that it is John that gets the first

opportunity because he was the first fighter I signed and I am ecstatic for him to be getting the chance at the world title,"said Mielnicki. "Camp is going terrific down in Virginia and John is eagerly waiting for October 10."

Thompson will not be the only fighter under the GH3 banner to be seen in high profile bouts.

On October 23, Light Heavyweight, Lavarn Harvell (15-1, 10 KO's) of Atlantic City will be taking on Samuel Clarkson as part of the televised ShoBox: The New Generation card.

Harvell has joined Thompson in Virginia for training camp.

On November 6, GH3 Promotions will stage a ShoBox card that will feature the popular and undefeated Middleweight WBA number-9 ranked Antoine Douglas (18-0-1, 12 KO's) taking WBA number-12 ranked Les Sherrington (35-7, 19 KO's) for the WBA Intercontinental title.

The fight will mark the fifth ShoBox appearance for Douglas, who is also ranked number-10 by the WBO, and number-15 by the IBF

Douglas is currently training in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

With a win over Sherrington, Douglas will be inching closer to a world title opportunity.

On the same ShoBox card, GH3 Promotions prospects O'Shanique Foster and Keenan Smith will make their national television debuts.

Foster (7-0, 4 KO's) of Orange, Texas will take on Samuel Teah (7-1, 2 KO's) in a Lightweight battle while Smith (8-0, 3 KO's) of Philadelphia battles Benjamin Whitaker (10-1, 2 KO's) in a Welterweight clash.

Fighting off-tv that night will be undefeated Super Bantamweight, Adam Lopez (13-0, 6 KO's) of San Antonio, Texas.

Lopez is currently ranked number-10 by the WBA on the strength of two exciting wins on ShoBox in 2015.

GH3 Promotions is closing the final quarter of 2015 very strong as it looks towards 2016 for all of it's established talent to be fighting for regional belts that will move them up the rankings and in position for world title opportunities.

"I am very proud of what we have accomplished in a very short time. This could not have been done without people like Kay Koroma. Kay has helped us lock down all of the top talent in the country. He has deep roots behind the scenes. In the past year, Kay and I have added Ricardo Rizzo as an adviser to our company. Ricardo has over 40 years of experience in the industry and has been a great sounding board for advice to GH3 Promotions," said Mielnicki.

Going forward, GH3 Promotions has resigned undefeated Bantamweight Glenn Dezurn Jr. (6-0, 4 K0's) of Baltimore, Maryland

GH3 Promotions will be moving it's operations as it is on the verge of closing in on a building in Belleville, New Jersey which will house both it's offices and a state of the art gym for it's local amateurs and professionals to work out.

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# Undefeated Jr. Lightweight Bienvenido Diaz to take on Victor Vasquez tonight at the Space at Westbury in Westbury, NY

Westbury, NY (September 10, 2015) – Tonight at the Space at Westbury in Westbury, New York, one of the newest members of the GH3 Promotions stable, undefeated Jr. Lightweight Bienvenido Diaz will take on Victor Vasquez in a bout scheduled for 4-rounds.

Diaz of Prospect Park, New Jersey was a late starter in boxing after a stint in Mixed Martial Arts, but has found the sweet science to be his calling.

Diaz, 2-0 with both wins coming via knockout, takes on Vasquez (3-1, 1 KO) of Yonkers, New York.

Diaz did not have much film on Vasquez, but he will come into the ring with a solid gameplan.

“Camp was great. I had great sparring and am prepared for this fight. I reall do not know much on Vasquez other than then he is tall. I am sure he will try to keep me at a distance, but I have been working on getting close,” said the 26 year-old Diaz.

Although Diaz has fought on GH3 Promotions cards in the past, this will be the first fight for Diaz as a signed fighter to the growing roster of Vito Mielnicki’s company.

“It is great to work with GH3 Promotions. Vito is a good guy and he has treated me well.”

“I am a former MMA fighter in the amateurs. I switched to boxing when my opponents continued to grab me as I tried to throw a punch. That is when I decided to box. I know that on Thursday, it will be a real exciting fight. I go in with the mindset that If I was a paying customer, I would not want to see a boring fight, so I give the fans what they want to see.

Diaz is managed by Pete Festa and Phil Shevack. He is trained by Aroz “Terrific” Gist.

Festa wants people to know that this isn’t the average MMA fighter turned boxer.

“Bienvenido is a great kid who unlike most of the fighters who switch sports, has learned his craft and continues to improve as a boxer. We always knew he can punch. He has improved dramatically with his boxing ability. I am looking to see the improvement on how his boxing ability sets up his power shots.”

Said GH3 Promotions president, Vito Mielnicki, “like all the GH3 fighters, we will move him aggressively. We have Diaz on September 26th and November 12th. He will be moved rapidly to see what he has. He is a solid kid.”

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# **GH3 Promotions O’Shanique Foster and Lavarn Harvell**

# score 1st round knockouts in Washington, DC

Nutley, NJ (August 25, 2015) – This past Saturday night at North Hall at East Market in Washington, D.C, two fighters under the GH3 Promotional stable scored first round stoppages and are now looking forward to big fights in the fall.

The card was promoted by Jeter Promotions.

Light Heavyweight Lavarn Harvell (15-1, 8 KO's) of Atlantic City, New Jersey took out Quincy Miner of Kansas City, while Jr. Lightweight O'Shanique Foster (7-0, 4 KO's) of Houston, Texas stopped Frank Jordan.

The bout was the first for Foster under the GH3 Promotional banner. He registered two knockdowns in the 86-second fight.

Harvell dropped Miner with a hard right hand and Miner could not beat the count and the fight was stopped at 2:35 of round one.

"Both Lavarn & O'Shanique did good jobs on Saturday and now they are both set up to come right back in September. We tentatively have Lavarn penciled in for September 26 in Beach Haven, New Jersey and O'Shanique will be back on September 18 and then in November 6," Said GH3 Promotions, Vito Mielnicki

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# **Boxcino 2015 Jr. Middleweight champion, John “Apollo Kidd” Thompson to fight Liam Smith for vacant WBO Jr. Middleweight title on October 10 in Manchester, England**

Philadelphia, PA (August 24, 2015) – Boxcino 2015 champion John “Apollo Kidd” Thompson has signed to face undefeated Liam Smith for the vacant WBO world Jr. Middleweight title on October 10th in Manchester, England.

Thompson joins Willie Monroe Jr. as the 2nd Boxcino champion to fight for a world title in a five month span.

Thompson (17-1, 6 KO's) of Newark, New Jersey will participating in his first world title bout.

Thompson is co-promoted by Vito Mielnicki's GH3 Promotions and Arthur Pelullo's Banner Promotions.

Thompson gained the opportunity on the strength of winning the Boxcino 2015 Jr. Middleweight tournament with wins over Ricardo Pinell (10-1-1), Stanyslav Skorkhod (9-0) and a 2nd round stoppage over Brandon Adams (17-1).

“I am excited. These doors keep opening, and I just walk through them and close them. I have to do my job. I am going into this fight making sure that I am in tip-top shape. For me, the Boxcino tournament was a great opportunity to be established. It is a strong platform to show my talents. I

fought very tough competition, and I knew from the beginning that's how you get prepared for these types of fights," said Thompson.

"I am very proud of John. He was a last minute replacement in Boxcino. He went on to win to the tournament in style by scoring a spectacular knockout over the heavily favored Brandon Adams. When the opportunity came about to fight Liam Smith for the title, John jumped all over it and said make it happen. John is a real fighter and understands when these types of opportunities come up, they are few and far between, and he jumped at the opportunity to fight for the WBO Jr. Middleweight world championship," said Arthur Pelullo of Banner Promotions.

Said Vito Mielnicki, President of GH3 Promotions, "John was the first fighter I signed at GH3 Promotions. He always has taken the tough fights as you look at his history. I feel he is by far the more dominant fighter in this fight, and he will show his talent on October 10. It won't matter that he is going into Smith's Backyard, John will put on a great performance."

The bout is promoted by Frank Warren's Queensberry Promotions, in association with Arthur Pelullo's Banner Promotions and Vito Mielnicki's GH3 Promotions.

The Smith – Thompson bout will join the WBO Middleweight title fight between Andy Lee and Billy Joe Saunders, as well as Terry Flanagan defending his WBO Lightweight title against Diego Magdaleno, which will make up a championship triple-header on October 10th from Manchester, England.

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# **GH3 Promotions O'Shanique Foster and Lavarn Harvell in action on Saturday night in Washington, DC**

Nutley, NJ (August 21, 2015) – Tomorrow night at North Hall at East Market in Washington, D.C, two fighters under the GH3 Promotional stable will be in action on a card promoted by Jeter Promotions.

Light Heavyweight Lavarn Harvell (14-1, 7 KO's) of Atlantic City, New Jersey will take on Quincy Miner of Kansas City in a bout scheduled for 6-rounds.

Jr. Lightweight O'Shanique Foster (6-0, 3 KO's) of Houston, Texas will take on Frank Jordan in a 4-round bout. The bout will be the first for Foster under the GH3 Promotions Banner.

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## **Keenan Smith scores 2nd round stoppage over previously undefeated Hadley in Atlantic City**

Nutley, NJ (August 19, 2015) – This past Saturday night at the Playground in Atlantic City, Welterweight Keenan Smith (8-0, 3 KO's) remained perfect by scoring a 2nd round stoppage over

previously undefeated Lavelle Hadley in a bout scheduled for six-rounds.

Smith landed a flurry of body and head punches that sent Hadley down to a knee for which he did not beat the referee's count at 1:56 of round two.

"He was tall but he he didn't have much for me. It was an easy fight. I used my jab and I saw he was open for the left hand. I applied the pressure and I saw that he could not fight on the inside," said Smith.

With the win, fans all over the country can expect to see more of Smith as he is penciled in to fight on September 18 on CBS Sports Network and November 6 on ShoBox.

"I am excited. I get to show the world my talent. This is what I have been waiting for. It is a blessing. I want to thank GH3 Promotions for the opportunity to be on television. I have a lot of tricks up my sleeve that I am ready to show everyone. I also want to thank my managers D & D Management and Hotty M & M Boxing Gym."

Said GH3 Promotions Vito Mielnicki, "We are pleased with Keenan. He is always ready to fight. We are looking to move him at a nice pace and he is up for the two television fights that he will participate in the next three months. He has the talent to do big things."

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# Undefeated and world ranked Jerry Odom returns this Saturday in Springfield, Virginia

Springfield, VA (APRIL 22, 2014)–This Saturday night at the Springfield ABC, undefeated and world-ranked Super Middleweight Jerry “The Kings Son” Odom will make his 4th start in as many months when he takes on Edgar Perez in a six round bout on a card that is promoted by Jeter Promotions and RBA Promotions.

Odom is promoted by GH3 Promotions

Odom of Bowie, Maryland is 10-0 with 10 knockouts which shot him up to number-15 by the WBA. He has been picking up the competition as evidenced by his 1st round destruction over Douglas Otieno Okola on April 4 in Parsippany, New Jersey.

Perez of Chicago has a a record of 5-8 with three knockouts.

The combined record of his last 8 opponents is 68-3-1 which includes bouts with Steven Martinez, Jermall Charlo, Anthony Ogogo, Antoine Douglas and his last bout on January 10 with Joel De La Paz.

Tickets are \$50 for General Admission and \$75 for VIP.

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# Douglas, Odom and Ellison remain perfect with wins in Parsippany

PARSIPPANY, NJ (APRIL 11, 2014)—Last Friday night, Middleweight prospect Antoine Douglas remained undefeated by scoring a 2nd round stoppage over former world title challenger Luca Messi in a scheduled 10-round bout that topped a 10 bout card at the Parsippian PAL.

The show was promoted by GH3 Promotions and Greg Cohen Promotions.

Douglas of Burke, VA is dropped Messi in the 2nd round from a left hook and the fight was stopped when the referee deemed Messi unable to continue at 1:47. Douglas is now 14-0 with nine knockouts while Messi fell to 37-10-1.

Jr. Lightweight Wanzell Ellison was tested but came out on the winning side of a hard fought split decision over fellow undefeated Iain Weaver in a six round bout.

Ellison was gritty in pounding out the decision by scores of 59-56 and 58-56 while the visitor from Dorset, England took a card 58-56.

Ellison of Newark, NJ is now 11-0-1 while Weaver suffered tough luck and is now 5-1

Jerry Odom remained perfect and kept his perfect knockout streak in tact by stopping veteran Douglas Otieno Okola in the 1st round of their scheduled 6-round Light Heavyweight bout.

Odom dropped Okola three times in the 1st round and the fight was stopped at 2:19 of of the frame and is now 10-0 with 10 knockouts.

Said GH3 Promotions Vito Mielnicki, "I am very proud of

Antoine, Jerry and Wanzell. The all put in good performances with Antoine and Jerry scoring spectacular stoppages and Wanzell was in with a tough as nails undefeated fighter and he came through with flying colors in a fight where he also got a good learning experience,”

“All three will be back shortly and I am working some television bouts.”