Joe DeGuardia's Star Boxing Signs Undefeated Super Middleweight Contender Junior Younan

WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK (April 26, 2024) —Joe DeGuardia's Star Boxing is pleased to announce the signing of undefeated super middleweight **Junior Younan** to an exclusive promotional contract.

"I am super excited to be part of Star Boxing. As a fighter who was born and raised in New York, I feel like it's a natural fit. Thank you to **Joe DeGuardia** for the opportunity and I promise to deliver many special nights of boxing," said Younan.

"We are very excited about signing Junior, who is extremely talented and blessed with fast hands and boxing aptitude. We are looking forward to having him on our shows and will announce his next fight within the next couple of days. We plan to keep him busy and by the end of the year feel he will be ready for anyone in the division. The fight we would love to make is with Edgar Berlanga, a true 'Battle of Brooklyn', it would be a huge attraction here, and a win would have him in front the o f the line for Canelo (Alvarez), (David) Morrell, (David) Benavidez, all of the champions at 168," said Star Boxing President, Joe DeGuardia

Younan, 28 of Brooklyn, New York is 19-0-1 with 11 knockouts.

Younan was a decorated amateur boxer who compiled a 90-5 record before turning professional in 2013 at the age of 18. Once dubbed by The New York Times as "a boxing prodigy" as a 10-year-old, Younan was a two-time National Junior Golden

Gloves champion, the 2011 National Junior Olympic championship, and at one point was the No. 1-rated junior boxer in his weight class by USA Boxing.

Younan turned professional on November 9, 2013, with a first-round stoppage over Kenneth Taylor Schmitz in Brooklyn. On his way to his undefeated record, Younan has amassed some quality wins, including defeats over tough seasoned fighters such as Mike Guy and Dauren Yeleinusinov at the Barclays Center (Brooklyn, NY). In his last outing, Younan won a unanimous decision over Ramses Agaton on November 24, 2023, in Cancun, Mexico.

Younan's first bout for Star Boxing will be announced in the coming days.

GH3 Promotions Kenneth Sims Jr. Wins Thrilling WBA Super Lightweight Elimination Bout

Roseland, NJ (May 15, 2023) —It was a perfect weekend for GH3 Promotions fighters as Kenneth Sims won a WBA Super Lightweight Elimination bout in Las Vegas, while Junior Younan remained undefeated and Otha Jones III was impressive in Orlando

"This was a great weekend for our fighters. I am so proud of Kenny Sims for the effort he had on Saturday night. He has persevered through so much over the last couple of years, and his hard work paid off and is now in line to fight for a world title. Junior Younan and Otha Jones both have so much ability and they are both getting back on track in their respective ways, and only good things are in their future," said Vito Mielnicki of GH3 Promotions.

Photo by Esther Lin / SHOWTIME

Kenneth Sims Jr. outlasted former world title challenger Batyr Akhmedov by taking a 12-round majority decision in a junior welterweight Elimination bout.

The two traded hard shots throughout the high-punch count affair. Sims fought that few rounds with a closed right eye.

Sims landed 309 of 832 punches. Akhmedov landed 331 of 933.

Sims, 139.25 lbs of Chicago, won by scores of 116-112, 115-113 and 114-114 and is now 20-2-1. Akhmedov, 138.75 lbs of Las Angeles is 9-3.

"This is what I've been waiting on for years," said Sims, who won for the seventh straight fight. "I'm not supposed to be here right now. That's what they say. Ain't nobody thought I would be here right now. And I know that I'm the best so at 140 it's whatever. I'm ready for anyone."

"I want the winner of the main event. I want that title. That's it. Whoever wins the main event, that's who I want."

Photo by Damon Gonzalez / Latin Box Sports

Lightweight Otha Jones III scored an emphatic four-round unanimous decision over Marcello Williams on Friday night at The Caribe Royale Resort in Orlando, Florida.

Jones was dominant in his performance as he boxed very well by working behind a great jab. Williams was never able to mount any offense, and Jones won by scores of 40-35on all cards.

Jones of Toledo, Ohio is now 7-1-1.

Jones is managed by Split-T Management.

Photo by Damon Gonzalez / Latin Box Sports

Also in Orlando, super middleweight Junior Younan remained undefeated with a eight-round unanimous decision over Alan Campa.

Campa was very aggressive, but Younan was able to fight at his own pace, and catch Campa with some good shots on the way in. Ypunan of Brooklyn, NY won by scores of 78-74 and 77-75 twice to raise his record to 18-0-1. Campa of Mexico is 18-8.

Younan is co-promoted with Amaury Piedra

GH3 Promotions Junior Younan, Otha Jones III and Kenneth Sims Jr. in Action This Weekend

Roseland, NJ (May 12, 2023) —GH3 Promotions fighters will be prominent in fights across the United States.

Saturday night at The Cosmopolitan in Las Vegas, junior welterweight Kenneth Sims Jr. takes on Batyr Akhmedov in a 12-round WBA Super Lightweight World Title Eliminator.

The bout can be seen LIVE on SHOWTIME (9 PM ET / 6 PM PT)

Sims of Chicago is 19-2-1 with seven knockouts. The 29 year-old Sims has wins over Jonathan Dinong (5-1), Emanuel Robles (15-1), Elvis Rodriguez (11-0-1), Keeshawn Williams (8-0-1), Cristian Rubio Mino (22-5-2) and his fight when Sims stopped Rock Dodler Myrthil (17-1) on December 17, 2022 at The

Cosmopolitan in Las Vegas.

Akhmedov of Los Angeles via Kazakhstan is 9-2 with eight knockouts. The 32- year-old has defeated Levani Tisiklauri (7-0), world-title challenger Ismael Barroso (20-2-2), Viktor Plotnikov (33-5) and former world champion Argenis Mendez (25-6-3). Akhmedov has twice challenged for the WBA Super Lightweight titles as he dropped close decisions to Mario Barrios and Alberto Puello.

Friday night, super middleweight Junior Younan will take on Alan Campa in a eight-round bout, while lightweight Otha Jones III fights Marcello Williams at The Caribe Royale in Orlando, Florida.

Younan of Brooklyn, New York is 17-0-1 with 11 knockouts. The 27 year-old is a 10 year professional who has wins over Mike Guy (9-2-1) and his last bout when he took out Dauren Yeleussinov in the opening round on July 30, 2022 in Brooklyn, New York.

Campa of Sonora, Mexico is 18-7 with 12 knockouts. Campa, 31, has wins over Jesse Leyva Magallanes (1-0), Christian Solozano (4-1), Ramon Olivas Echevarria (11-1) and Paul Valenzuela Cuesta (15-1). Campa is coming off a loss to Aaron Silva on December 17, 2022 in Commerce, California.

Younan weighed 175 lbs. Campa was 172.4 lbs.

Younan is co-promoted with Amaury Piedra

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On the same card, lightweight Otha Jones III takes on Marcello Williams in a six-round bout.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, Jones is 6-1-1 with two knockouts, The 23 year-old Jones has wins over Giorgi Gelashvili (5-1) and is coming off a six-round unanimous decision over Raymond Chacon on February 25th in Orlando.

Williams of Orlando is 4-16-1 with one knockout. Williams has wins over two undefeated foes in Victoriano Gonzalez (5-0) and Hysom Sabet (1-0-1).

Both Jones and Williams weighed 134 lbs.

Jones is managed by Split-T Management.

GH3 Promotions Signs Undefeated Super Middleweight Junior Younan

Roseland, NJ (March 20, 2023) —GH3 Promotions has announced the signing of undefeated super middleweight Junior "The Young God" Younan to a co-promotional deal with Amaury Piedra.

Younan, 27 years-old of Brooklyn, New York has a record of 17-0-1 with 11 knockouts.

"This a is a great signing for us. Junior has always been a terrific talent. He just needed the opportunities, and that is what we plan to do. He can be a real player in the super middleweight division, and with a couple of wins, he will get those and eventually win world championships." said Vito Mielnicki of GH3 Promotions.

"I am grateful for the opportunity. We have a nice plan for the rest of the year. I am excited for what is to come. I am looking to fight in May, and then fight on a PBC platform. The goal is to get belts at Super Middleweight. I hope people are sleeping on me because I am getting better. Once they see me back in the ring, people will see that I am still the fighter people were talking about when I turned professional. I just had a year layoff, and stopped a guy with one loss in less than a round. After these few fights, I will be ready for anyone. The only problem before was consistency in fighting. And knowing that I will be active, I will be ready for the biggest challenges," said Younan.

Younan was a highly touted amateur boxer who compiled a 90-5 record before turning professional in 2013 at the age of 18. Once dubbed by The New York Times as "a boxing prodigy" as a 10-year-old, Younan was a two-time National Junior Golden Gloves champion, the 2011 National Junior Olympic the championship, and at one point was No. rated junior boxer in his weight class by USA Boxing.

Younan turned professional on November 9, 2013 with a first-round stoppage over Kenneth Taylor Schmitz. Younan has defeated Mike Guy (9-2-1) and in his last bout, he stopped Dauren Yeleussinov (10-1-1) on July 30, 2022 in Brooklyn.

We see the passion with Vito and how he gets with his fighters. He responds right away and he cares about his fighters. We are very excited about the future. When we fought in July, PBC loved what they saw. Vito will get us opportunities on a PBC Platform, and Junior will be ready for anyone in the super middleweight division. We are old school and believe real fighters have to fight real fighters. Junior will be doing just that, said Younan's father/trainer Sherif Younan.

RONALD ELLIS & JUNIOR YOUNAN

FIGHT TO A SPLIT DRAW IN THE MAIN EVENT OF SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION FRIDAY ON SHOWTIME® FROM WINNAVEGAS CASINO RESORT IN SLOAN, IOWA

SLOAN, IOWA (Feb. 3, 2018) — Undefeated super middleweight prospects Ronald Ellis and Junior Younan fought to a split draw in the main event of ShoBox: The New Generation Friday on SHOWTIME from WinnaVegas Casino Resort in Sloan, Iowa.

While Ellis was the ShoBox veteran with the stronger resume, Younan entered the fight as a highly touted prospect who had never been tested. He faced his first test on Friday in what was the first scheduled 10-round bout for both fighters.

The fight was fought in flurries, with Younan scoring from the outside and Ellis the aggressor. Except for the eighth round where Brooklyn's Younan displayed his best work, Ellis seemed to push the action and win the second half of the fight. Ellis had a slight edge in power punch percentage and total punches, but Younan was slightly more accurate. The fighters were even with 96 total connects entering the 10th round, but Ellis (14-0-2, 10 KOs) won the 10th on all three judges' scorecards by out-landing Younan 21-9.

The 10-round fight was scored 96-94 Ellis, 96-94 Younan, and 95-95.

"I thought I pulled it out. I closed the show at the end," said Ellis, of Lynn, Mass. "I was pressuring him and the fans know I won. In the eighth, he landed a couple of shots but he wasted his energy. As you saw, he didn't do anything the rest of that round, and after that round he had nothing left.

"He was running from the start, so I knew I could land shots on him anytime. My only regret is I wish that I got him out of there. It's all knockouts from here on out. I would definitely fight him again, but I'll do whatever my promoter lines up for me."

After the fight, an emotional Younan (13-0-1, 9 KOs) pleaded his case for a rematch.

"I thought I won the fight, I thought [Ellis] won maybe three rounds," Younan said. "My best round was the eighth round — I had him in the corner and I really thought they were going to end the fight then. I was surprised they didn't stop the fight.

"I can improve a little bit, I feel I can finish stronger. I've only had one eight-round fight before this so this was a big step up for me. I'm growing and learning every fight.

"I'm heartbroken right now. I wanted to win that fight. I want him in a rematch. I know I would win. I know what to do and what not to do."

Undefeated lightweight Thomas Mattice rallied from behind to score a seventh round TKO of ShoBox veteran Rolando Chinea in the telecast's co-feature.

Chinea pushed the action as expected from the opening bell, throwing 90 punches in the first round to set a blistering pace for the scheduled eight-round fight. Chinea, who entered having beaten three previously undefeated fighters in his last four bouts, cut the ring off and pressed forward, keeping Mattice largely against the ropes. Mattice did his best work in the center of the ring, but the undefeated Cleveland native was unable to keep the fight from being contested against the ropes.

Down 59-55 entering the seventh, Mattice (11-0, 9 KOs) caught Chinea with a huge right to the chin and, sensing Chinea was hurt, unloaded with a series of combos to the head. With Chinea seemingly out on his feet and falling sideways to the canvas, referee Adam Pollack stepped in to stop the fight at 1:31 of the seventh.

"It was a rough fight," Mattice said. "I felt like I was behind and my corner told me I needed a knockout. He buzzed me a few times. I caught him in the seventh and he wobbled. At first I was trying for one shot, then I remembered to start using the one-two. Then I landed a body shot, then a hook, and we got what we came here for, which was a knockout."

Chinea (15-2-1, 6 KOs) was active, throwing an impressive 678 punches over seven-and-a-half rounds, compared to 414 for Mattice. But while he was aggressive and effective on the inside, his neglect of defense is what ultimately hurt him.

"I think I did well pressuring him and sticking to my game plane," Chinea said. "I just got carried away and got caught with the right shot and, unfortunately, it ended the way it ended.

"I'm a little disappointed it ended the way it did, but that's boxing and a lot of things can happen in the sport and that's just the way it went."

In the opening bout of the three-fight telecast, super lightweight prospect Montana Love kept his unblemished record intact with a majority decision over Sam Teah, scored 78-74, 76-76.

The southpaw Love (9-0, 4 KOs) pressed the action from the start, utilizing superior speed and polished footwork to dictate the pace. Cleveland's Love, who took the fight on just four days' notice, was seemingly talking trash during rounds, telling Teah what was coming next. But even with the advance warning, Teah was unable to get inside or land anything of consequence. Teah (12-2-1, 5 KOs) seemed to come alive in the sixth but it was too little, too late for the Philadelphia

fighter.

"I just kept boxing and pushing him back," Love said. "I hurt three of my knuckles in my left hand in about the third round. I'm not sure if they're fractured or not, but if I hadn't hurt them I would have ended that fight early.

"I felt strong. I just came from a great camp with Robert Easter, which I think helped in this fight tonight. Sparring with Robert and Adrien [Broner], I've learned a lot from those guys.

"I give my overall performance a B or a C+. I think I could have done a lot more."

Teah made no excuses about facing a last-minute opponent.

"He was a crafty southpaw. I knew he was slick, but he was quicker than I expected," Teah said. "I would ball up to try to come inside and he was sharp with his right hook. Fighting guys on short-notice is the way I expect it. That's the sport. I was preparing for a southpaw and I got a southpaw. No excuses."

The event was promoted by GH3 Promotions in association with Roc Nation Sports, Victory Promotions and Ringside Ticket.

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Video: Junior Younan talks Ronald Ellis Fight

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RONALD ELLIS vs. JUNIOR YOUNAN SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION FINAL WEIGHTS, QUOTES & PHOTOS FOR TRIPLEHEADER TOMORROW LIVE ON SHOWTIME®

SLOANE, IOWA. (Feb. 1, 2018) — Undefeated super middleweight prospects Ronald Ellis and Junior Younan made weight on Thursday for their 10-round main event matchup tomorrow/Friday on ShoBox: The New live on SHOWTIME® (10p.m. ET/PT) from WinnaVegas Casino Resort in Sloane, Iowa.

Younan (13-0, 9 KOs), a former amateur standout, is a highly-touted prospect from Brooklyn taking a major step-up in class against Ellis (14-0-1, 10 KOs), the 2010 National Golden Gloves Champion with two ShoBox appearances under his belt. Both prospects will fight in their first scheduled 10-round bout in Friday's main event.

Cleveland native Thomas Mattice (10-0, 8 KOs) and seasoned prospect Rolando Chinea (15-1-1, 6 KOs) meet in the eight-

round lightweight co-feature. Mattice, a former sparring partner of Adrien Broner and Shawn Porter, faces his toughest opponent in Chinea, who enters Friday's co-feature having beat three previously undefeated fighters in his last four bouts.

In the opening bout of the telecast, Philadelphia's Sam Teah (12-1-1, 5 KOs) takes on Cleveland's undefeated Montana Love (8-0, 4 KOs) in an eight-round super lightweight matchup. Love, the 2012 National Golden Gloves Bronze Medalist, makes his national television debut on just four days' notice, while Teah returns to ShoBox looking to hand another opponent the first loss of their career.

The event is promoted by GH3 Promotions in association with Roc Nation Sports, Victory Promotions, and Ringside Ticket. Tickets are just \$10 general admission prior to the event and \$20 on Feb. 2. For more information call: 1.800.HOT.WINN ext. 7117.

OFFICIAL WEIGHTS:

Super Middleweights — 10 Rounds

Ronald Ellis: 166 ½ Pounds

Junior Younan: 166 ½ Pounds

Lightweights — Eight Rounds
Thomas Mattice: 133 ¾ Pounds
Rolando Chinea: 132 ¾ Pounds

Super Lightweights — Eight Rounds

Sam Teah: 139 1/4 Pounds

Montana Love: 141 ½ Pounds

FINAL QUOTES:

RONALD ELLIS:

"This fight means the most to me because it's my first main event. I've got to win and win decisively, and look real good for the fans watching on TV. If I win, I'll be right there

with the guys like David Benavidez and Ronald Gavril. I'll be ready to take that next step.

"I let him do all the talking. We'll just get cracking when we get in there. I'm smarter than him, and I'll let my hands do the talking.

"He says he might bring it to me but that's going to be bad news for him. He likes to fight in flurries and then backs off. We're not going to let him get away with it.

"We sparred years ago, but he was just warming me up though.

"It's another fight, another day. I have been here before, and he hasn't.

"We have to make it look good. The main goal is to win decisively. After this, I want to mix it up with all the top guys in the super middleweight division.

JUNIOR YOUNAN:

"I'm looking to make a statement. This is a step-up test for me. But I'm coming here to pass the test.

"I feel like this is the right time. I feel like I'm in the best shape of my life. If I'm not ready now I'm not ever going to be ready. It's time to go.

"He comes in good shape and he comes to fight, but I don't think he has anything special though.

"My best talent is I can adjust. I'm not a one-dimensional fighter. At the end of the day, I can do whatever he wants to do, and I can do it better than him.

"We sparred and I honestly don't think he's that good. I didn't think much of him. We're sparring with elite fighters. He isn't bringing anything we haven't seen.

"This is my time. I'm fully focused now. I've dedicated my

entire being to this fight. Before I was young and I wanted to have fun. The past 12 weeks I didn't miss a day in the gym.

"At the end of the day, I want a world title. And I'm not far from reaching my dream. I can't make mistakes right now."

THOMAS MATTICE:

"You have to have tunnel vision. I'm not worried about the lights and TV. When I get in there it's a fight.

"Sparring with (Adrien) Broner, (Shawn) Porter, (Robert) Easter, it's been a great learning experience. I probably learned the most from Easter and Broner. With Shawn, he was strong and I held my own.

"It's a big step up for me, but I'm ready.

"I am going to box and follow my game plan. Chinea is a durable guy — he puts the pressure on you, and tries to break you down in the second half of the fight.

"If everything goes as I plan, the fight not go the distance. This will be a good win."

ROLANDO CHINEA:

"People keep looking past me. I don't know when they are going to learn, but if they keep looking past me I'm going to keep bringing it.

"At the end of the day, you can come in with a name but that doesn't make you a name. I'm living off nobody's legacy. I bring my A-game every time. Some things in this sport you can't teach and I think I have those qualities.

"I always liked watching guys that like to keep the action going. In this sport if you're going to win you have to dictate a fight and throw punches. You have to keep throwing if you're going to win.

"My experience is an advantage. I been here and done that and

he is just getting his feet wet.

"My mindset is that I have this chip on my shoulder. Nobody believes in me and I just keep proving everyone wrong. This won't be an upset when I win."

SAM TEAH:

"I've progressed so much mentally and physically since my last fight on ShoBox. My team has really developed and they help me get better every day.

"He's a slick southpaw, but we've been in the gym preparing for southpaws. I've been working with Tevin Farmer, Ray Robinson, (Sergey) Lipinets. We've been getting good work in the gym.

"At the end of the day, I was getting ready for a southpaw. We'll make whatever adjustments we need to make when we get in the ring. We'll do whatever it takes to win.

"Every name they've thrown at me I've accepted. After this fight, I'm ready for whatever.

"We're going to start it off for Philly this weekend. After I win on Friday we'll enjoy the Eagles' win on Sunday.

"I am in the same boat as the last ShoBox fight. I'm facing another undefeated fighter and I'm ready to take another '0'."

MONTANA LOVE:

"When I heard I was on TV I said 'let's go, sign the contract.'

"Teah is a boxer-mover. We're going to outshoot him with sharp shots.

"I'm versatile. If an opponent comes and wants to crack, we can crack. But if you want to box I can pick you apart.

"I think the time is right for me. I've been getting great

sparring, I just left camp with Robert Easter. I've been in with Broner, Devin Alexander. The time is right. I've been doing this since I was five years old.

"We train to go eight, 10 rounds. It's not a problem for me."

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Ronald Ellis Camp Notes

NEW YORK (Jan. 26, 2018) — Undefeated super middleweight Ronald Ellis is preparing in Los Angeles for his main event matchup against fellow undefeated Junior Younan that headlines a ShoBox: The New Generation quadrupleheader on Friday, Feb. 2, live on SHOWTIME at 10 p.m. ET/PT from WinnaVegas Casino in Sloan, Iowa.

Ellis (14-0-1, 10 KOs), of Lynn, Mass., and Brooklyn's Younan (13-0, 9 KOs) will clash in the 10-round main event of a four-fight telecast that features eight fighters with a combined record of 113-3-3.

Ellis, who now calls Los Angeles home, has been working hard at the Iron Gym under the watchful eye of Jerry Rosenberg and his father Ronald Ellis Sr.

"My camp has been solid. I have been getting good sparring. We have been training for Younan like he is any other opponent," Ellis said.

In Younan, Ellis has an idea on what his foe will bring to the ring on Feb. 2.

"I know he is a young and undefeated fighter," he said. "I have been reading some things where he says he is going to bring the fight to me. He seems like he likes to talk a lot, but that doesn't do anything come fight night."

This will be the third ShoBox appearance for Ellis, as he is coming off an eight-round unanimous decision over Christopher Brooker last January. Ellis feels that his big fight resume will be the key against Younan.

"My experience will definitely be an advantage," Ellis said. "I have been here on ShoBox two times before. I will be relaxed and comfortable as we approach the fight. This is his

first time. I expect him to be real hyper."

"This is a natural progression for me. I went from fighting on the undercard of ShoBox, and now I am the main event. A win will get me world ranked and hopefully catapult me into the Saturday night fights on SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING. I know I can't look ahead. I need to win first."

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