

Split-T Management's Antonio Nieves Battles Joshua Greer Jr. Tonight in Reno, Nevada

NEW YORK (October 26, 2019)—Split-T Management's Bantamweight Antonio Nieves will take on the hard punching Joshua Greer Jr. in a 10-round bout which will serve as the co-feature bout to the WBO Featherweight world title fight between Shakur Stevenson and Joet Gonzalez from the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno, Nevada.

The bout can be seen live on ESPN +

The fight will be for the NABO and WBC Continental America's titles.

Nieves of Cleveland, Ohio, has a record of 19-2-2 with 11 knockouts.

The 32 year-old is an eight-year pro has wins over Dewayne Wisdom (1-0), Rafael Gramajo (1-0), Justin Lopez (5-0), Oscar Mojica (9-1) and Szilveszter Ajati (10-2-1). Nieves has won two in a row, with his last bout being a 2nd round knockout over Jose Alfredo Rodriguez on June 8th in Northfield, Ohio.

Greer of Detroit has a record of 21-1-1 with 12 knockouts. Greer is ranked in all four major sanctioning bodies (#12 in WBC, #13 in the WBA, #2 in the IBF and #3 in the WBO).

Greer has won 18 straight fights with wins over Juan Gabriel Medina (10-0), James Smith (11-0), Lerot Davilla (5-1), Glenn Dezurn (9-1-1), Giovanni Escaner (19-3) and his last bout when Greer took a 10-round majority decision over Nikolay Potapov on July 13th in Newark, New Jersey.

Both Nieves and Greer weighed 117.8 lbs at Friday weigh-in.

HOMETOWN FAVORITE IVAN BARANCHYK DECISIONS KEENAN SMITH IN MAIN EVENT OF SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION FRIDAY ON SHOWTIME® FROM BUFFALO RUN CASINO IN MIAMI, OKLA.

MIAMI, Okla. (July 15, 2017) – Ivan Baranchyk went the distance with Keenan Smith in front of Baranchyk's adopted hometown in the main event of a quadrupleheader featuring eight returning fighters on Friday's ShoBox: The New Generation from Buffalo Run Casino & Resort.

In a battle of undefeated fighters, the hard-hitting Baranchyk (15-0, 10 KOs) took advantage of a one-point holding deduction against Sims in the fifth round to earn the decision in his fifth appearance on the ShoBox series and six consecutive fight out of Miami.

"I'm happy to be fighting back home in Miami, I love to fight here," said Baranchyk, who was happy with his win but displeased with his overall performance. "I came out too hard and tried too hard to knock Smith out. I really wanted to knock him out which is why my punches were wild."

Smith (11-1, 5 KOs) sealed his fate when he was deducted a point by officials after excessive holding throughout the first half of the fight. He became the 166th fighter to lose

his undefeated record on the ShoBox series.

"They weren't playing fair," Smith said. "Anything that I did, the referee was on me. I was hitting him with clean body shots, and he kept telling me to keep them up, and then he took a point for holding. I don't know what fight [the judges] were watching."

The fight was a hard-hitting and physical affair from the beginning. Baranchyk came out swinging, landing just 21% of his jabs and 29% of total punches, edging out Smith who landed just 22% of his total punches.

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In the co-feature, Rolando Chinaea upset previously unbeaten former national amateur champion Kenneth Sims Jr. in a close majority decision.

"I was most confident after the second round of the fight, when I noticed he was sticking his tongue out and making certain gestures that showed he was tired," Chinaea said. "If I had to grade myself I would rate my overall performance as a B... I have a lot to improve on and my job here is never finished."

Like Smith, Sims (12-1, 4 KOs) suffered the first loss of his career, becoming the 165th fighter to lose his undefeated record on the ShoBox series.

In the wild final round, the pair combined for 291 punches and 85 connects, but Chinaea's surge earned him the majority decision win.

"My body just didn't respond tonight," Sims said. "I am done at 140 pounds. I just did not feel right from the opening bell. I am going to 147 pounds."

In the sixth round, Chinaea took control and was the busier

fighter against a fading Sims. While both fighters exchanged numerous punches in the seventh and closed the fight out with a flurry of activity, Sims clearly struggled at 140 pounds.

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In the second fight of the night, Glenn Dezurn (9-0-1, 6 KOs) stepped up to the 121-pound super bantamweight division to go the distance with ShoBox veteran Adam Lopez (16-1-2, 8 KOs) in an action-packed eight-round slugfest that ended in a split draw. Both fighters were visibly disappointed by the judge's decision.

"I thought I did enough to win," said the still-undefeated Dezurn, who spars with his wife, women's pro fighter Franchon Crews. "I'm just fortunate for this opportunity and hope [Lopez] and I can come back strong and fight again someday."

The first round was a round of give-and-take where both Dezurn and Lopez landed and sustained an impressive amount of body punches. It was Lopez who originally appeared more subdued, foregoing the counterpunch as Dezurn worked the jab.

By the fifth round it was clear Dezurn was losing steam when Lopez began to break him down and force him against the ropes. Lopez went on to dominate the sixth and seventh rounds, when Dezurn, clearly out-fought, looked tired and began to lean over.

"After the first round, I dominated the action," said Lopez, who has now fought on ShoBox a record-tying six times. Maybe [Dezurn] won the seventh, but I whipped him. I should have won the fight, this was a redemption for me. Once I got used to his speed, I feel I won rounds six to two. The whole fight, his back was against the ropes and I beat up his body."

Trained by the famed Coach Barry Hunter, the still-undefeated

Dezurn made a valiant comeback in the final round, where he came back to life.

"I thought it was fair," Hunter said. "We came on in the middle rounds, and Glenn won the seventh and eighth to get us the draw. It all came down to the stretch and I thought we did enough to win those rounds."

In the opening bout of the telecast, former knockdown-of-the-year candidate Joshua Greer Jr. (14-1-1, 6 KOs) stopped Leroy Davila (5-2, 3 KOs) after five rounds, when Davila's corner called the fight at the conclusion of the fifth.

"The game plan was to box and hit hard, and that's what I did," said Greer, who earned a memorable knockout against James Gordon Smith in his last ShoBox appearance. "I had to put on a good show. I will fight whoever has the belts. I want to fight for a world title."

The 23-year old Greer landed a number of aggressive combinations that had Davila against the ropes from the onset. While Davila appeared to come alive in the second round, the 29-year old southpaw became stationary and had trouble recovering from a shot to the face that had him bleeding out of the left side of his nose and struggling for the second half of the fourth and the fifth. His corner called the fight just after the bell sounded, ending the fifth round.

The event was co-promoted by GH3 Promotions and Holden Productions.

Friday's quadrupleheader will replay on Monday, July 17 at 10 p.m. ET/PT on SHOWTIME EXTREME and will be available on SHOWTIME on DEMAND® and SHOWTIME ANYTIME®.

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

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