

# **Video: Christian Carto talks about his pro debut win and July 22 fight in Atlantic City**

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## **Anthony “Juice” Young to headline against Ariel Vasquez on Friday, July 22 at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City**

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (July 1, 2016)—On Friday night, July 22nd, welterweight, Anthony “Juice” Young will headline a great night of boxing against Ariel Vasquez in a scheduled 8-round welterweight bout at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

Welterweight Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna will take part in a six-round co-feature bout against Eduardo Flores.

The card is promoted by Rising Promotions.

“We are excited to be running our fourth show in seven months at The Claridge,” said Debra LaManna of Rising Promotions.

“We are starting to build a reputation for putting on well matched and exciting cards at The Claridge and July 22nd will

be no different.”

Young of Atlantic City has a record of 12-2 with five knockouts will be looking for his second consecutive victory.

The 28 year-old won his first ten bouts that was highlighted by a victory over Jose Javier Calderon (4-1).

This will be Young’s 6th (and 4th consecutive) fight in his hometown.

He is coming off a 6-round unanimous decision victory over Juan Rodriguez on April 29.

Vasquez of Managua, Nicaragua has a record of 12-14-2 with eight knockouts.

Vasquez, 29 years old turned professional in 2005 and fought his first 11 fights in his native Nicaragua. He twice fought Juan Antonio Rodriguez for the WBC Youth Featherweight title and held undefeated Eliezer Landas (10-0) to a draw in a bout for the WBA Fedecentro Super Bantamweight title.

He has faced six undefeated fighters including his last two. In his last outing, Vasquez lost a unanimous decision to Jose Felix Quezada (9-0) on May 17 in Carlton, Minnesota.

LaManna of Millville, New Jersey has a record of 20-1 with eight knockouts.

The 24 year-old LaManna turned professional in 2011 and won his first sixteen bouts that were highlighted by wins over Ashandi Gibbs & Jamaal Davis.

Since suffering his only loss to world ranked Middleweight Antoine Douglas on ShoBox: The New Generation, LaManna has won four straight which includes a 6-round unanimous decision over rugged Ayi Bruce on September 26th in Beach Haven, New Jersey. In his last bout, LaManna stopped Kendal Mena (20-3) in four rounds on March 19th at The Claridge in Atlantic City.

With a win, LaManna will be back in September in a high profile bout.

But he will have to get past Flores, who is a veteran of 47 professional fights (23-21-3, 15 KO's).

Flores of Quito, Ecuador is a battle tested fighter who has faced a bevy of champions and top contenders.

He has been in the ring with world champions Carlos Baldomir & Kermit Cintron as well as contenders Diego Chaves, Brad Soloman, Wale Omotoso, David Zagara, Knat Islam, Bryant Perella, Khiary Gray Pitts, world title challenger Franklin Mamani & Erick Bone.

In a six round heavyweight bout, Tri-State Heavyweight champion Dan Pasciolla (7-1-1) of Brick, NJ will battle Dante Selby (2-1-1) of Philadelphia, PA.

Marvin Johnson (0-0-1) of Millville, NJ will take on Lamont White (0-1) of Washington, DC in a lightweight bout scheduled for four-rounds.

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Appearing in four-round bouts will be pro debuting super featherweight Donald Smith of Philadelphia, pro debuting bantamweight Christian Carto of Philadelphia, PA; pro debuting bantamweight Kevin Asmat of North Bergen, NJ.

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# **Rising Promotions, New Jersey's busiest promoter set for 4th event in just seven month on July 22**

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (June 27, 2016)—On Friday night, July 22nd, Rising Promotions will present it's 4th big event at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City.

No doubt another sold-crowd will be on hand to witness the action as Rising Promotions is establishing itself as the busiest promoter in the Garden State.

The shows have consistently featured some of the best talent in the Tri-State (New Jersey, New York & Pennsylvania.) in competitive, fan-friendly bouts in front of a packed venue at The Claridge.

"The first three shows have gone exactly to the blueprint which we set out for when we came up with the concept," said Debra LaManna of Rising Promotions.

"The response has been terrific on all fronts. From the fighters, the fan turn out and sponsors. The Clardige and the New Jersey State Athletic Commission have been a pleasure to work with as well."

"I think when fans know that every couple months they know they can see these kinds of events with Rising Promotions, the events start to sell themselves. With events scheduled for July, September and November, we will continue to build on what we have started."

Said Thomas LaManna of Rising Promotions, "Every big time promoter starts somewhere, I just so happened to start at the age of 24 while still active in my career with a pro record of 18-1."

"It all started out with just doing these shows to keep me active. Ray McCline of the Atlantic City Boxing Hall of Fame and I met in Las Vegas during the Mayweather/Pacquiao fight week and discussed doing shows at The Claridge because he had a direct connection with them. When the meeting was over, I started to see the big picture with it so I then sat down with my parents and my promoter Mr. Vincent M. Ponte of Gulf Stream Promotions, we put together a strong team with a solid mission and three successful shows later, here we are," Continued Thomas LaManna.

It feels great to open doors for fighters to jump start their career. So far, I was able to have four boxers make their professional debut on my shows so far and they include (former Olympian Luis Perozo, 2016 United States Olympic alternate Leroy Davila & Marvin Johnson).

"It's always been my dream and goal to become a world champion. That's first and foremost because I am still a fighter first, but I also have a goal to be one of the top promoters in the sport of boxing. Most people say I can't, waste of time, no money to be made. That's their way of thinking and they can keep that mindset. I strive to be great in everything I do and this is just another journey. Keep a lookout for Rising Promotions."

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## **Rising Promotions back at The Claridge in Atlantic City on Friday, May 27th**

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (April 26, 2016)—On Friday night, May 27th, a big night of boxing will kick off a holiday weekend at The Claridge in Atlantic City as Rising Promotions will present a terrific card of boxing.

“We are excited to come back to the Claridge. Thanks to the whole staff at Rising Promotions and the AC Boxing Hall of Fame, we are able to do our third show in only 5 months and give local fighters the opportunity to showcase their talent,” said Debra LaManna of Rising Star Promotions.

In the main event, It will be about New Jersey bragging rights as Isiah Seldon will take on Eddie Edmond in a bout scheduled for six-rounds.

Seldon, 27 years-old of Atlantic City, New Jersey is a six-year professional and has a record of 8-1 with three knockouts

and is coming his title-winning effort when he won a six-round unanimous decision over Michael Mitchell on March 19th at the Claridge.

Edmond of Newark, New Jersey has a record of 4-4-2 with one knockout is a eight year professional. The 30 year-old has won two straight bouts which includes his last outing when won a four-round split decision over Edson Soto on August 15, 2015 in Jersey City, New Jersey.

In a six-round co-feature, one of the most popular fighter's from the shore area, Light Heavyweight Chuck Mussachio will be back in the ring after a 39-month lay off when he takes on Willis Lockett in a rematch of a bout that that ended in a draw on September 19, 2008.

Mussachio of Wildwood, New Jersey has a record of 18-3-2 with five knockouts and will be looking to get back to winning ways that made him a contender with wins over former world champion Carl Daniels, Bobby Rooney (11-2-1) and Tony Ferrante (9-0).

The 36 year-old Mussachio is coming off a 2nd round stoppage defeat to Lionell Thompson on February 23, 2013 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Lockett of Takoma Park, Maryland has a record of 14-16-5 with five knockouts.

His record does not tell the story as Lockett has faced the "Whose-Who" of fighters between Super Middleweight and Heavyweight.

He has quality wins over Tyrone Tate (5-1), Calvin Riley (1-0), Willie Williams (6-1), former world title challenger Larry Marks, Joe McCreedy (10-2-1) & John Lennox (13-3). The winner of Lennox was part of Rising Promotions maiden card on December 5, 2015.

Lockett has faced eight undefeated fighters. Lockett will look

to break a two-fight losing streak. In his last bout, Lockett was disqualified against Jordan Shimmell (19-1) on February 27 in Washington, DC.

In an eight-round Cruiserweight bout, Nick Kisner (16-2-1, 6 KO's) of Baltimore, MD will take on Anthony Caputo Smith (15-7, 10 KO's) of Kennett Square, PA.

In a six-round Cruiserweight bout, Alvin Vermall Jr. (9-0-1, 8 KO's) of LaPlace, Louisiana takes on an opponent to be named.

In a four round Welterweight bout, Adrian Wilson (0-2) of Atlantic City will take on pro debuting Quan Johnson of Pennsauken, New Jersey

Also scheduled to appear in four-round bouts:

Lightweight Anthony Burgin (9-1, 2 KO's) of Philadelphia, PA;  
Heavyweight Quian Davis (2-0-1, 1 KO's) of Mays Landing, NJ;

Former Ecuadorian Olympian in Super Featherweight Luis Perozo (1-0, 1 KO) of New York, NY;

Perozo represented Ecuador in the 2008 Olympics as a 17 year-old.

Also on the card will be the pro debut of Bantamweight Leroy Davila of New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Davila, who had over 60 amateur fights was ranked second in the United States in his weight class.

More bouts will be announced shortly.

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# LaManna stops Mena in four in front of sold-out crowd at Claridge in Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (March 21, 2016)—This past Saturday night, welterweight contender, Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna thrilled a sold-out crowd at The Claridge in Atlantic City when he scored fourth round stoppage over Kendal Mena that highlighted a action-packed nine bout card.

The card was promoted by Rising Promotions and Vincent M. Ponte’s Gulfstream Promotions.

With all of the seats occupied, fans were jammed on the walls and they enjoyed LaManna’s performance, which was action-filled from the opening bell.

LaManna used hard right hands to continuously rock Mena. In round one, LaManna set the tone by buckling Mena with one of those rights. LaManna was sitting down on his punches to the point where he sent Mena’s mouthpiece firing out oh his mouth several times and finally in round three, referee David Fanciosi had to deduct a point from Mena. LaManna continued to rock Mena with hard shots and had him wobbled throughout round four. LaManna had Mena on the ropes and one more hard right hand pummeled into Mena and Franciosi stopped the bout at 2:23 of round four.

LaManna of Millville, NJ is 20-1 with eight knockouts. Mena of San Cristobal, Dominican Republic is 20-4.

“It felt good to get the stoppage. I can only see bigger and better things coming for my career, I am only getting better

and stronger, and I predict more knockouts to come,” Said LaManna. “I felt real composed and I knew he was hurt in the first round and I took my time to break him down and get him out. Rising Promotions and Gulfstream Promotions has three more dates at The Claridge (May 27, September 17 and November 12) and I am still building. I am still young and am taking my time to get where I want to be.”

Isiah Seldon (8-1) came back after a 33-month layoff with a six-round unanimous decision over Michael Mitchell to capture the Tri-State Super Middleweight title.

Seldon of Atlantic City almost had a stoppage in round one as he landed a hard flurry of punches and had Mitchell hurt on the ropes. It looked like referee Mary Glover was stepping in to stop the fight, but she just separated the fighters. Seldon got the best of the action over the game Mitchell and came home with the victory to the tune of 58-56 on all cards.

Dan Pasciolla (7-1-1) won the Tri-State Heavyweight title with a shutout six-round unanimous decision over comebacking former IBF Cruiserweight champion Imamu Mayfield (25-10-2)

Scores were 60-54 on all cards.

Popular Long Island welterweight Tommy Rainone (25-7-1) made his boardwalk debut a successful one as he scored a hard fought unanimous decision over Maurice Chalmers (14-13-1) in a eight-round bout. Rainone used effective punching to open up a cut over Chalmers left eye in round two. Chalmers tried to make the fight, but Rainone used effective counters and won by scores of 79-73 on all cards.

Daryl Bunting (1-0-1) started the card off with a four-round unanimous decision over Darryl Watkins (0-3) in a super middleweight bout.

Bunting win by scores of 40-36 twice and 40-35.

Omar Brito (3-2, 2 KO's) scored a explosive one-punch knockout over Bienvenido Diaz (2-2) in a scheduled four-round super featherweight bout.

Brito landed a perfect right hand that sent Diaz to the canvas. Diaz got to his feet but was wobbling around the ring and the bout was stopped at 2:20 of round one.

Quian Davis (2-0-1) won a four round unanimous decision over Corey Morley (0-2-1) in a heavyweight bout.

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Alvin Vermall Jr. (8-0-1) remained perfect by winning an entertaining four round unanimous decision over D'Quan Morgan (3-3-1) in a cruiserweight bout.

There was good back and forth action throughout the bout. Vermall, who is from Catskills, New York has an exciting style reminiscent to another former Catskills fighter in Mike Tyson. Morgan was bleeding from his nose in round three. The two fought a spirited affair with Vermall winning by scores of 40-36 twice and 39-37.

Hakim Bryant (6-0) remained perfect with a six-round unanimous decision over Rick Graham in a middleweight bout.

Bryant (6-0) dominated the action, and dropped Graham in round six from a flurry on the ropes and won by scores of 60-51, 60-52 and 60-53.

The show is available for viewing for \$14.99 on GFL.TV by [CLICKING HERE](#)

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## **Weights from Atlantic City**

Thomas LaManna 150 – Kendal Mena 149.7

Imamu Mayfield 232 – Dan Pasciolla 248

(Garden State Heavyweight Title)

Tommy Rainone 150 – Maurice Chalmers 147.5

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Isiah Seldon 165 – Michael Mitchell 165

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Promoters: Rising Promotions and Vincent M. Ponte’s Gulfstream Promotions

Venue: The Claridge Hotel

1st Bell: 7 PM ET

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# Isiah Seldon back and looking for big opportunities

For Immediate Release

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (March 18, 2016)—TOMORROW NIGHT at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City, super middleweight Isiah Seldon returns to the ring after a 33-month layoff when he challenges Michael Mitchell as part of an 11-bout card that is promoted by Rising Promotions and Vincent M. Ponte's Gulfstream Promotions.

In the main event, Thomas LaManna takes on Kendal Mena in a eight round welterweight bout.

Seldon is eager to be back in the ring after much soul searching over the past two-plus years.

"I have been working a job and staying in the gym. I have been keeping sharp but I just needed to get my life in order, " said Seldon. "We have been looking for the right fight. I was offered some good financial opportunities in Russia, but I want to do this the right way. I am not in this for the money."

Seldon feels at age 27, the time is now to concentrate on in his ring career.

"I am not getting any younger, and when I got the call from Rising Promotions and they offered me the right fight, I jumped at it."

When asked about the veteran Mitchell, Seldon really doesn't know alot.

"I don't know much. I saw a couple video snippets of him and I see a tough guys who comes forward. It should be a good fight. I trained very hard for this and I am ready."

When asked what he sees in the next few years, Seldon, believes that with Rising Promotions looking to do stage multiple fight cards on the boardwalk property, he sees an active 2016.

"I am looking at two or three more fights this year. Rising Promotions said I could be on their cards going forward. I am just trying to stay busy. I am 27 years-old and it is time to go. The Beast Mode is turned on and I am excited to show a new Isiah Seldon. Before I was just a brawler but in the time off, I have developed my boxing skills and I am a much better fighter."

In an eight-round welterweight bout, Tommy Rainone (24-7-1, 5 KO's) of Long Island, NY battles Maurice Chalmers (14-12-1, 8 KO's) of Lynchburg, VA.

In six-round bouts:

Lamont Capers (5-7-2) of Hawley, PA will fight Willis Lockett (14-16-5, 5 KO's) of Takoma Park, MD in a cruiserweight bout.

Former cruiserweight world champion Imamu Mayfield (25-9-2, 18 KO's) of Perth Amboy, NJ returns to the ring after an eight year absence when he takes on Dan Pasciolla (6-1-1) of Brick, NJ in a heavyweight bout for the Garden State Heavyweight title.

In four round bouts:

Quian Davis (1-0-1, 1 KO) of Mays Landing, NJ battles Corey Morley (0-1-1) of Philadelphia in a Heavyweight bout.

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Undefeated lightweight Steven Ortiz (2-0) of Philadelphia, PA will box Jose Miguel Castro (5-7, 3 K0's) of Carolina, Puerto Rico.

Tickets for the March 19th fight card are \$50 GA, \$75 Stage (very few remaining) & \$125 VIP (SOLD OUT) (Booths of 5 available for \$500-SOLD OUT) and are available at [RisingBoxingPromotions.com](http://RisingBoxingPromotions.com) or 609-487-4444.

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## **Former professional baseball player Quian Davis looking to make a difference in the community**

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (March 16, 2016)—This Saturday night at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City, Heavyweight Quian Davis will look to stay undefeated when he takes on Corey Morley as part of an 11-bout card that is promoted by Rising Promotions and Vincent M. Ponte's Gulfstream Promotions.

In the main event, Thomas LaManna takes on Kendal Mena in a eight round welterweight bout.

Davis of nearby Mays Landing, New Jersey is not the typical fighter who has dreams of winning a world heavyweight title, but he has bigger plans to help mold the youth of the Jersey Shore area as being a role model.

To say Davis is an all-around athlete is an understatement.

The Buena High School all-time leading rusher in football, was a 48th round draft pick of the Florida Marlins and spent three years in their minor league system.

When getting the itch to play football again, Davis bagged baseball and began playing football at Hudson Valley College in upstate New York.

After a few years of figuring out his next move, Davis took up boxing.

At 6'3"and 250 lbs, Davis took up the sweet science at the age of 34.

After eight amateur fights (record of 5-3), Davis turned professional by fighting a four round draw with Willie Harvey on August 15, 2015.

Davis got into the win column with a 26 second knockout over Santario Holdbrooks on December 5th at The Claridge.

"Right now, I am getting by with my natural athletic ability. I do not know all of the ins and outs of boxing, but I have toughness and have been learning on the job," said Davis.

"There has been a lot of improvement since I have started"

In Morley, he is facing a durable guy, that has gone the distance in his first two outings.

"I just know he is shorter and heavier then me. He is from



Philadelphia, so that alone, I know he is a tough guy.”

Davis is even more honest when it comes to his ceiling as a fighter.

“My goal is to fight as long as the sport wants me. I want to have fights that will build my resume and give me the credibility to become a trainer for all athletes. I would like to instill what I know and my experiences with baseball, football and now boxing and become an all-around trainer and role model. There are people needed in the community that should be mentoring kids coming up and I feel that I can be that guy around here.”

“I want to thank my supporters. I am humbled that they spend their hard earned money to come see fight, and I am so appreciative of that.”

In an eight-round bout, Tommy Rainone (24-7-1, 5 K0's) of Long Island, NY will fight Maurice Chalmers (14-12-1, 8 K0's) of Danville, VA in a welterweight clash.

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