

Video: Mario Munoz

Video: Lopez – Munoz ShoBox weigh in

Undefeated Super Bantamweight Adam Lopez ready to shine in ShoBox: The New Generation headliner

ATLANTIC CITY (Feb. 19 2016) – Tonight at the Adrian Phillips Ballroom inside of historic Boardwalk Hall, two undefeated super bantamweights will headline a terrific edition of ShoBox: The New Generation, live on SHOWTIME® (10 PM ET/PT Delayed on the west coast)

In the main event two undefeated prospects with exceedingly high expectations face their most dangerous opponent to date when Adam “Mantequilla” Lopez (14-0, 7 KOs), of San Antonio, Texas, by way Phoenix, Ariz., meets Mario “Yayo” Muñoz (16-0-1, 10 KOs), of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico in a 10-round super bantamweight matchup.

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Lopez, who will be making his third ShoBox appearance feels that a win on Friday night should warrant his name mentioned with the elite of the suddenly hot 122-pound division.

"2016 is the breakout year. This is where I stamp my mark and become an actual contender," said Lopez. "I feel with a win, I feel I should be mentioned as one of the top contenders in the division. I feel a I am a couple fights away from a fight with one of the big champions.

He knows that facing the undefeated Munoz, that it would be a real good fight for the fans to see.

"Munoz brings a good boxing style. He has been in there with world champions (Moises Flores).

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ALL EIGHT BOXERS MAKE WEIGHT FOR SHOBX: THE NEW GENERATION QUADRUPLEHEADER TOMORROW, FRIDAY, FEB. 19, LIVE ON SHOWTIME® FROM HISTORIC BOARDWALK HALL IN ATLANTIC CITY

ATLANTIC CITY (Feb. 18, 2016) – All eight fighters hit their marks and are set to go for their fight tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 19 on ShoBox: The New Generation live on SHOWTIME (10 p.m. ET/PT, delayed on the West Coast). A quadrupleheader, presented by GH3 Promotions, will emanate from the Adrian Phillips Ballroom in the Historic Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic, City, N.J.

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The Weights: Lopez and Muñoz each weighed 121½ pounds; Ellis tipped scale at 166½ pounds, Odom 167½, Williams weighed 132 pounds, Foster 134; and Magda weighed 167½ pounds and Brooker 168½.

Tickets are priced at \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100 and \$150 and are available for purchase online at www.Ticketmaster.com and over the phone at (800) 736-1420.

Non-Televised Fights (to be streamed Live on GFL.TV beginning at 7:15 PM ET)

Anthony Young 149 – Skender Halili 149.5
Brendan Barrett 245 – Dan Pasciolla 243.5
Arturo Trujillo 154 – Jeffrey Wright 153
Elijah Vines 156 – Alec Asbury 156
Hector Frometa 146 – Jordan Rosario 151

Here's what the fighters said Thursday:

ADAM LOPEZ

"This is my third time on ShoBox and my third fight against an undefeated fighter. They like to match me tough but I must confess, I'm really looking forward to it.

"I know I only had 14 fights, but I truly feel I feel I'm ready for a major fight or a title shot at the end of year. I have a strong amateur background, so I have experience. There are a lot of good fights right now at 122 pounds. The division is hot.

"I fought at 118 last time so I can make that weight if the right opportunity comes, but I am strong at 122. I thought I clearly won my last fight. I don't think it was as close as the judges said it was.

"I'm fighting a guy, Munoz, who is sort of a mystery to me. I've seen one tape of him, but it was from 2012. So I don't really know how he's fought recently.

"He seems to want to box and slug. He's had some good performances in the past and fought some good ones so I won't take nothing away from him and I do respect him.

"But I'm prepared to make the fight and be aggressor if necessary, and to win it any way that I have to. My trainer [former two-time world champion Carlos "Famous" Hernandez] continues to work on all the little things, and trains me for anything that might come my way..

"I feel that I've moved from prospect to contender, but a victory tomorrow night should prove that to everybody."

MARIO MUÑOZ

"This is my first fight in nine months and first in America, which is very exciting. You have to fight in the United States eventually; this is where you become known.

"I know that I'm in top shape. I've fought some good guys in my division, and I'm at the level I need to be. I had a really

hard training camp; I know what I'm supposed to do.

"I'm grateful for this opportunity. I know a lot of people haven't heard of me, but I promise you a good fight.

"I'm more of a boxer than a puncher, but I love to exchange and switch stance to southpaw, although my trainer doesn't like it.

"Lopez is very fast, smart and has a great left hand. But I'm ready for all that. I'll look at what he has to offer and counter with my best.

"I'm a little nervous. Things are moving fast now. But I couldn't be more ready."

RONALD ELLIS

"I've been working for this sort of opportunity since I was 13, so, yes, I am very excited. I want to win and look good doing it so promoters and television will want to see me again.

"I've had problems in the past getting opponents, so I've taken a few 'stay busy' fights. But this fight is a totally different story.

"Everyone says I'm a boxer-puncher, and I do feel I am versatile. I'll decide how I want to go the night of the fight. We know how Jerry's gonna fight so I need to fight him smart. We'll see how Odom's chin is because it's going get tested tomorrow night.

"I only had 24 amateur fights, but I am dedicated and continuing to improve with each fight. It will be a great night for me. I'm looking forward to putting on a good show."

JERRY ODOM

"Everybody has to make changes so I have a new trainer, Kennie

Johnson, for this fight. He has been trying to stress finesse, movement and utilizing my overall skills more, with less emphasis on just trying to load up and knock the guy out.

"We're working on me picking shots, breaking down opponents and setting up the power shots rather than just show it. Defensively, he's had me working on my overall movement, head movement in particular.

"I'm looking to shine on Friday, especially after my last ShoBox fight that I lost. I should have never taken the fight once he came in so overweight. It was a bad business decision on my part, but I learned – no more thinking with my heart.

"I got over my last fight right away and I'm anxious to do my job and show how much I gained and learned from it. I certainly feel ready. My only focus is to win.

"Ellis should be a good opponent for me. Obviously he has power, a good jab and punches. There are some good things about him, but I'm better. I'll go out and execute, he won't be able to stop me.""

LAVISAS WILLIAMS

"I'm naturally lefty ... I've sparred against ambidextrous boxers, so I like to say I'm ready for anything that comes my way.

"I'm excited to be debuting on national television. That's a pretty big deal for me so I need to put a great show. Especially for my fan base back home, they are all going to be watching.

"I take boxing seriously. I like to say I'm very dedicated. I take advantage of any opportunity I see. I trained at Mayweather Boxing Gym in Las Vegas for a bit last year. It was a good experience.

"My job is to frustrate him and trust me, I will. He will

fight my fight. If he freezes again, I'm sure taking advantage of that, but I'm not counting on it.

"I'm going in knowing I'm the better boxer, but not overconfident. You can't overlook anybody, but I know I'm the one that's coming out victorious."

O'SHAQUIE FORSTER

"I don't know what happened in my last fight. I thought everything was OK but I just couldn't find my fight rhythm. I couldn't get off for some reason. But I am done thinking about that night.

"I'm definitely more focused this time around and in better shape. I need a win – and I'm fighting a guy who beat the guy that beat me, Samuel Teah. So, I have to be smart. He's a southpaw but I can deal with that.

"I've never worked so hard in camp. I left Texas to go to Washington D.C. to train for this. I'm 100 percent set to go.

"I need a challenge and this is it. I'm ready to step up and I'm ready for him."

JOHN MAGDA

"I'm excited and ready to go. Right now I'm looking at this as just another fight, but it's definitely a big, big deal. I'm hoping to win and put on an exciting show.

"I've been in the gym training since November but a series of unfortunate events took place and I didn't fight that month, or in December, or in January. So, I've been training for a while. I'm ready to fight.

"I'm in with a rough, tough guy. I can't let him bully or push me around; I just can't let him stand and throw.

"I need to box, move, do a lot of things I know I can do. I

have to see how it plays. It's all just a matter of me doing what I am supposed to do, whether it is to box or slug. I'm ready for it."

CHRISTOPHER BROOKER

"I love being the underdog; I'm accustomed to it. That's why I work so hard, remain dedicated and will not ever quit.

"Magda throws a lot of punches, so you can't expect him to stay on the outside. But I run 15 miles a day, three days a week after sparring, to get into the kind of shape I need to be in and am for this fight.

"This is my first fight against a southpaw, but I've had southpaw sparring, including some recently with [former world champion] Andre Dirrell. I learned so much from him.

"I'm a Philly fighter through and through: I may not be a favorite to win, but I come to war and will never give up. That's a lot like the way I grew up when living in foster homes – and later, homeless, for some time. I just not give up, I keep on fighting.

"There's a lot on the line for me this Friday and I am ready to show what I can do."

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John Magda battles Christopher Brooker in Super Middleweight showdown from Historic Boardwalk Hall Live on ShoBox: The New Generation

Atlantic City, NJ (Feb. 16, 2016) – Despite the fight being added just two weeks ago, many boxing insiders feel that the opening eight-round super middleweight between undefeated John Magda and Christopher Brooker this Friday, Feb. 19 live on SHOWTIME (10 p.m. ET/PT, delayed on the West Coast) could steal the show on ShoBox: The New Generation quadrupleheader that is loaded with talent.

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The bout between Magda and Brooker has a bit of the territorial rivalry feel as Magda will be fighting close to his Rutherford, N.J. home while Brooker will be making the one-hour trek on the Atlantic City Expressway from his residence in Philadelphia.

Both Magda and Brooker are 24-years old.

Magda has built his reputation on his volume punching that has catapulted him to a perfect mark of 11-0 with seven knockouts. The former New Jersey Junior Olympic champion is coming off the best win, a unanimous decision over Dionisio Miranda.

Brooker has a record of 7-1 with five knockouts and is an aggressive puncher with good power. Brooker stepped on late notice and scored an upset when he defeated previously undefeated Leo Hall on Dec. 29.

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BOXERS SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS AS TRAINING WINDS DOWN FOR SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION QUADRUPLEHEADER ON FRIDAY, FEB. 19, FROM HISTORIC BOARDWALK HALL IN ATLANTIC CITY

NEW YORK (Feb. 11, 2016) – With a just a bit over a week to go, the eight promising fighters who will compete on ShoBox: The New Generation quadrupleheader on Friday, Feb. 19, live on

SHOWTIME (10 p.m. ET/PT, delayed on the West Coast) are confident, in shape and ready to get into the ring.

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Here’s what the fighters said about their upcoming fights and foes:

ADAM LOPEZ

“Training is going well. I feel really strong. I am hyped, ready to go and feel really good about this fight.

“My training camp started at the beginning of January, and I was warming up a little before that. We still train at Castillo’s gym in San Antonio, and we also train at the Robert Garcia Boxing Academy – Robert opened a chapter here in San Antonio.

"My sparring is usually with the same guys. I spar a couple of very good amateurs, and a really good professional, Oscar Cantu. He's probably the best sparring I can get here in Texas. I'm also going to spar Pablo Cruz, the guy I fought in my first Shobox appearance.

"Muñoz is my toughest opponent to date. He's a good fighter. He fought a world champion in Moises Flores. Muñoz has a traditional Mexican style. [But] he boxes a little [which is] weird because he's a Mexican fighter, and you don't usually see Mexican fighters not squaring. He can box and come in a little bit, but that's nothing I haven't seen before. As soon as we saw him, I liked the matchup and took the fight. I think his style plays to my favor.

"I'm really excited that SHOWTIME wants to have me as a headliner. I can't wait for this opportunity. This will be a 30-minute shootout, a real fan friendly fight."

MARIO MUÑOZ

"I'm very happy. I've been waiting a long time to fight in the United States and to fight on a big event, and here I am, headlining on national television in Atlantic City. If I win, I want to come back to the U.S. and fight again to show people what I've got.

"I'm a boxer that is smart. If I have to go toe-to-toe, I will, but I will box smart. I like to fight. I enjoy it. And I always find different ways to meet my opponent. I adapt.

"I'm training at Gimnasio Guzmán in Guadalajara and it is going well. I've been sparring with Santiago Estrada, Aron Bobadilla and Esnar Bobadilla.

RONALD ELLIS

"Friday, Feb. 19 can't come quick enough. I wish the fight was tomorrow. I am looking forward to fighting on TV; it's a huge

opportunity for me to showcase my skills.

"My training camp for this fight has lasted about two months, and training is going very well. I'm training at Elite Heat Gym in Newark, and off-and-on at Boylston Rec Center. I've been sparring for a little while, especially with the snowstorm, but not with anybody in particular.

"I'm a boxer-puncher. I like to adapt in the ring. If a guy is coming straight forward, I like to box. But I like to fight. I get carried away and fight a lot, but this training camp I've been working on speed and keeping on my toes, so I'm going to stick and move. That's what I'm looking forward to. But you always go back to the old ways. If I see him hurt, I've got to get him out of there.

"Odom is a big puncher just like I am, so his record says. I have nothing neither good nor bad to say about him. He comes forward, he fights. He's got power. We'll just see what happens the day of the fight. It's going to be a beautiful fight, a great fight. I promise to put on a great show. The fans want to see action, I'll bring them action."

JERRY ODOM

"I'm looking forward to the fight and I'm happy to be back with this great opportunity on SHOWTIME. I will give a good showing to the fans.

"I've been training since November. This time, I'm training in Atlanta at the Decatur Boxing Club. I've trained here before, but I was training with Xavier Biggs then. This is my first fight with Kennie Johnson as my trainer. I never worked with him before, but I've got family in Atlanta and he's based here and I needed a new trainer. He'd seen me fight and he wanted to work with me, but I had another trainer then. I'm sparring with local guys here, just getting the sparring I can.

"My trainer knows everything about Ronald Ellis that we need

to know, and he tells me what to prepare for. My coach knows more when it comes to dissecting a fighter, so I let him do it.”

(Regarding his last fight, a TKO 2 loss to Samuel Clarkson on July 17, 2015, on ShoBox. The eight-rounder was contracted for 168 pounds, but Clarkson weighed in at 172 $\frac{1}{4}$ pounds. Odom took the fight anyway).

“Politically, I lost, but I didn’t lose that last fight. I learnt. I learned to be smarter business-wise. That wasn’t a good business move I made in fighting that guy. He weighed more than me. I let my heart play into it, I didn’t back down from the fight. It was just a learning experience.”

LAVISAS WILLIAMS

“I’ve been training for about six weeks at Future Boxing in Rochester. I’ve been sparring with Brandon Williams. He’s an up-and-coming prospect. There are a lot of other local guys I spar with. Camp’s been going very well and I’m feeling really sharp.

“This is a blessing to fight on ShoBox. I’m very excited and can’t wait to show my talent to the world.

“I checked Foster out. I know he switches a lot and I saw that he just had a recent fight, so he’s been active. He’s fought the guy I beat, Samuel Teah. I beat Teah, and Foster lost to him. Still, I’m not taking Foster lightly. It won’t be an easy fight. I know he’s going to come and bring it and I’m coming to bring it, too.

“I’m a boxer-counter-puncher. I use the jab well, my left hand is strong. I like to think I’m a nice, smooth boxer. I know I’ve got the talent; I’ve just got to use it.”

O’SHAQUIE FORSTER

“Training is going great. I’ve learned that I need to throw

more punches and get in better shape and keep my hands going and not relax too much. I have to just let my hands go, come forward and put combinations together.

"I know my opponent is a slick boxer and has a good jab, but I'm confident in my skills as a boxer. I won't disappoint in this fight."

JOHN MAGDA

"I've been in the gym a long time preparing for a fight. I thought I might have one in December, January or February, so I'm in shape. I have a few more days to dial it in and sharpen up.

"I train at Ike & Randy's Gym in Paterson, N.J. I've been sparring all types of guys, Kendall Holt, whoever is in the gym. I was working a little bit with Monte Barrett, the heavyweight, Ronald Ellis and Pawel Wolak. I've been getting good sparring.

"I pressure my opponents. I have good range—good height, long arms. I like to keep people on the outside of my punches and pressure them from the outside and throw combinations where I can hit them and they can't hit me.

"Brooker fought on the card that I fought on last February in Allentown. That's the only time I've really seen him. He's a strong, stocky guy, throws punches and comes forward. A tough guy, not the most skilled fighter, but he works hard. No disrespect, but I'm a better fighter.

"I think this is a great opportunity to showcase myself and my ability. I am excited and I look forward to Feb. 19. I'm ready. I've got to make a name for myself. I think it's a good fight."

CHRISTOPHER BROOKER

"I'm ready to put on another show. I am looking forward to the

television exposure. I've been training hard. This is the fun part, the hard work is done. I want to thank my team, King's Promotions and SHOWTIME for the opportunity to show what I can do.

"I train in Philadelphia. I'm in the gym every day. After my last fight, I took the weekend off and was back in the gym on Monday. Even if I'm working out light, I'm still in the gym working.

"Right now, I've been sparring with Anthony Miller. He's a southpaw, a little shorter than my opponent, but I think he's much faster, hits much harder and throws more combinations.

"My style surprises opponents; I go right in. My whole style is to keep my hands up, pressure the guy for 12 rounds, while hitting hard with every punch. My power punch stats were up last time, and they're going to be up again for this fight. I threw 87 punches per round the last time, so I'm trying to throw at least 100 this time. I'm trying to break records.

"I looked at the guy I'm fighting. I like fighting southpaws. I was actually smiling when they called and offered me this fight. I'm ready. I won my last fight and the same thing's going to happen this time. I just want to show off."

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

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Adam Lopez & Mario Munoz To Headline ShoBox: The New Generation Quadupleheader On Friday, Feb. 19, Live On SHO at 10p ET/PT

NEW YORK (Jan. 15, 2016) – ShoBox: The New Generation returns on Friday, Feb. 19, quadrupleheader live on SHOWTIME (10 p.m. ET/PT, delayed on the West Coast) from the Adrian Phillips Ballroom in Historic Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, N.J.

With the same height, same age, and similar strong amateur backgrounds, Adam “Mantequilla” Lopez (14-0, 7 KOs) and Mario “Yayo” Munoz (16-0-1, 10 KOs) will face their toughest opponents to date when they touch gloves in the 10-round super

bantamweight main event matchup.

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The combined record of the eight up-and-coming competitors is 89-3-3 with 54 knockouts.

Lopez, of San Antonio, Texas, by way Phoenix, Ariz., Smith, of Philadelphia, and Foster, of Orange, Texas, will be making their second ShoBox starts; while Munoz, of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, Ellis, of Dorchester, Mass., Williams, of Rochester, N.Y. and Romero, of Hasburgh, N.Y., via Santiago, D.R., their first. Odom, of Washington, D.C, is making his third appearance.

Tickets for the GH3 Promotions event are priced at \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100 and \$150 and are available for purchase online at www.Ticketmaster.com and over the phone at 1 800 736 1420.

An excellent boxer-puncher and tactician that likes to counter, Lopez won his ShoBox debut in his outing before last with a close, hard-fought 10-round majority decision over previously undefeated, Dominican Eliezer Aquino (17-0-1 going in). Lopez is coming off a second-round TKO over Eric Aiken last Dec. 12.

Lopez was born in Phoenix, raised in Los Angeles and moved to San Antonio when he was 15. He went 125-23 in the amateurs and won six national championships before turning pro in February 2012. He's trained by former two-time world champion Carlos "Famoso" Hernandez.

Munoz will be making his United States debut and first start outside of Mexico. A pro since September 2010, he's known for his come-forward style, first-rate overall skills and proficient punching power. He went 140-10 in the amateurs, winning three national Junior Olympic tournaments and coming away with bronze and silver medals in national championships.

Munoz, who hails from a fighting family, has an uncle who boxed professionally. He's the one he credits for introducing him to boxing when he was 13. This will be his first fight since he scored a lopsided eight-round decision over Daniel Franco last May 2.

Ellis upset highly regarded Terrell Gausha to win the 2010 National Golden Gloves (Gausha would go on to represent the U.S. at the 2012 Olympic Games). Since going pro in February 2011, Ellis has fought in two countries (Puerto Rico, Mexico) and six U.S. cities (San Antonio, Carson, Calif., Winchester, Va., New York City, Tulsa and Inglewood, Calif.). The 26-year-old has faced mostly modest opposition and has seldom come close to putting in a full night's work.

Ellis had had a series of delays and restarts since turning pro but feels he's grown from his mistakes and that he'll be stronger because of them. For sure, his power hasn't been affected. All 10 of his knockouts have come inside two rounds (eight in the first). The older brother of boxer Rashidi Ellis has won four straight by knockout, including a second-round TKO over Jas Phipps in his last start last Aug. 29. But he seems to be taking a sizeable step-up in class here.

Odom is looking to turn it around after losing two of his last three, the most recent defeat coming via a shocking third-round TKO to Samuel Clarkson (14-3 going in) on ShoBox. The heavily favored, heavy-hitting Odom was dropped three times, once in the second and twice in the third, before the fight was halted at 1:15.

Odom, a top amateur and 2012 National Golden Gloves Champion at 178 pounds, had a 12-fight win streak end on Jan. 9, 2015, when he was disqualified against Andrew Hernandez. In the rematch the following March 13 on ShoBox, Odom registered a 2:47, first-round TKO.

In his ShoBox debut, Odom, who makes for exciting scraps, dropped previously unbeaten Vilier Quinonez (8-0) twice before stopping him in the seventh round on July 25, 2014.

Smith won his ShoBox debut in his last start on a hard-fought, eight-round unanimous decision over Benjamin Whitaker last Nov. 6 in an outdoor fight in Las Vegas. Fighting in memory of his mother who died in late September and going eight rounds for the first time, the 5-foot-7 Smith, overcame a nasty cut over the left eye from an unintentional headbutt in the sixth, rallied to score a knockdown in the seventh and triumphed by the scores of 79-73 and 78-74 twice.

Before turning pro in April 2010, Smith was a 2008 National Golden Gloves Featherweight Champion and 2007 Junior Olympic National Champion. His 74-2 record in the amateurs included two victories over world-ranked contender Amir Imam.

Romero had 268 amateur bouts and represented the Dominican Republic at the Olympics in 2012 (he lost to Vasyl Lomachenko). Shortly thereafter he relocated to New York. He went pro in October 2013, fought four times in 2014 and five times last year.

A slick 5-foot-9 boxer who can punch and gives opponent issues because of his awkward style and movement, Romero, 24, has beat up on ordinary opposition and is coming off a first-round TKO over Luis Meroles last Dec. 5. This looks to be his most daunting assignment to date.

Williams, 24, is a boxer-puncher who's won seven in a row since boxing a draw in his second start in March 2013. This will be his first fight outside of New York. Making his eight-

round debut in his last start on Oct. 8, he won a shutout decision over Czech Republic's Michal Dufek.

Foster, 22, gets a quick-fix opportunity to redeem himself after losing his ShoBox debut on an eight-round unanimous decision to underdog Sam Teah (6-1) on the Nov. 6 card in Las Vegas.

A highly decorated amateur, the 5-foot-8½ inch Foster advanced to the 2012 U.S. Olympic Games Trials where he lost to unbeaten pro prospect, Joseph "Jo-Jo" Diaz. Before that, Foster was a 2011 Houston Golden Gloves and 2010 PAL National Champion, a five-time Ringside National Champion and two-time National Junior Golden Gloves Champion.

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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