AUDIO: Isaiah Wise speaks after his Fight of The Year Candidate with Cameron Krael

Split-T Management Fighters Isaiah Steen and Janelson Figueroa Bocachica Featured Prominently on ShoBox: The New Generation card TONIGHT on SHOWTIME

NEW YORK (July 23, 2021) — TONIGHT!! Two undefeated members of the Split-T Management stable will be in action in the main event and co-main event of the ShoBox: The New Generation 20th anniversary card at the Heartland Events Center in Grand Island, Nebraska.

The SHOWTIME broadcast begins at 9 PM ET $\!\!/$ 6 PM PT.

In the main event, Split-T Management boxer Isaiah Steen will take on Kalvin Henderson in a super middleweight tussle of undefeated fighters that is scheduled for 10-rounds.

In the co-feature, Janelson Figueroa Bocachica battles Shinard

Bunch in a 10-round welterweight bout.

Steen of Cleveland, Ohio has a record of 15-0 with 12 knockouts. The 24 year-old is a five-year professional who has wins against Jamaal Williams (1-0), Carlos Ruiz (8-2), Gorjan Slaveski (5-0) and his last bout when he took out Juan De Angel in five rounds on November 6th in Saint Petersburg, Florida.

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Henderson of Fayetville, Arkansas is 14-0-1 with 10 knockouts. The 31 year-old King's Promotions fighter, is a five-year pro, who as defeated Cameron Burroughs (2-0), Bobby Taylor (4-0), Brandon Robinson (11-1), and his last bout when stopped Tevin Anderson in five rounds on June 5th in Springdale,h Arkansas.

Isaiah Steen Quotes

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Steen was 168 lbs. at Thursday's weigh-in. Henderson was 166.

Bocachica of Detroit is making his third ShoBox appearance, and has a record of 17-0 with 11 knockouts. The 22 year-old Bocachica is a five-year professional with wins over Pablo Sanchez (10-2) as well as his two previous ShoBox wins, which were a sensational 1st round knockout over Nicklaus Flaz (9-1). In his last ShoBox appearance, Bocachica took a 10-round majority decision over Mark Reyes Jr. (14-0) on February 17th in Uncasville, Connecticut.

Bocachica is co-promoted by King's Promotions and Salita Promotions/

Like Bocachica, Bunch is 22 years-old. The Trenton, New Jersey native has been boxing's busiest fighter in 2021 as Friday marks the 6th time that Bunch will step through the ropes in the calendar year.

Bunch has a record of 15-1 with 13 knockouts, and has won 13 straight contests. In his last bout, Bunch stopped Diego Vicente Perez in the opening frame on May 8th in Philadelphia.

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At Thursday's weigh-in, both Bocachica and Bunch tipped the scales at 146 1/2 lbs.

OFFICIAL WEIGHTS, QUOTES AND PHOTOS FOR SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION 20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY SHOW TOMORROW LIVE ON SHOWTIME®

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. — July 22, 2021 — Exciting undefeated super middleweight prospects Kalvin Henderson and Isaiah Steen both made weight a day before their main event showdown headlining a special ShoBox: The New Generation 20-year anniversary telecast tomorrow night, Friday, July 23, live on SHOWTIME at

9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT from Heartland Events Center in Grand Island, Neb.

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FINAL WEIGHTS

Super Middleweight 10-Round Bout

Kalvin Henderson - 166 pounds

Isaiah Steen — 168 pounds

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*Avagyan came in over the featherweight limit. The fight will proceed as scheduled.

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Kalvin Henderson

"Boxing is a numbers game. To get to the bigger stage you have to look good on paper. It doesn't make sense for me to be 13-0 and fight Canelo. So, we have to keep the numbers up. I'll plan to fight two or three more times this year alone, to make up for 2020 and the pandemic year and being inactive.

"I'm not sure how he'll fight me. When you look at film of him, he's always walking forward and letting his hands go. But when I've seen him spar he likes to use his jab and use his feet. So we're prepared for both. It's all about adjustments and adapting.

"I don't think he is my toughest opponent, but we'll see Friday night. I feel like I have to win every fight, but this one especially. This is the third time Steen and I have been matched up, so third time's a charm. We gotta make this happen.

"I graduated in 2012 with my music degree from the University of Arkansas. As a music major you have to learn every instrument, so I dabble in a lot of them, but my main instrument is percussions. I kind of put everything on hold in 2013 and put all my energy into boxing. But I used to do both. I used to teach part-time at the high school in Fayetteville. And I was also teaching at the gym. But I sat down with my coach and prayed about it and said I can't be a part-time boxer. So I put everything I had into it. But can I still play drums? Most definitely.

"I think it comes down to whoever imposes the most force will win. He's skilled, I'm skilled. I'm undefeated, he's undefeated. When you fight someone who is undefeated you have to break their will because they think they should win too. I really think it will come down who wants it more."

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Shinard Bunch

"This fight means everything to me. Growing up, it was always a dream of mine to fight on ShoBox or SHOWTIME. Showtime is my actual middle name, so it was always a dream and it was destiny. When I was born, my mom said he's going to be a star one day and gave me the middle name Showtime.

"I would definitely say that I'm an aggressive boxer. But we take every fight differently. Every fight is different so we come in with a certain game plan for each fight. Sometimes you may see me more relaxed and sometimes you may see me aggressive.

"I was in the same training camp as Mark Reyes and that was my first time hearing about Bocachica. I'm not too familiar with him. I watched his fight against Reyes. I know he likes to get into fire fights, but I need to outwork him. I think my power is severe and it's real.

"I feel confident going 10 rounds. We've been training for that. I'm confident in myself. And as far as the weight, my first six fights were all at 147 pounds. Then I went down and tried 140. The jump in weight isn't too drastic. I feel more comfortable at 147 pounds but if we get a fight after this at 140, that's not a problem either.

"I've been working with Chino Rivas for eight months. I feel

like I benefitted all-around working with him. He put me around some great people, great mentors. He's always there for me, he cares for me as a person outside of boxing. It's not just about boxing with him. He's in my life personally and as a father-figure, it's definitely benefitting me and it makes me want to work harder. He took Jason Sosa and turned him into a world champion, he took Tevin Farmer and turned him into a world champion so I know he has the ability and the mindset to turn me in to a world champion. He always tells me if I follow his lead, he'll take me to the promised land."

Martino Jules

"I describe my style as being a boxer-puncher. As for my opponent, from what I've seen I'm a better boxer than he is. He has two more knockout wins than me, so pretty much he knows how to punch. He wants his opponents to stand in front of him and not moving around. Aram opens up a lot, and relies on his power punches.

"I was supposed to fight on ShoBox back in October, but my opponent got sick the day of the fight. It will be great to finally be back in the ring and know that all my hard work and sacrifice has paid off.

"I don't really know what the future holds or what to expect next. I'm just looking forward to winning and whoever they want to bring to me next, I'll be ready for them. I'm in the gym every day and training hard to get better. Just like any fighter, I'm ready for the next step. So whatever it is, I'll be ready for it."

Aram Avagyan

"I'm a slow starter so I plan to come out a little quicker. Maybe I'll shadow box two rounds in the locker room before I go out there. After the third and fourth rounds I start to feel better. The longer the fight goes, the better I fight.

"I have observed my opponent and I know his strengths and weaknesses. I don't want to leave anything to the judges' decision so I'm looking for the knockout. The public loves an all-action fighter, and that's what they will see on Friday night. I'm a warrior and I love action.

"Boxing is a mental sport and if you can control your emotions, you can control anything. You can win the fight before the fight. You can mentally break your opponent down."

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BATTLE OF UNBEATENS BETWEEN KALVIN HENDERSON AND ISAIAH STEEN HEADLINES SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION 20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY EVENT ON FRIDAY, JULY 23

NEW YORK — July 2, 2021 — ShoBox: The New Generation celebrates its 20-year anniversary with a three-fight card headlined by two exciting undefeated super middleweight prospects as Kalvin Henderson takes on Isaiah Steen in a 10-round main event clash Friday, July 23 live on SHOWTIME® (9 p.m. ET/PT) from the Heartland Events Center in Grand Island, Neb.

The popular series ShoBox debuted in Atlantic City on July 21, 2001 and has produced 84 fighters who later went on to win a world title. Just like it has for the past 20 years, the upcoming tripleheader will feature prospects matched tough with a combined record of 81-1-5, including five boxers who have yet to taste defeat at the professional level.

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"This is a milestone ShoBox event and we could not be more excited," said Gordon Hall, who has served as the executive producer of ShoBox: The New Generation since its inception. "As we celebrate two decades of ShoBox on July 23, we will stay true to our ethos to match undefeated, developing prospects tough. In the main event, undefeated 168-pound prospects with decorated amateur pedigrees will seek a careerbest win. The co-feature has the return of fast-rising Janelson Bocachica in a difficult style matchup against the power-punching Bunch, while the opener features a battle of unbeatens that could steal the show. ShoBox remains the sport's ultimate proving ground for prospects and this event on July 23 is the perfect way to kick off our next decade."

The event, which is promoted by Marshall Kauffman's Kings Promotions in association with Holden Productions, Salita Promotions and DiBella Entertainment, brings together fighters from seven different boxing promotional and management teams.

Kalvin Henderson vs. Isaiah Steen — 10-round Super Middleweight Main Event

Henderson vs. Steen is a matchup that was originally scheduled for ShoBox in October, before Henderson withdrew during fight week with an illness.

Born in Fort Worth, Texas, Henderson currently resides and trains out of Fayetteville, Ark., where he was a six-time Arkansas state champion in the amateurs competing in 70

fights. He turned pro in 2016, winning his first 12 fights before fighting Genc Pllana to a draw in 2019. Henderson has prior experience at the Heartland Events Center, knocking out Justin Baesman at the venue in March.

Following high school, Henderson received a music scholarship from the University of Arkansas as a percussionist and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Music Education in 2012. The 30-year-old Henderson is promoted by Marshall Kauffman's Kings Promotions.

"Two undefeated guys coming in on the main event," said Henderson, who is married with five children. "I know he has a good amateur pedigree and he throws good combinations. He is bringing it and I am bringing it. The third time's a charm to finally make this fight happen. This is the next step in my career. A lot of fighters have been on ShoBox and have gone on to amazing careers, and now it's my turn to do the same."

Like his half-brother, U.S. Olympian Charles Conwell, the 24-year-old Steen of Cleveland also had a successful amateur career with a record of 85-15. In his last fight in November, Steen stopped Colombia's Juan De Angel with a fifth-round TKO. In February of 2020, Steen needed less than a round to stop Kenneth Council in Hammond, Ind. Steen is co-promoted by Holden and Lou DiBella and managed by David McWater of Split-T Management.

"I have been going from training camp to training camp," Steen said. "I am going to mix it up, and out box him with a lot of jabs. Then when I see his weakness, I am going to get him out. Kalvin is a come-straight-forward fighter and he punches hard. I was supposed to fight him before, so this fight has been brewing for a while."

Janelson Bocachica vs. Shinard Bunch — 10-round Welterweight Bout

A native of Puerto Rico and fighting out of Detroit, Mich.,

Bocachica is just 22 years old and already has five years of pro experience, including two appearances on ShoBox. This will be his third appearance on the series in nine months. He is coming off his best win to date, a majority decision win over previously unbeaten Mark Reyes, Jr. An aggressive, comeforward fighter, Bocachica began boxing at age eight, won four consecutive Ringside Championships (2011-14), the National PAL Championships and the 2015 Detroit Golden Gloves. He boasts an amateur record of 60-5 and beat Brandun Lee in the finals to win the 2014 U.S. Junior National Olympics. He is trained by his father, Nelson Figueroa. Bocachica is managed by McWater and co-promoted by King's Promotions and Salita Promotions.

"This is what ShoBox is known for: matching up fighters for great fights," Bocachica said. "Shinard Bunch is a step up in competition. He is from the same gym as Mark Reyes, and you saw what I did to him, On July 23, it will be much of the same. Fighting on SHOWTIME has helped with my profile. When I went to Puerto Rico, people knew who I was because of my previous experience on ShoBox. Being on the platform has brought me many new fans."

Bunch is a Queens, N.Y.-native living and training in Trenton, N.J. Just 21-years-old, Bunch has been active with five fights in 2020 and five fights thus far in 2021. Bunch has more than 400 amateur fights and started boxing at age 7. He was rated as high as No. 3 in the nation at the 2016 Nationals. Currently riding a 13-fight winning streak, Bunch's only pro loss came in 2019 in just his third fight, a unanimous loss to Paul Kroll. Bunch is managed by Russell Peltz.

"We are coming to work and make a statement," Bunch said. "I really do not know too much about my opponent. I know he is a pressure fighter. I am not taking this fight lightly. This is a big fight, and we are going to box smart. This is a blessing to have an opportunity like this. Fighting on ShoBox is something that I have always dreamed of."

Martino Jules vs. Aram Avagyan — 8-round Featherweight Bout

The 23-year-old southpaw Jules from Allentown, Pa., is coming off his best victory to date in an ESPN bubble fight last July, earning a majority-decision win over Aleem Jumakhonov. Jules is a 2015 Olympic Trials qualifier and had a 60-15 amateur record since turning pro in 2016 and slowly climbing up the featherweight rankings. Jules was scheduled to make his ShoBox debut in January, but his opponent fell ill the morning of his fight and the fight was called off.

"I am grateful for getting this fight," said Jules, who is promoted by Kings Promotions and managed by Trifon Petrov. "This is something I have been waiting for a year now. I was supposed to fight on ShoBox before, but the fight fell out. I have been staying ready. My opponent is tough, and he comes ready to fight. He has a lot of merit to him, and that is pushing me to be better and I am excited to fight someone that will make me perform at my best."

Fighting under the Salita Promotions banner, the 30-year-old Avagyan returns to ShoBox for the third time facing his fourth consecutive unbeaten fighter. In January, Avagyan and Panama's Jose Nunez fought to a majority draw. Avagyan survived two early knockdowns in his debut against then-unbeaten Dagoberto Aguero to earn a majority decision in the last ShoBox telecast before the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the sports world for several months in March 2020.

Born and raised in Yerevan, Armenia, and now residing in California, Avagyan is a decorated amateur with more than 300 fights. He captured two Bronze Medals at the European Championships and represented Armenia at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

"I'm always hungry and want to fight and the fact that it will be on the 20-year anniversary of ShoBox is doubly motivating to put on a great show," said Avagyan. "I'm gradually gaining shape and I have another month to show my best side to all boxing fans. I promise that I'm going to war on July 23. Don't miss this event and the war of the warrior!"

International Boxing Hall of Famer Barry Tompkins will call the action with fellow Hall of Famer Steve Farhood, former world champion Raul Marquez and special guest Al Bernstein. The executive producer is Gordon Hall with Richard Gaughan producing and Rick Phillips directing.

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Grand Slam Weekend For Split-T Management Fighters

NEW YORK (November 9, 2020)— This past weekend, Split-T Management fighters were perfect by winning four bouts, which included adding another world champion to boxing's premier management company.

Friday night in Saint Petersburg, Florida, Kali Reis captured the WBA Super Lightweight World Championship with a 10-round unanimous decision over Kandi Wyatt.

Reis was brilliant throughout the fight as she showed terrific boxing skills and the Providence, Rhode Island native was dominant with a piston-like jab and pinpoint left hooks. Reis moved around the ring with great footwork that set up her shots against the hard charging Wyatt.

Reis took the title by winning by scores of 97-93, 97-92 and 96-94 to become a two-weight division world champion as she had previously won the WBC Middleweight championship.

On the same card, super middleweight Isaiah Steen remained perfect by taking out veteran Juan De Angel in round five of their scheduled six-round bout.

Steen scored two knockdowns which included the final hook that sent De Angel down, and the fight was stopped at 23 seconds of the 5th round. De Angel had previously lasted the distance with world champions Caleb Plan and Austin Trout.

Steen of Cleveland is now 15-0 with 12 knockouts.

The wins by Reis and Steen were seen on Impact Network, and will be replayed on November 14th at 10:30 PM ET

Saturday night in Philadelphia, Mark Dawson shook off a 20-month layoff with a six-round unanimous decision over

crosstown rival Vincent Floyd.

Dawson worked well as he was proficient with his overhand left and right hooks from the southpaw stance.

Dawson won by scores of 60-54 twice and 59-55 to raise his mark to 7-0-1.

Also on Saturday night, prized amateur standout Tika Hemingway made her long-awaited professional debut with a four round unanimous decision over Miranda Barber in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Scores were 40-36 on all cards.

Hemingway, who was amateur rivals with Clarissa Shields, and has three wins over WBC and WBO World Champion, Franchon Crews Dezurn

Split-T Management's Kali Reis Weighs-in For Title Bout in Tampa

NEW YORK (November 6, 2020)— Tonight, two members under the Split-T Management banner will be in action at the St. Petersburg Marriott Clearwater in Saint Petersburg, Florida.

Kali Reis will take on Kandi Wyatt for the WBA Super Lightweight title; And undefeated super middleweight Isaiah Steen battles Juan De Angel in a bout scheduled for sixrounds.

Reis of Providence, Rhode Island has a record of 16-7-1 with

five knockouts, and will look to become a two-division world champion, Reis is the former WBC Middleweight champion. She won that title with a 10-round split decision over Maricelo Cornejo on April 16, 2016 in Auckland, New Zealand. Reis has won three in a row, which includes a unanimous decision over Patricia Juarez on August 29, 2019.

Wyatt of Calgary, Alberta, Canada has a record of 10-1 with three knockouts. Wyatt has won two straight and this will be her 2nd attempt at a world title.

Steen, 24 of Cleveland has a record of 14-0 with 11 knockouts. The four-year professional has wins over Carlos Ruiz (8-2) and Gorjan Slaveski (5-0). Steen is coming off a 1st round stoppage over Kenneth Council on February 8th.

De Angel of Barranquilla, Colombia has a record of 22-12-1 with 20 knockouts. He has a win over Jose Pinzon (25-6), and he has also faced world champions Gilberto Ramirez, Austin Trout and Caleb Plant.

Both bouts can be seen Saturday on Impact Network (10:30 PM ET)

At Thursday's weigh-in, both Reis and Wyatt weighed 139.2 lbs.

Steen weighed 166.6, while De Angel was 167.

Reis is promoted by DiBella Entertainment. Steen is copromoted by DiBella Entertainment and Holden Productions.

The show is being promoted locally by T&K Promotions.

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