

UNDEFEATED ADAM LOPEZ OUTPOINTS MARIO MUÑOZ IN MAIN EVENT ON SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION FROM ADRIAN PHILLIPS BALLROOM IN HISTORIC BOARDWALK HALL

ATLANTIC CITY (Feb. 20, 2016) – Adam “Mantequilla” Lopez (15-0, 7 KOs), of San Antonio, Texas, remained unbeaten and took another step toward becoming a full-fledged contender by winning a hard-fought unanimous 10-round decision over previously undefeated Mario “Yayo” Muñoz (16-1-1, 10 KOs), of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, in Friday’s main event on ShoBox: The New Generation live on SHOWTIME from the Adrian Phillips Ballroom in Historic Boardwalk Hall.

“Lopez punched harder and controlled the tempo,” ShoBox expert analyst Steve Farhood said. “He overcame the problem with his right eye and now he’s 3-0 with three undefeated fighters on ShoBox, so he’s indeed a prospect to watch.”

The highly regarded Lopez, making his third ShoBox appearance and main event debut, survived a nasty cut over his right eye to win by the scores of 98-92 twice and 97-93. There were no knockdowns.

“This was my toughest fight as a pro and I think I proved a lot,” said Lopez, who entered the ring as the WBA No. 8 contender at 122 pounds. “I showed I could fight through a lot of adversity. The cut in my eye was definitely a factor for my performance in a couple of rounds, but I put the pedal to the medal and got through it. I landed the more telling shots.

"This is the kind of fight I can learn from. Fighting through the cut and all the head butts, and still persevering. These are the kinds of fights that make fighters better. You don't learn a thing by blowing guys out.

"Muñoz was a good fighter and landed some tight shots on me, but I was definitely the better fighter and there was no question I would get the decision. I thought I might stop him in the eighth or ninth, but it didn't happen."

There was little known about Muñoz going into Friday, but the mystery man from Mexico who was making his United States debut and first start outside of Mexico performed well and showed solid skills and ability.

"I'm very disappointed in the decision," Muñoz said. "I'm a better fighter than he is. I landed more combinations. My face is unmarked, look at his. He hurt me more from his low blows and head butts than he did with his punches. I'd love to fight him again."

With the defeat, Muñoz became the 142nd boxer on ShoBox to suffer his first defeat. Two fights earlier, Lavisas "Red Williams (8-1-1, 3 KOs), of Rochester, N.Y., became the 141st ShoBox boxer to suffer his initial setback when he lost by seventh round TKO to O'Shaquie "Ice Water" Foster (10-1, 7 KOs), of Orange, Texas.

Foster, a former amateur standout, rebounded from a poor outing in his ShoBox debut to register a seventh-round TKO over Williams. Foster dropped the outclassed southpaw four times. After the final knockdown in the seventh, the fight was stopped at 52 seconds into the round.

In the co-feature of a ShoBox quadrupleheader, undefeated super middleweight Ronald "Flatline" Ellis (12-0-1, 10 KOs), of Lynn, Mass., and Washington D.C.'s Jerry "The King's Son" Odom (13-2-1, 12 KOs) fought to a hard-fought eight-round majority draw. A close, competitive contest throughout was

scored 78-74 for Ellis and 76-76 apiece.

In the opening fight of the telecast, John "Madman" Magda (11-0-1, 7 KOs), of Rutherford, N.Y., and Philadelphia's Christopher "Ice Cold" Brooker (7-1-1, 5 KOs) fought to a disputed eight-round split draw in a super middleweight matchup that most felt Brooker won. At the finish, one judge had it for Magda (77-74), one had it for Brooker (78-74) and one had it even at 76-all.

"I thought that was a terrible decision," Farhood said. "The judges were all over the place. I think Brooker did enough to win. He was the more aggressive fighter and landed the bigger punches. I was very surprised by the result that it was a draw."

Ellis, a five-year-pro who hurt his right hand at the end of the third, was pleased with his overall performance, not so much the result.

"I think I did a good job tonight," said Ellis, the older brother of welterweight prospect Rashidi Ellis who'd won four straight by knockout, including a second-round TKO over Jas Phipps in his last start last Aug. 29. "I started strong and I showed that I belong here, in a nationally televised show. I'm happy with what I did.

"I showed tonight that I can counter a busy fighter. I can take a punch. I can also be a boxer-puncher. Odom tried to do his thing at the beginning, but he just couldn't do it with me. I followed my trainer's advice. I punched, I stood back. I used my left hook. I think I really hurt him a couple times.

"I won that fight. I'm sure. At first, I banged with him and then I showed my boxing. It was easy in there, I won that fight. He never hurt me. I'll be back. You will be seeing a lot of me in the future."

Odom, a top amateur and 2012 National Golden Gloves Champion

at 178 pounds who was looking to turn it around after losing two of his last three, was content with the decision although he felt he'd won his first fight in seven months.

"I can't be disappointed with the decision because I fought my heart out," Odom said. "I know I hurt him. He hurt me a bit in the second, but I got back on my feet and I kept on going.

"I feel I pulled it out in the last rounds. I worked the body, I think I did some damage. Ellis looked hurt.

"I mean no disrespect, but I felt I definitely did enough to win, but the judges saw it differently."

Said Farhood: "Ellis-Odom was a strange fight. At times it was a brawl, and at times it was a boxing match. At times, one fighter came forward and at times the other fighter came forward. I thought Odom did enough in the last couple of rounds to salvage a draw and it turns out that is what the judges scored, a draw. So, I think the judges got it right on that fight."

Foster decked Williams in the second, third, fourth and seventh rounds. Three of the knockdowns appeared to result from a push, but Williams' gloves touched the canvas each time so they went into the books as knockdowns.

"I think it was a great win for Foster, because he looked so bad when he fought on ShoBox last time outdoor in Las Vegas," Farhood said. "And this kind he showed the kind of skills that enable him to be a good amateur. He showed the kind of skills that will make him a legitimate prospect as a pro. It was a very good win for him. He showed speed. He showed his movement, his boxing abilities and he scored four knockdowns, and you can't ask for much better than that."

"This is a huge relief for me," Foster said. "I feel great. I think people saw a glimpse of the kind of fighter I can be tonight. That wasn't me in my first ShoBox fight. I don't know if I froze under the lights or if I lost because of the cold weather outside, but I wasn't nearly as confident for that fight as I was tonight and it affected my performance.

"I had a tremendous training camp, my best camp ever, which played a big part in my confidence tonight. I thank God for the opportunity to fight on national television again and I'm already looking forward to the next time."

The previously undefeated Williams confessed he was unable to his rhythm. "For some reason, I just could not get loose. I had a cold, but I won't take anything away from Foster. He knocked me down, but I actually thought he pushed me down most of those times.

"I learned something tonight. I can't do what I did. I can't wait on my opponent. I have to attack first. I'll be will be back."

There were no knockdowns in the Brooker-Magda battle. One judge scored it for southpaw and local favorite going in, Magda 77-74, one had it 78-74 for Brooker and one had it 76-76 even.

After a few rounds of solid back-and-forth exchanges, Brooker seemed to dominate in the eyes of everyone but the judges. The ShoBox announcers had Brooker a close but clear winner and the fans booed the decision. According to SHO STATS, Brooked outpunched and outlanded Magda by a significant margin. Brooker landed 152 of 481 punches (32 percent) while Magda connected on 78 f 268 (29 percent).

Brooker was visibly upset with the verdict.

"I don't train eight hours a day, seven days a week to get this kind of decision. That was not a draw, I clearly won the fight," he said. "I don't want to take away from Magda. He's strong fighter and he countered well, but I showed everybody that hard work beats talent any day.

"I won this fight. I was the aggressor. I threw some big punches. My right was key. In the beginning Magda was fast, but I placed my punches and I know I did enough to win the fight."

"I feel OK, but this was a tough fight," said Magda. "He stayed on me and pressed forward, which we knew he would. But he was stronger than I thought. I'll have to watch the tape again, but I thought I landed the more effective punches.'"

The ShoBox quadrupleheader will re-air this week as follows:

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Monday, Feb. 22, 10:30 p.m. ET/PT SHOWTIME EXTREME®

Friday's four-fight telecast will be available at SHOWTIME ON DEMAND beginning today, Saturday, Feb. 20.

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

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About ShoBox: The New Generation

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Video: O'Shaquie Foster

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.

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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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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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."

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Malignaggi, Ricky Hatton, Kelly Pavlik, Paul Williams and more.

GH3 Promotions features undefeated Middleweight Antoine Douglas, Super Middleweight's Jerry Odom, undefeated Super Bantamweight Adam Lopez as well as Boxcino 2015 Jr. Middleweight Champion John Thompson, Jr., undefeated Welterweight's Hector Frometa, Jerrell Harris & Keenan Smith & Jr. Lightweight O'Shaquie Foster to the GH3 Promotions stable.

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.

In other televised bouts, all scheduled for eight rounds, Ronald “Akeem” Ellis (12-0, 10 KOs) takes on Jerry Odom (13-2, 12 KOs) in a clash of hard-hitting super middleweights, Keenan

Smith (9-0, 3 KOs) faces fellow southpaw Wellington Romero (9-0-1, 4 KOs) in a battle of unbeaten welterweights and lefthander Lavisas "Red" Williams (8-0-1, 3 KOs) risks his undefeated record against O'Shaquie Foster (8-1, 5 KOs) in a super featherweight match.

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.

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GRADUATION DAY FOR ANTOINE DOUGLAS: UNBEATEN MIDDLEWEIGHT DROPS LES SHERRINGTON FIVE TIMES EN ROUTE TO FOURTH-ROUND TKO IN MAIN EVENT OF SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION QUADRUPLEHEADER

LAS VEGAS (Nov. 7, 2015) – It was cold outside, the temperature dipping into the low 50s, but the elements did not affect unbeaten Antoine “Action” Douglas, however, as the talented world-ranked middleweight turned up the heat and impressively knocked out Les Sherrington in the fourth round in the main event of a ShoBox: The New Generation quadrupleheader Friday live on SHOWTIME.

Douglas (19-0-1, 13 KOs), of Burke, Va., dropped Sherrington (35-8, 19 KOs), of Broadbeach, Queensland, Australia, five times before the one-sided fight for the WBO International 160-pound title was stopped at 1:02 of the fourth. The quick, hard-hitting Douglas dropped Sherrington one time in the first and second rounds, two times in the third and once in the fourth.

In the co-feature from the specially-constructed ring outside the Downtown Las Vegas Events Center (DLVEC) across from the D Las Vegas, Ukrainian southpaw Taras “Real Deal” Shelestyuk (13-0, 8 KOs), of Los Angeles, Calif., pitched a near-10-round shutout over Aslanbek Kozaev (26-2-1, 7 KOs), of Vladikavkaz, Russia, to capture the WBO-NABO Regional Welterweight title. A former amateur standout and 2012 Olympic Games Bronze

Medalist, Shelestyuk, won by the scores of 100-90 twice and 99-91.

In other results on a card promoted by GH3 Promotions and Banner Promotions, "Killa" Keenan Smith (9-0, 3 KOs), of Philadelphia, won a unanimous eight-round decision over Benjamin "Da Blaxican" Whitaker (10-2, 2 KOs), of San Antonio, Texas, in a competitive welterweight scrap and "Tsunami Sam" Teah (7-1, 2 KOs) of Philadelphia scored a unanimous decision over previously undefeated O'Shaquie "Ice Water" Foster (8-1, 5 KOs) of Orange, Texas, in a lightweight match. It was the 135th time a boxer suffered his first loss on ShoBox.

For Douglas, it was his fifth consecutive victory on ShoBox and likely may have earned him a spot on a future SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING® card. The 10 fighters who've appeared five or more times on ShoBox have all gone on to challenge for a world title.

"Antoine Douglas is the perfect example of what we do in the ShoBox series. We build fighters. We develop them from prospect to contenders," said Gordon Hall, Executive Producer of ShoBox: The New Generation and Senior Vice President of Production, SHOWTIME Sports. "We've seen Antoine grow. He started as a promising prospect, and we matched him really tough and each and every time he stepped up to the task. Tonight, he graduated from ShoBox with a spectacular performance; there are no doubts he is now a contender."

"We got what Antoine Douglas needed: The type of utterly dominant performance that makes you want to see him against the best middleweights. Tonight was Antoine's graduation from ShoBox. Now he'll move up to bigger and better things," said ShoBox expert analyst Steve Farhood afterward:

Douglas went 10 rounds for the second time and upped his winning streak to five since boxing a draw in July 2014.

"They said this was my graduation day, time for a cap and

gown, so this was definitely a big win,” said Douglas, a top amateur who made it to the 2011 U.S. Olympic Trials and was the WBA’s ninth-ranked contender going in. “It was a great experience fighting on ShoBox and I appreciate everything they’ve done for me getting me ready to go to the next level. Now, it’s time for me to take the next step.

“I expected to win, probably by knockout, but I didn’t expect it to be this way. I expected Sherrington to be tougher, more prepared. I think my jab was the key. It set him up for all the big shots I landed with my right hand and left hook.

“I knew I’d be faster than him. I was very prepared. One good thing I’m happy about is how I kept my composure.”

Sherrington, who was fighting outside of Australia and making his U.S. and 2015 debuts, came in having won eight of his last nine fights, including his last pair. But the WBA’s No. 12 contender was no match for Douglas.

“Antoine Douglas is very good and he will go on to really big things in this sport,” Sherrington said.

“I’m not making excuses, but I was freezing and could never really warm up. And then he caught me cold. I came here to reach a lifelong dream of mine but it was not meant to be. I got welcomed into the big leagues in a big hurry and in the worst way. All credit goes to Douglas for that.”

Farhood was impressed with Shelestyuk, a former amateur standout. “[Taras] Shelestyuk looked like the most mature fighter on the card,” Farhood said. “He has a wonderful amateur pedigree, he was an Olympic Bronze Medalist. He fought a fighter that made him fight and throw a lot of punches – he averaged 85 punches a round. He dominated the fight from the first round on and he looked like the world-class fighter that he was developed to be.”

Shelestyuk utilized his 3½-inch height advantage to dominate

the game but outclassed Kozaev. "This was a good fight for me. I'm so happy. I won my first pro title, went 10 rounds for the first time and won all the rounds," Shelestyuk said.

"The guy was a super tough opponent. I thought I was going to knock him out in a few of the rounds but he took all my hard punches. He was a warrior and had a lot more experience than me."

Kozaev, making his first start in 18 months, started fast but got outhustled and outworked from the second round on. "He's a good fighter and I gave my best, but having not fought for such a long time was a big factor," he said.

Smith overcame a nasty cut over the left eye from an unintentional headbutt in the sixth but came back to score a knockdown in the seventh. He triumphed by the scores of 79-73 and 78-74 twice.

"Keenan Smith overcame a very bad cut to win this fight," Farhood said. "He scored a knockdown that was unexpected late in the fight. I thought that it was a very close fight, but Smith did enough in the early rounds to win. He's definitely a prospect that will get better."

Smith was fighting for the fourth time this year after a three-year hiatus. He was less than enthusiastic afterward. "This was a rough camp for me. My mother died. I dedicated this fight to her and really wanted to get the knockout," said Smith who wore all-pink trunks in her honor.

"I'm not all that happy because I felt I could have finished him even though my left shoulder was hurting and I was not 100 percent. I also couldn't see much at all out of my eye after the cut.

"But tonight, it was like a welterweight fighting a junior welterweight. I weighed in at 141 and he was at 147. But going eight rounds for the first time was definitely a good thing. I

just feel like I should have finished much stronger. The weather was not a problem.”

Whitaker had a three-fight winning streak end. “The scoring was way off. It was a much closer fight than that,” he said. “I don’t understand how he could get warned the whole fight for holding, but never get a point taken away. The knockdown wasn’t even a knockdown. It was more of a trip. The ref asked me if I could continue and I was like, ‘I wasn’t even hurt, not even wobbled a little bit.’

“I would love to fight him again.”

Teah won the opening bout of the telecast by the scores of 79-73 and 77-75 twice. “This was an upset,” Farhood said. “Teah beat a fighter who had been a tough amateur. The problem for O’Shaquie Foster is that he looked like an amateur. He didn’t adjust to the pro game. He didn’t show enough strength and enough determination. He was a disappointment and [Sam] Teah took advantage of that.”

Teah, making his eight-round debut, won his third in a row. “I’m ecstatic and couldn’t ask for anything better,” he said. “This is definitely my biggest win and I definitely felt I won. I could have done more, but I did enough. This was a great win for my team. Working 10 hours a day paid off for me.

“This was my first time going eight rounds and I felt strong. To beat an unbeaten fighter was huge. The first six rounds I coasted. The last two rounds fatigue set in and I started to feel the weather, but I feel great now.”

If anyone of the eight boxers froze under the bright lights it was Foster. “For some reason I just wasn’t myself in there,” a visibly disappointed Foster said. “I could have done so much more but I just didn’t throw enough punches. It’s time for me to regroup and get it together for the next time.”

All but Douglas were making their ShoBox debuts.

The ShoBox quadrupleheader will re-air this week as follows:

DAY CHANNEL

Monday, Nov. 9, 10 p.m. ET/PT SHOWTIME EXTREME

Friday's four-fight telecast will be available at SHOWTIME ON DEMAND® beginning today/Saturday, Nov. 7.

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