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## **Three undefeated GH3 Promotions fighters on display TONIGHT on CBS Sports Network**

Nutley, NJ (September 15, 2016) – GH3 Promotions will have three of it's undefeated prospects on display TONIGHT at the 2300 Arena in Philadelphia and live on CBS Sports Network.

In the televised co-feature, former NFL Defensive End, Ray Edwards (11-0-1, 7 KO's) of Cincinnati, OH will take on Dan Pasciolla (8-1-1) of Brick, New Jersey in a heavyweight bout scheduled for eight-rounds.

In a six-round welterweight bout, undefeated Kenneth Sims Jr. (7-0, 2 KO's) of Chicago will battle battle tested Gilbert Venegas (14-24-6, 8 KO's) of East Molina, Illinois.

Also seeing action will be 2016 United States Olympic Alternate, LeRoy Davila (2-0, 1 KO) of New Brunswick, New Jersey rematching Edgar Cortes (3-3) of Vineland, New Jersey in a super bantamweight bout.

"We are excited to showcase these three prospects in Philadelphia,"said GH3 Promotions CEO Vito Mielnicki.

"Edwards is fighting a tough southpaw who has already knocked off a couple of undefeated fighters. Sims is fighting a grizzled veteran who has fought many big names in his division, so this will be a good test to see what he has. Davila is rematching Cortes. The first fight was a very competitive bout and since then Cortes got a good win on his record. These three fights are a foreshadow of what we have in store with our fighters this fall. We have them all in competitive and growing fights."

GH3 Promotions features Middleweight Antoine Douglas, Super Middleweight's Jerry Odom & Ronald Ellis, undefeated Super Bantamweight Adam Lopez as well as Boxcino 2015 Jr. Middleweight Champion John Thompson, Jr., undefeated Welterweight's Kenneth Sims Jr., Jerrell Harris, Arturo Trujillo & Keenan Smith, Heavyweight Ray Edwards, Lightweight O'Shaquie Foster, Jr. Lightweight Bantamweight's Brent Venagas & LeRoy Davilla to the GH3 Promotions stable.

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# Pasciolla sees bout with Edwards, gateway to bigger fights

Brick, NJ (September 12, 2016)– Heavyweight Dan Pasciolla is not surprisingly excited about his national television debut, which will come Thursday night at the 2300 Arena in Philadelphia, when he takes on undefeated Ray Edwards in the co-featured bout of a card on CBS Sports Network.

In the main event, Dustin Hernandez-Harrison takes on Thomas LaManna for the USBA Welterweight title.

Pasciolla of Brick, New Jersey has a record of 8-1-1 knows that a win over the former star NFL defensive end, could catapult to big fights in the heavyweight division.

“I think it’s a great opportunity to fight on television and be part of a great promotion in Philadelphia,” said the 31 year-old Pasciolla.

Pasciolla, who already has wins over undefeated Bill Marks (1-0) & Donnie Edwards (6-0-1) plus triumphs over John Lennox (13-2) and former world champion Imamu Mayfield, and is not in awe of the 6’5: 255 pound Edwards.

“Edwards is a big tall guy and I respect him as an athlete, But I feel that I am more that ready for this fight. Edwards has no amateur experience and his record has been built up. Not only does my resume of wins look more impressive then his, but I have fought bigger guys.”

Pasciolla believes a win over Edwards will catapult himself into higher profile bouts.

“I am hoping with a national broadcast win will move me up the national rankings. I won the New Jersey state belt when we

beat a former world champion in Imamu Mayfield. That tile has lineage back to Chuck Wepner, so we have the confidence as I progress up the rankings.”

Long time manager, Rich Masini, recently teamed up with Sean Darling in efforts to help build the career of Pasciolla. Darling has been training Pasciolla for the last two and a half years, as Pascoilla he earned an 8-1-1 record. Over this time, Pasciolla has sparred with some of the top prospects in boxing today. The likes of Bryant Jennings, Zhang Zhilei, Joey Dewejko, Derrick Rossy and Chaz Witherspoon.

“Dan has stepped up and won some impressive bouts as an underdog. I like Dan a lot, he is fighting with a lot of heart,” says Masini.

“This will be the 4th undefeated fighter Dan will face. We function well as a team. Obviously Dan is in the ring, my job is to navigate his career and continue to step up and grow both inside and outside the ring. We understand we’re facing a tough opponent on September 15th on national TV but we’re real confident Dan will perform very well and earn the victory.”

Masini adds “R.I.P Pati Masini, Love you sister.”

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## **Ex-NFL Defensive End Ray Edwards Boxes Dan Pasciolla In CBS Sports Sports Network-**

# Televised Heavyweight Bout Sept. 15 at the 2300 Arena in Philadelphia

Philadelphia, PA – Former NFL defensive end Ray Edwards will box Dan Pasciolla in a six-round contest between southpaw heavyweights on Thursday, Sept.15, at the 2300 Arena.

In the main event, Thomas LaManna, of Millville, NJ, and Dusty Hernandez-Harrison, of Washington, DC, meet in a scheduled 10-round bout for the vacant USBA Welterweight title. The card is promoted by Final Forum Boxing, Peltz Boxing Promotions & GH3 Promotions and will be broadcast live on the CBS Sports Network. First of four televised fights begins at 10pm (EST).

Edwards, 31, of Cincinnati, OH, is 11-0-1, 7 KOs. The seven-year defensive end from the Minnesota Vikings and Atlanta Falcons began boxing in 2011 during the NFL owners' lockout and devoted his full-time to it in 2013. He has been learning his craft and is ready to step up in competition. Edwards knocked out Steven Tyner, of New York, in two rounds his last fight Aug. 26 in Minneapolis, MN.

Pasciolla, 31, of Brick, NJ, is 8-1-1 after three years as a pro. He has beaten solid East Coast competition in Bill Marks, John Lennox, Donnie Palmer and former world cruiserweight champion Imamu Mayfield. In his last bout July 22 in Atlantic City, Pasciolla avenged his only defeat with a six-round unanimous over Dante Selby, of Philadelphia.

In another six-round bout, undefeated welterweight Kenneth Sims Jr. faces grizzled veteran Gilbert Venegas.

Sims Jr., 22, of Chicago, IL, is 7-0, 2 KOs, in two years as a pro. He is coming off a six-round decision over Tavorus Teague, of Bakersfield, CA, on March 11 in Tustin, CA.

Venegas, 39, of East Moline, IL, is 14-24-5, 8 KOs, against some of the best at 147 and 154 pounds. Venegas turned pro in 1999 and has wins over Ed Paredes, Rogelio De La Torre and Lance Williams and he is coming off a six-round draw with undefeated Daniel Denny on Aug. 19 in Wittenberg, WI. Venegas also has boxed Nate Campbell, Jermall Charlo, Mike Jones, Jaime Herrera and Sammy Vasquez and he also boxed a draw with Jesus Soto-Karass.

2016 United States Olympic alternate LeRoy Davila (2-0, 1 KO), of New Brunswick, NJ, will rematch with Edgar Cortes (3-3) of Vineland, NJ, in a bantamweight bout scheduled for six rounds. Davila defeated Cortes by four-round decision on July 22 in Mashantucket, CT. Cortes later earned a four-round decision over Alex Barbosa on Aug. 26 in the loser's Philadelphia backyard.

Opening up the television broadcast will be 17-year-old Devin Haney (9-0, 5 KOs), of Las Vegas, NV, will have his 10th contest in eight months when fights Mike Fowler (5-2, 2 KOs), of Milwaukee, WI.

In a four-round welterweight bout, Jaron "Boots" Ennis (5-0, 5 KOs), of Philadelphia, battles Eddie Diaz (2-4-2), of Torrance, CA.

In six-round bouts:

Anthony Young (13-2, 5 KOs) of Atlantic City, NJ, takes on Malik Jackson (3-9-4, 2 KO's) of Newark, New Jersey.

In a four-round bout, it will be a battle of New Jersey-based super middleweights as Darryl Bunting (2-0-2, 1 KO), of Asbury Park, meets Darryl Gause (1-0), of Vineland.

Tickets for the nine-fight card, which begins at 7 pm, are priced at \$75, \$50 and \$40 They are available at Peltz Boxing (215-765-0922), at the 2300 Arena (267-273-0945) and Bam Boxing (215-280-6709).

Thomas LaManna will hold a media workout on Monday, September 12th at the Joe Hand Gym in Philadelphia at noon

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## **GH3 Promotions signs undefeated Heavyweight Ray Edwards**

Nutley, NJ (August 29, 2016) – GH3 Promotions is honored to announce the signing of undefeated heavyweight Ray Edwards to an exclusive promotional contract.

Edwards of Cincinnati, Ohio has a perfect mark of 11-0-1 with seven knockouts.

After a successful seven-year career as a defensive end for the Minnesota Vikings and Atlanta Falcons of the National Football League, Edwards has made professional boxing his full-time occupation.

The 31 year-old Edwards actually turned professional May 20, 2011 when the NFL players were entrenched in a lockout.

“Ray has shown that he has the physical tools to become a top heavyweight,” said GH3 Promotions CEO Vito Mielnicki.

“He has a ton of upside and with heavyweights, there is a chance to become a star very quickly here in the States. I think that because he has competed at a high level in the NFL, he has a chance to do that in boxing. We are looking to get him three fights before the end of the year. He is 6’6 255 lbs. and we will move him like like most heavyweights, steady but right and no rush. He will be at the top when it’s time. He is class act, well spoken and when he walks in a room u see

his presence.

"I always loved boxing. I started doing in at as an off-season workout and just really enjoyed it," said Edwards.

In his pro debut, Edwards won a four-round unanimous decision over Tyrone Gibson in Hinckley, Minnesota..

Edwards, who did not have an amateur fight, has increased his level of opposition and is coming off a 2nd round stoppage over Steven Tyner on August 26 in Minneapolis.

"It is a big deal for me to sign with GH3 Promotions," continued Edwards. "Vito Mielnicki has a good stable with Antoine Douglas and Jerry Odom and this is the type of step I was looking for."

Because Edwards was known for his prowess on the gridiron, his transition into the ring was not taken seriously.

"I was looked down upon because I was a football player. I have the right team around that will help develop my style. I have been in camp wiith (WBC Heavyweight champion) Deontay Wilder and I held my own, and I have confidence in myself."

In what he thinks his move from the NFL to boxing can help persuade kids to start boxing, where in the recent past, a lot of the good young athletes have chosen other sports.

"I can help kids be passionate about boxing. Kids haven't dedicated themselves and learned their crafts. People just see the finished products of fighters. I don't listen to the negative comments and have good people around me."

"I just want to stay busy and keep winning. Let me be great. In do time, people will see the finished product."

In what playing at the highest level of professional sports, he can take into boxing, Edwards notes, "I played defensive line and I was focused on the ball. So I have learned to tune



things out. It's that tunnel vision that playing in front of 100,000 people, you learn that. Not to listen to the crowd and stay focused."

When asked if what his former NFL fraternity thinks of his move to boxing, Edwards stated, "I still get support from my friends in the league. They are always asking when and where I am fighting, so I feel when the fights get higher profile, It will become a really big thing."

Said Edwards trainer Kennie Johnson, "He is developing into a good fighter. We started out with a guy who had a great physical presence, but he has been a fast learner and now it is time for people to see that. He is coming along well and when the competition steps up, we will see that he is a quality fighter. He is the hardest worker that I ever seen in the forty years that I have been around the sport."

Edwards is managed by Chances Aurelius, who said, "Vito Mielnicki is a good guy and I am happy to be on board with GH3 Promotions. I think we will do big things together."

Edwards will fight on September 15 against an opponent to be named in Philadelphia. The bout will be televised on CBS Sports Network.

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