Video: Roney Hines vs David Becker July 20, 2018

GH3 Promotions fare well in Sloan, Iowa

Nutley, NJ (July 23, 2018) — GH3 Promotions fighters Thomas Mattice and Roney Hines gained wins this past Friday night in Sloan, Iowa while Kenneth Sims, Jr. fought to a draw in the opening bout of a ShoBox: The New Generation tripleheader.

In the televised co-feature, Mattice got up from a 2nd round knockdown to eek out an eight-round split decision over Zhora Hamazaryan in a battle of undefeated lightweights.

Mattice of Cleveland, Ohio won by scores of 76-75 twice while Hamazaryan won a card by a 77-74 tally.

Mattice is now 13-0.

In the opening bout of the ShoBox telecast, Kenneth Sims, Jr. was denied a victory in his eight-round junior welterweight bout with Montana Love as the judges saw the fight as a split draw.

Sims controlled the action and seemingly got the better of the fight, but somehow the fighgt was scored a draw.

Each fighter won a card 77-75 and a 3rd card read even at 76-76.

Sims of Chicago is 12-1-1.

In non-televised action, 2018 National Golden Gloves champion Roney Hines needed just 68 seconds to drop David Becker three times to win his pro debut.

Hines of Cleveland, Ohio was making his pro debut.

VIDEO: Armando Alvarez talks about his defeat to Jaron Ennis

Video: Jaron Ennis — Armando Alavrez heated Faceoff

Quartet of GH3 Promotions fighters look to shine TONIGHT in Sloan, Iowa

Sloan, Iowa (July 20, 2018) — Four memebers of the GH3 Promotions stable will be featured TONIGHT at The WinnaVegas

Casino Resort.

In the main of event of a ShoBox: The New Generation tripleheader that will be LIVE ON SHOWTIME® at 10 PM ET / PT (Delayed on The West Coast), newly signed Armando Alvarez (18-0, 12 KOs) of Key West, Florida takes on Jaron Ennis (20-0, 18 KOs) in a welterweight bout scheduled for tenrounds.

In the co-feature, Thomas Mattice (12-0, 10 KOs) of Cleveland, Ohio takes on Zhora Hamazaryan (9-0, 6 KOs) in an eight-round lightweight bout.

Kenneth Sims, Jr. (12-1, 4 KOs) of Chicago, Illinois battles Montana Love (11-0, 5 KOs) in a eight-round junior welterweight bout.

In non-televised action, 2018 National Golden Gloves champion Roney Hines of Cleveland, Ohio makes his pro debut against David Becker (1-1, 1 KO) of St. Joseph, Missouri in a four-round heavyweight bout.

"I want to thank SHOWTIME and ShoBox for this great card. This is will be another fantastic evening of fights. This is another big night for our fighters. We expect Armando, Thomas and Kenneth to shine on national television. I am really excited to see Roney Hines turn pro, and mark his ascent towards where the other three are, and that is being featured on a great platform like ShoBox," GH3 Promotions CEO, Vito Mielnicki.

JARON ENNIS vs. ARMANDO ALVAREZ SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION FINAL WEIGHTS, QUOTES & PHOTOS FOR TRIPLEHEADER LIVE ON SHOWTIME®

SLOAN, Iowa (July 19, 2018) — Undefeated welterweight prospect Jaron Ennis and fellow unbeaten Armando Alvarez made weight on Thursday for their 10-round main event matchup tomorrow/Friday on ShoBox: The New Generation live on SHOWTIME® (10 p.m. ET/PT) from WinnaVegas Casino in Sloan, Iowa.

Ennis (20-0, 18 KOs), a former National Golden Gloves Champion, is a highly-touted prospect from Philadelphia taking a major step-up in opposition against Alvarez (13-0, 7 KOs), who has knocked out six of his last seven opponents. Ennis, who has knocked out his last 10 opponents, will make his television debut in Friday's main event.

Undefeated lightweight prospects Thomas Mattice (12-0, 10 KOs) and Zhora Hamazaryan (9-0, 6 KOs) will meet in the eight-round co-feature. Mattice returns to ShoBox for the second time after debuting on the series in February. Hamazaryan faces Mattice in only his second fight in the U.S. The Armenian native, who calls former IBF Junior Welterweight Champion Sergey Lipinets a sparring partner, won his U.S. debut in February against the previously unbeaten Sergio Ramirez.

In the opening bout of the telecast, undefeated super lightweight prospects Montana Love (11-0, 5 KOs) and oncebeaten Kenneth Simms Jr. (12-1, 4 KOs) both return to the series when they face off in an eight-round clash. Love

returns to ShoBox for the second time and Simms will fight for the third time after losing his undefeated record on the series a year ago. The two meet again after facing each other as teenagers.

Tickets for the show, which is promoted by GH3 Promotions, Victory Promotions, Ringside Ticket Inc., Banner Promotions & Thompson Boxing are priced from \$10-\$60 and can be purchased at winnavegas.com.

OFFICIAL WEIGHTS:

Welterweights - 10 Rounds

Jaron Ennis: 145 ¾ Pounds

Armando Alvarez: 146 4 Pounds

Referee: Adam Pollack (Iowa); Judges: Bob LaFratte (Iowa), Mike Contreras (Neb.), Jeff Sinnett (Neb.)

Lightweights — Eight Rounds

Thomas Mattice: 134 3/4 Pounds

Zhora Hamazaryan: 134 34 Pounds

Referee: Adam Pollack (Iowa); Judges: Bob LaFratte (Iowa), Mike Contreras (Neb.), Jeff Sinnett (Neb.)

Super Lightweights — Eight Rounds

Montana Love: 140 Pounds

Kenneth Simms Jr.: 139 1/4 Pounds

Referee: Paul Parry (Neb.); Judges: Bob Lafratte (Iowa), Mike Contreras (Neb.), Jeff Sinnett (Neb.)

Non-Televised weights
Roney Hines 219.6 — David Becker (will weigh in on Friday)
Zhang Zhilei 265.6 — Eugen Buchmueller 219.4

Meng Fanlong 176.6 — Chris Eppley 177.2 Darmani Rock 264.4 — Marques Valentine 296.2

FINAL QUOTES:

ENNIS:

"Since I was little I've always felt comfortable in the ring and so relaxed. I've been around it for so long, watching my brothers and my dad. Boxing is all I know.

"We have a mission to accomplish for the Ennis family. That's what keeps me grounded. Both my brothers fought on ShoBox and lost so I'm doing this for the family name.

"I looked up to Roy Jones and Floyd [Mayweather] and James Toney. I mostly watched Roy; He was my favorite fighter.

"I don't feel the pressure. I've been doing this all my life and I know what it takes to be successful. I have fun doing this."

ALVAREZ:

"The pressure is all on him. I'm the B side and no one is expecting me to win, but I'm coming win.

"He is going to use my size and height but he's a kid. I'm a grown man. I'll be ready for whatever he has for me.

"I'm on SHOWTIME and know everyone wants to see a knockout, so that's what I'm going to bring."

MATTICE:

"I don't know anything about my opponent, but my coaches have watched some videos and we will have a plan.

"Having been on ShoBox before, I know what to expect. There will be some nerves, but I won't be overwhelmed. I'll be more comfortable. I'll be a lot more comfortable.

"I'll have to use my jab and use my distance and my range.

I'll do whatever I have to do to get the win.

"Against [Rolando] Chinea I knew if I got one shot he would go down, and that's exactly what happened."

HAMAZARYAN

"This is a step-up fight and I'm honored to be fighting in the United States.

"I got some great training and sparring in Los Angeles. America is the fighting mecca and all the greats eventually make it to America. Now it's my time.

"I don't talk much. I'm pretty quiet. I let my gloves do all the talking.

"I've had more than 200 amateur fights. I have strength in both hands. I'm a boxer-puncher; My style is the classic boxer-puncher."

LOVE:

"This is a big opportunity for me and just another step to where I want to be in my career. Being on TV doesn't affect me at all, not even the lights and the cameras. I love the cameras. I talked a lot during the fight last time and you'll hear me doing the same thing again.

"I've sparred with Gervonta Davis and Devon Alexander. For this fight I sparred with Sonny Frederickson.

"I know [Simms] is a boxer and is going to try to outscore me and run around a lot but I don't think he can hurt me. He doesn't have the power.

"This fight for me is a game-changer. Another win on national TV will be a big step for me."

SIMMS JR:

"I'm a different fighter now. I started working with a strength and conditioning coach ahead of this fight. I sparred

with Regis [Prograis] in Houston. This was my first time training in Houston, there is just better training there than in Chicago.

"I'm making 140 pounds easy. This feels like a new beginning for me. Even though it's been a year since I last fought, I don't think there will be any rust."

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

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Thomas Mattice Camp Notes

Cleveland, Ohio (July 18, 2018) — Undefeated lightweight Thomas Mattice (12-0, 10 KOs) is looking to make a strong impression as he takes on fellow undefeated Zhora Hamazaryan (9-0, 6 KOs) in the eight-round co-feature bout of a ShoBox: The New Generation tripleheader this Friday, July 20 live on SHOWTIME® at 10 p.m. ET/PT from the WinnaVegas Casino Resort in Sloan, Iowa.

In the main event, undefeated welterweights will tangle as Jaron Ennis squares off against Armando Alvarez in a 10-round bout.

Tickets for the show, which is promoted by GH3 Promotions, Victory Promotions, Ringside Ticket Inc., Banner Promotions & Thompson Boxing are priced from \$10-\$60 and can be purchased at winnavegas.com.

Mattice, who made his ShoBox debut on February 2nd with an exciting 7th round stoppage over Rolando Chinea in the same venue that Friday's bout will take place at, will be looking for a more complete performance against the undefeated Hamazaryan.

'This camp is going smooth," Mattice said. "This is a little easier being that I have already gone through a camp and all the things that go on with being on national television. It was an inspiring opportunity, and a dream come true to fight on this platform, and now I will be more focused."

While not much on Hamazaryan is out there for scouting purposes, Mattice has seen what he can, and will be ready for the undefeated fighter from Armenia.

"He is a slick guy," Mattice said. "I have seen a couple of rounds on him. He has decent skills, and I look forward to a good fight. My job is to defeat him and get the win."

Mattice isn't looking past Hamazaryan, and he knows he needs to be victorious for his career to get to the next level.

"I have to win this fight, and then I can see where I can go from there. I just want everybody to tune into ShoBox. I want to thank my manager Chances Aurelius, my promoter GH3 Promotions, and Zhora for taking the challenge. It will be a great fight."

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Kenneth Sims Jr. Camp Notes

Chicago (July 17, 2018) — Junior welterweight Kenneth Sims, Jr. (12-1, 4 KOs) has been hunkering down in training camp in Chicago for his showdown with undefeated Montana Love (11-0, 5 KOs) in an eight-round bout that will be part of a ShoBox: The New Generation tripleheader on Friday, July 20 live on SHOWTIME® at 10 p.m. ET/PT

In the main event, undefeated welterweights will tangle as Jaron Ennis (20-0, 18 KOs) squares off against Armando Alvarez (18-0, 12 KOs) in the 10-round main event from WinnaVegas Casino in Sloan, Iowa.

In the co-feature, undefeated lightweight Thomas Mattice (12-0, 10 KOs) returns to Iowa for his second ShoBox appearance of the year when he clashes with former Armenian amateur standout Zhora Hamazaryan (9-0, 6 KOs) in a eightround bout.

Tickets for the show, which is promoted by GH3 Promotions, Victory Promotions, Ringside Ticket Inc., Banner Promotions & Thompson Boxing are priced from \$10-\$60 and can be purchased at winnavegas.com.

Sims, who was a former National Amateur champion, has been off since suffering his only professional blemish, when he dropped a majority decision to Rolando Chinea, and subsequently had elbow surgery. He is eager to get back in the ring, and prove he's one of the best prospects in the 140-pound division.

"Everything is going great," Sims said. "I am feeling better than ever. I have been working with a strength and conditioning coach for the first time in my career, and I can feel the difference."

In Love, he is facing an undefeated fighter, who made an impression in his previous ShoBox appearance on Feb. 2 when he

won a majority decision over Samuel Teah on short notice.

"Love is a good fighter," Sims said. "We fought when we were kids. We were about 15 years-old. I won that fight, but that does not mean anything as we head into this fight."

Sims has extra motivation, as he feels that in the loss to Chinea, he was not at his best physically, and he vows to put on a great performance.

"I am super motivated. The last fight upped my motivation. It's amazing, to see some of the people who have rooted for me in the past are now saying negative stuff about me. A win will get me back on track. I have been sparring with Regis Prograis, and that has lifted my game up even more."

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National Golden Gloves champion Roney Hines to make pro debut this Friday in Sloan, Iowa

Cleveland, Ohio (July 16, 2018) — This Friday night at the WinnaVegas Casino Resort in Sloan, Iowa, 2018 National Golden Gloves champion, heavyweight Roney Hines will make his prodebut when he takes on David Becker in a four-round bout that will precede a ShoBox: The New Generation tripleheader.

Hines, 23 years-old, of Cleveland, Ohio won the National Golden Gloves in May in Omaha, Nebraska, which is just an 90 minute drive from Sloan, Iowa.

"I am ready to get this out of the way, and put my name on the map. I want to show people what I have," said Hines.

Hines, who describes himself as a boxer-puncher, has the physical attributes of the modern day heavyweight by standing almost 6-foot-7 and weighing close to 240 pounds.

Hines, who recently signed with GH3 Promotions explained he is with the New Jersey based promotion due to past success moving young fighters along.

"I am very comfortable with GH3. With Vito Mielnicki, it's a family type of atmosphere. I plan to fight every month if I can. Whenever Vito says he can get me in the ring, then I will fight. I just want to take this 1 step at a time. I know what I bring as a fighter, and I am looking forward to showing my skills."

In Becker, Hines is facing an opponent who is 1-1 with 1 knockout from St. Joseph, Missouri.

"I do not know anything about him. He just needs to know who I am, and if he doesn't, I will show him on Friday."

"I am going to work hard, and take this one step at a time. I will be a factor in the heavyweight division before too long."

Hines is promoted by GH3 Promotions and is co-managed by Chances Aurelius and former NFL star Ray Edwards. Hines is trained by Push Davis.

Mielnicki said, "I am looking for Roney to have around 15 fights before the end of 2019."

UNDEFEATED WELTERWEIGHT PROSPECTS JARON ENNIS & ARMANDO ALVAREZ FACE OFF IN MAIN EVENT OF JULY 20 SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION TRIPLEHEADER

NEW YORK (June 25, 2018) — A battle of unbeaten welterweight prospects will headline a ShoBox: The New Generation tripleheader on Friday, July 20 live on SHOWTIME® at 10 p.m. ET/PT when Jaron Ennis squares off against Armando Alvarez in the 10-round main event from WinnaVegas Casino in Sloan, Iowa.

Philadelphia's Ennis (20-0, 18 KOs) has knocked out 10

consecutive opponents and was the 2015 National Golden Gloves Champion before turning professional in 2016. The 20-year-old former amateur standout will face his first undefeated opponent in Alvarez (18-0, 12 KOs), a native of the Florida Keys who has knocked out six of his last seven opponents.

The three-fight telecast features six prospects with a combined record of 82-1, with all six fighters facing what is likely the toughest tests of their careers.

In the co-feature, undefeated lightweight Thomas Mattice (12-0, 10 KOs) returns to Iowa for his second ShoBox appearance of the year when he clashes with former Armenian amateur standout Zhora Hamazaryan (9-0, 6 KOs) in a 10-round bout.

Also on the card, undefeated super lightweight prospect Montana Love (11-0, 5 KOs) will take on former national amateur champion Kenneth Sims Jr. (12-1, 4 KOs) in an eightround super lightweight bout.

Tickets for the show, which is promoted by GH3 Promotions, Victory Promotions, Ringside Ticket Inc., Banner Promotions & Thompson Boxing are priced from \$10-\$60 and can be purchased at winnavegas.com.

JARON ENNIS vs. ARMANDO ALVAREZ — 10-Round Welterweight Bout Ennis will debut on ShoBox following a statement second round knockout of former junior welterweight contender Mike Arnaoutis earlier this month, his 10th consecutive KO victory. The Philadelphia native had a standout amateur career, notching an impressive record of 58-3 and winning the 2015 National Golden Gloves tournament. Ennis, who was ranked No. 1 as an amateur at 141 pounds, narrowly missed the opportunity to represent the U.S. in the 2016 Olympics after losing a boxoff to Gary Antuanne Russell at the Olympic Trials.

"This is the opportunity I have been waiting for," Ennis said. "I can't wait to show the world my talent."

Just 20 years old, Ennis currently trains under his father Derek "Bozy" Ennis Sr., who also trained his other sons Derek Jr. and Farah. The 5-foot-10 Ennis will be the third brother to appear on ShoBox; Derek Jr. appeared on the series in 2007, and Farah faced Badou Jack on the series in 2013.

"A win on this platform would mean everything," Ennis continued. "From here on out, I want to fight only the big names in the division. I feel grateful for this opportunity to show the world my talents and skills. It's great to follow in my brother's footsteps, and I am ready to take the Ennis last name to the next level."

The 28-year-old Alvarez turned professional in 2014 and has gradually increased his level of opposition. Alvarez, who now lives in Key West, compiled a 26-4 amateur record and won the Florida State Championship in 2013. His headlining fight with Ennis will be his second fight of 2018 and by far his toughest test to date.

"This is the biggest opportunity I have ever received," Alvarez said. "This is it. It's on. Ennis is a great young fighter, but I think he has stepped out of his league. He is just a kid. The world will find out who Armando Alvarez is on July 20."

THOMAS MATTICE vs. ZHORA HAMAZARYAN — Eight-Round Lightweight Bout

A 27-year-old from Cleveland, Mattice turned pro in 2014 and had an amateur record of 72-18. He was a three-time Ohio State Golden Gloves Champion and bronze medal winner in the USA National Tournament in 2014.

Mattice will be making his second ShoBox appearance following a strong debut Feb. 2, when the undefeated lightweight rallied from behind to score a seventh round TKO of ShoBox veteran Rolando Chinea. Mattice has recorded five straight KOs and nine overall in 11 professional fights.

"I am excited for the opportunity to showcase my talent again on ShoBox," Mattice said. "I'm going to go out there and do what I did before. I'm going to get a win, hopefully in knockout fashion. This guy (Hamazaryan) doesn't know what he's getting himself into."

Undefeated lightweight prospect Hamazaryan, who signed with Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing in February, is originally from Armenia but fights out of Los Angeles. Part of a long line of Armenian fighters who have fought in the U.S., Hamazaryan won his U.S. debut on Feb. 16, when he scored a unanimous decision win over the previously unbeaten Sergio Ramirez. Prior to his win against Ramirez, all of Hamazaryan's victories were earned in Russia.

The 22-year-old was considered the No. 1 fighter in Armenia after an amateur career that spanned over 200 fights. Hamazaryan turned professional in 2015, turning down an opportunity to fight for the Armenian Olympic Team in 2016.

"This fight is very important for me, and I am very excited to be fighting on national television in America," Hamazaryan said. "I know [Mattice] is undefeated but I normally don't look at my opponent. I'm just looking to put on a great performance and make a statement for fans in the U.S."

MONTANA LOVE vs. KENNETH SIMS JR. — Eight-Round Super Lightweight Bout

Cleveland native Love was an accomplished amateur who compiled a 174-13 record and won a bronze medal at the 2012 National Golden Gloves Championships. The 22-year-old recently sparred with Adrien Broner, and served as head sparring partner for Robert Easter Jr. before his lightweight title defense against Javier Fortuna on Jan. 20.

Love has won two consecutive bouts against lesser opposition since defeating Samuel Teah in his ShoBox debut on Feb. 2.

"I am excited and happy to be back," Love said. "I want to put

on another great performance. Sims and I grew up as amateurs together. He's a good fighter, but I am hungry and want to keep rolling. I can't let anything get in my way."

Chicago native Sims makes his return to ShoBox just over a year after suffering the first loss of his career against Rolando Chinea via close majority decision in what was his toughest test to date. The 24-year-old Sims, who has sparred with Floyd Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao, was a 2013 U.S. National Amateur Champion and a 2012 Olympic Trials semifinalist.

"I am happy to be back fighting after having surgery on my elbow that had been bothering me for the last year and a half," Sims said. "This is my chance to prove that I'm back and the loss on ShoBox was a fluke. I remember Love from the amateurs and I know I have what it takes to beat him."

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