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## **Hard Hitting Promotions Announces 12-Fight Series With The Showboat Atlantic City**

Atlantic City, NJ (June 25, 2021)—, Hard Hitting Promotions is pleased to formally announce a landmark boxing series at The Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City titled, Boardwalk Boxing Powered by Hard Hitting Promotions and Showboat Hotel.

The series was announced at a packed press conference that took place this past Tuesday at The Showboat Hotel, with the first event taking place on Saturday, July 31st.

“I am so glad to be part of this. This is just the tip of the

iceberg,” said Manny Rivera, Partner with Hard Hitting Promotions. “This is just a small piece of what is going to happen in Atlantic City. This has been a vision for the last three and a half years. What we will be doing is putting on great fights and high quality events, and we can see this as the start of bringing big time boxing in Atlantic City like it used be. You can see what we are trying to do in our first event, by having excellent fights with all of the fighters getting tested in real fights.”

“Starting on July 31st, we will start a 12-fight series with Hard Hitting Promotions. This is the largest commitment to boxing in Atlantic City in an Atlantic City property since the 1990’s,” said Brandon Dixon, president of Tower Investments. “We are committed to making boxing an integral part of the city’s non-casino entertainment in addition to our professional boxing series, we will be rolling out a truly unique amateur fight series.”

In the main event on July 31st, undefeated Christian Tapia battles Mason Menard in a 10 round fight for the NABA Super Featherweight title.

Tapia of Coamo, Puerto Rico, has a record of 11-0 with 10 knockouts,

Tapia, 27 years-old is a four-year professional, and is coming off a 4th round stoppage over Carlos Colon on March 7th, 2020 in Atlantic City..

Menard of Rayne, Louisiana has an impressive mark of 36-5 with 25 knockouts.

The 32 year-old Menard is a 14 year-professional who has racked up wins over Thomas Dardar (8-1), Lonnie Smith (14-3-2), Ivan Otero (8-1), Oscar Bravo (21-4), Eudy Bernardo (21-0), Bahodir Mamadjonov (19-2). Menard is coming off a close majority decision defeat to highly ranked Emmanuel Tagoe (31-1) on November 27th in Hollywood, Florida.

In the co-feature, undefeated bantamweight Dylan Price of Sicklerville, New Jersey takes on tough Edwin Rodriguez in an eight-round bout.

Price, 22 years-old of Sicklerville, NJ is 13-0 with 10 knockouts. Price, a four-year professional, has stopped his last four opponents, and is coming off a 2nd round destruction over Elias Joaquin on April 17th in Philadelphia.

Rodriguez, 28 year-old of Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico has a record of 11-5-2 with five knockouts.

Rodriguez, a nine-year veteran, has wins over Carlos Rodriguez (12-1), Juan Carlos Camacho (6-0) and highly regarded Saul Sanchez (12-0). Rodriguez is coming off a disputed draw with decorated contender Joshua Greer (22-2-1) on November 14th in Las Vegas.

Local favorite, Anthony "Juice" Young returns in an eight-round bout against veteran, Todd Manuel in a welterweight fight.

Young of Atlantic City is 21-2 with eight knockouts.

Young, 33, will be making his 13th appearance in his hometown, is coming off the best win of his career, as he stopped former super welterweight world champion Sadam Ali in three-rounds on March 4, 2019 in Las Vegas,

Manuel of Rayne, Louisiana is 19-17-1 with five knockouts, has posted wins over K Lon Spencer (4-0), Arthur Thomas (1-0) and Tom Howard (8-1). Manuel is on a two-fight winning streak, and in his last contest, he won an eight-round unanimous decision against Jesus Angulo on June 4th in Mexico.

In six-round bouts:

Ricardo Caraballo (6-1, 2 KOs) of Riverview, Florida takes on an opponent to be named in a flyweight fight.

Emmanuel Rodriguez (9-0, 4 KOs) of Quebardillas, PR will fight an opponent to be named.

Jan Carlos Rivera (4-1, 4 KOs) of Philadelphia will take part in a welterweight bout.

Jerome Conquest (10-5, 1 KO) of Philadelphia fights an opponent to be named.

In a four-round bout, welterweight Dezmond Lucas (2-0, 1 KO) of Bronx, NY will make an appearance against an opponent to be named.

Tickets for this amazing evening boxing are \$150, \$100, \$75 and \$55 and can be purchased.

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## **LIVE FIGHTS: Hard Hitting Promotions**

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## **Weights from Atlantic City**

Atlantic City, NJ (March 7, 2020)—Weights for Tonight's Boxing card at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and Casino

Derrick Webster 166 – Gabriel Pham 164

Christian Tapia 131 – Carlos Colon 129  
Jeremy Cuevas 140.4 – Nestor Hugo Paniagua 137  
Isiah Seldon 159.4 – Darryl Bunting 162.  
Benny Sinakin 173.6 – Leroy Jones 174.2  
Thomas Velasquez 133.4 – Gustavo Molina 134

Promoter: Hard Hitting Promotions

Venue: Ballys Atlantic Hotel and Casino

1st Bell: 7 PM

Tickets are on sale now for \$100 for VIP, \$65 for Ringside and \$50 for VIP and can be purchased at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) and at The Caesars Box Office.

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## **Gabriel Pham Expecting Big Victory Over Derrick Webster This Saturday Night at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and Casino**

Atlantic City, NJ (March 6, 2020)—Atlantic City native Gabriel Pham believes that he is ready to even the score with Derrick Webster when they meet this Saturday night in an eight-round super middleweight main event at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and Casino.

The card is promoted by Hard Hitting Promotions.

Pham, who has had several stops and starts in his career, is ready for a victory that will put him on the map in the super

middleweight division. Pham has been training with world championship trainer, Raul "Chino" Rivas, and has been working hard in preparation for this bout.

"Training camp was good. I have been preparing for this bout for a while. As soon I was able to start training after my last fight, I started camp for Saturday night," said Pham.

One of the big motivating factors for Pham was an amateur bout, which was the last one for Webster before he turned pro, where Webster defeated Pham.

"He beat me as an amateur," continued Pham. "That is why I want this fight, but we are completely different fighters. He talked about when we sparred, we are different fighters from that point as well."

Being in Atlantic City, Pham has something to prove to the hometown fans as this will be the 10th time that Pham has laced up the gloves in the boardwalk town."

"It's a big fight, and because it is in my hometown, people will talk about it. Heck I live about three blocks from Ballys, so yes I am excited about this fight."

Taking on a formidable opponent in Webster is what Pham wanted as he only wants to fight quality opposition in order to achieve what he wants, and that is to be a world champion.

"I am coming off a loss in my last bout to Ievgen Khytrov, and now I am fighting Derrick. I want to take on guys in the top-50 and then top-20, top-15 and so on. When I win on Saturday night, that will help me get to those goals."

"I actually want to possibly move down to 160 pounds, I have been eating three-times a day and have been drinking, but the motivation to get even for that amateur fight is the reason why I took this fight. I saw that he feels that I am not on his level, and he can talk all that he wants to, but I know he

respects me.”

Pham also has another big and personal reason to perform on Saturday.

“I want to dedicate the fight to people battling Mental Health Issues. I have been battling depression for about 10 years. I think it is so great what Tyson Fury has done in making awareness of this. I just want everyone to know that Saturday night will be a great fight.”

Said Pham’s Manager Rich Masini, “Gabriel is very confident and this is the nest that I have seen him mentally and physically as he went into a fight.”

In six-round Bouts:

Anthony Young (21-2, 8 KOs) of Atlantic City battles Jorge Martin Garcia (13-7-1, 3 KOs) of Buenos Aires, Argentina in a six-round welterweight bout.

Jeremy Cuevas (12-1, 9 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on Nestor Hugo Paniagua (26-9-2, 17 KOs) of Santa Fe, Argentina in an lightweight bout.

Christian Tapia (10-0, 9 KOs) of Coamo, Puerto Rico fights Carlos Colon (5-2, 2 KOs) of Hatillo, Puerto Rico in a super featherweight contest.

Thomas Velasquez (9-0-1, 5 KOs) of Philadelphia squares off with Gustavo Molina (24-21, 9 KOs) of Tlaxcala, Mexico in a lightweight fight.

Isiah Seldon (13-3-1, 4 KOs) of Atlantic City fights Darryl Bunting (4-6-2, 2 KOs) of Asbury Park, NJ in a six-round super middleweight fight.

In four-round bouts:

Benny Sinakin (5-0, 3 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on Leroy

Jones (3-7, 2 KOs) of Saint Louis in a light heavyweight contest.

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## **Derrick Webster Confident of Knockout Performance Against Gabriel Pham This Saturday Night at Bally's Atlantic City Hotel and Casino**

Atlantic City, NJ (March 5, 2020)—This Saturday night, super middleweight contender Derrick Webster (28-2, 14 KOs) views Gabriel Pham (11-2, 5 KOs) a mere steppingstone as they meet in an eight-round bout that will serve as the main event at Bally's Atlantic City Hotel and Casino.

The card is promoted by Hard Hitting Promotions.

Webster of Glassboro, New Jersey is supremely confident as he enters will is being billed as a South Jersey Super Middleweight Showdown.

"My camp was amazing. I was scheduled to fight in October, but my opponent came in way over weight. I took about two days off, and was right back in the gym. I then got a call to fight



Demond Nicholson, but then we were offered this fight.”

There is some familiarity with Pham as Webster defeated Pham in Webster’s last amateur bout and the two have sparred.

“When I sparred with him, I was told by trainers to take it easy and hold back on my punches. So that’s all you have to know.”

“He does not have a chance of beating me. I have nothing to worry about in this bout. This fight is more for him than it is for me. He does not impose a threat. There is no one on his resume with my ability and in his last bout he was knocked out by Ievgen Khytrov from a body shot.”

Despite Pham being from Atlantic City, Webster feels that he is the hometown fighter as this will be his 6th bout on the boardwalk.

“Atlantic City is my town. I have been headlining here since very early in my career. They love me in Atlantic City. The only reason that he is in a main event is because of me. The only reason that he is on any billboards is because of me. He has to be on top of his game to be competitive with me. I am looking down the road at world title bouts, where he has never been ranked. The bottom line is that I will not be happy with my performance if I don’t knock him out.”

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## **Anthony “Juice” Young To Take on Jorge Martin Garcia in Co-Feature bout on Saturday, March 7th at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and Casino**

Atlantic City, NJ (March 4, 2020)– Local favorite Anthony “Juice” Young will take on Jorge Martin Garcia in the eight-

round welterweight co-feature bout, this Saturday night, March 7th at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and Casino.

The show, which is promoted by Hard Hitting Promotions will be headlined by a eight-round South Jersey Super Middleweight Showdown between Derrick Webster (28-2, 14 KOs) of Glassboro and Gabriel Pham (11-2, 5 KOs) of Atlantic City

Young has a record of 21-2 with eight knockouts. The 32 year-old Young is a nine-year professional who has wins over Jose Javier Calderon (4-1) and his last bout when he burst into contendership when he stopped former junior middleweight world champion Saddam Ali (27-2) in three rounds on May 4th in Las Vegas.

Young will be making his 13th appearance in Atlantic City.

Garcia of Buenos Aries, Argentina, has a record of 13-7-1 with three knockouts. The 35 year-old Garcia is a 14 year veteran who has shared the ring with two-time world title challenger Fernando Saucedo and former world title challenger Juan Jose Velasco. Garcia is coming off a unanimous decision victory over Dario Baigorria on October 19th in Buenos Aries. This will be Garcia's 1st fight outside of Argentina.

This will be 1st card staged by Hard Hitting Promotions as part of a series of boxing events at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and Casino. Hard Hitting Promotions has grown into one of the biggest promotions in the Tri-Sate Area as they have been the 1st to promote fights at SugarHouse Casino, The Filmore and Met Philadelphia. Hard Hitting Promotions also was the last promoter to host fights at The Tropicana in Atlantic City and spearheaded the 1st ShoBox: The Generation card in Philadelphia.

In six-round Bouts:

Jeremy Cuevas (12-1, 9 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on Nestor Hugo Paniagua (26-9-2, 17 KOs) of Santa Fe, Argentina in an

lightweight bout.

Christian Tapia (10-0, 9 KOs) of Coamo, Puerto Rico fights Carlos Colon (5-2, 2 KOs) of Hatillo, Puerto Rico in a super featherweight contest.

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**Atlantic City Favorites  
Anthony “Juice” Young Plus  
DeCarlo Perez as well as**

# undefeated Thomas Velasquez added to Huge Fight card on Saturday, March 7th at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and Casino

Atlantic City, NJ (February 19, 2020)– Some more local flavor has been added to an already terrific night of boxing that will take place on Saturday, March 7th at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and Casino.

Atlantic City natives in welterweight contender, Anthony “Juice” Young plus super middleweight DeCarlo Perez pas well as undefeated super featherweight Thomas Velasquez will be added to an impressive lineup that will be headlined by a eight-round South Jersey Super Middleweight Showdown between Derrick Webster and Gabriel Pham.

Young has a record of 21-2 with eight knockouts. The 32 year-old Young is a nine-year professional who has wins over Jose Javier Calderon (4-1) and his last bout when he burst into contendership when he stopped former junior middleweight world champion Sadam Ali (27-2) in three rounds on May 4th in Las Vegas.

Young will be making his 13th appearance in Atlantic City.

Perez has a record of 17-6-1 with five knockouts, will be competing in a six-round super middleweight bout. The 28 year-old Perez is a 10 year-professional who has wins over Shamone Alvarez (21-5), Dante Moore (8-0-2), Jamar Freeman (9-1-2), Marcus Willis (13-3-2), Tyrone Bruns (22-2-1), Jesse Nicklow (24-5-3), Juan Ubaldo Cabblera (23-0), Lanell Bellows (16-1-1),. In his last bout, Perez won an eight-round

unanimous decision over cross-town rival Antowyan Aikens on September 8, 2018 in Atlantic City.

Perez will making his 10th hometown start.

Velasquez of Philadelphia has a record of 9-0-1 with five knockouts. The 24 year-old Velasquez is a five year professional, has Grashino Yancy (1-0). In his last bout, Velasquez battled to a draw with Tyrome Jones on September 19, 2017 in Bethlehem, Pa.

Opponents for Young, Perez and Velasquez will be announced shortly

Besides those four aforementioned bouts, Isiah Seldon (13-3-1, 4 KOs) of Atlantic City fights Darryl Bunting (4-6-2, 2 KOs) of Asbury Park, NJ in a six-round super middleweight fight.

Jeremy Cuevas (12-1, 9 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on an opponent to be named in an lightweight bout.

Christian Tapia (10-0, 9 KOs) of Coamo, Puerto Rico fights Carlos Colon (5-2, 2 KOs) of Hatillo, Puerto Rico in a super featherweight contest.

Jan Carlos Rivera (4-0, 4 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on an opponent to be named in a super lightweight contest.

In four-round bouts:

Benny Sinakin (5-0, 3 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on Francisco Neto (1-8, 1K0) of Woburn, Mass. in a light heavyweight contest.

Jeff Lentz (5-1, 1 K0) of Lanoka Harbor, NJ takes on an opponent to be named in a middleweight fight.

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# **Derrick Webster Battles Gabriel Pham in South Jersey Super Middleweight Showdown on Saturday, March 7th at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and Casino**

Atlantic City, NJ (February 4, 2020)– Popular South Jersey based super middleweights, Derrick Webster and Gabriel Pham will meet in the main event as Hard Hitting Promotions makes it debut at Ballys Atlantic City Hotel and Casino on Saturday night, March 7th.

The bout will highlight a eight-bout card.

Webster of Glassboro, New Jersey has a record of 28-2 with 14 knockouts.

The 37 year-old Webster is a 11-year professional who has wins over Obadai Sai (23-1), Thomas Awimbono (25-5), Frankie Filippone (22-5-1) & Francisco Cordero (38-9). Webster is coming off a decision loss to undefeated Lennox Allen on February 15, 2019 in Hinckley, Minnesota.

Pham of Atlantic City has a record of 11-2 with five knockouts.

The 30 year-old Pham is also a 11-year professional who has wins over Michael Glenn (2-0), Chauncey Fields (4-1), & Jaba Khositashvili (4-0). Pham is coming off a stoppage defeat to

Ievgen Khytrov on August 1st in Monroeville, Pennsylvania.

Fighters scheduled to appear on the undercard will be lightweight Jeremy Cuevas (12-1, 9 KOs) of Philadelphia; junior lightweight Christian Tapia (10-0, 9 KOs) of Coamo, Puerto Rico; light heavyweight Benny Sinikin (5-0, 3 KOs) of Philadelphia; junior welterweight Tre'Sean Wiggins (11-4-3, 6 KOs) of Newburgh, New York; super lightweight Jan Carlos Rivera (4-0, 4 KOs) of Philadelphia; middleweight Isiah Seldon (13-3-1, 4 KOs) of Atlantic City; super welterweight Jeff Lentz (5-1, 1 KO) of Lanoka Harbor, NJ. All opponents Plus more bouts will be announced Shortly.

Tickets are on Wednesday, February 5th for \$100 for VIP, \$65 for Ringside and \$50 for VIP and can be purchased at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) and at The Caesars Box Office.