

# **World-Ranked Junior Middleweight Thomas LaManna Takes on hard punching Carlos Garcia Hernandez on Saturday Night, July 20th at The Carousel Room at The Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City**

ATLANTIC CITY (JULY 10, 2019)–World-Ranked junior middleweight contender Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna take on Carlos Garcia Hernandez in the eight-round main event on Saturday, July 20th at The brand new Carousel Room inside the Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City.

LaManna – Hernandez will headline a massive 10-bout card that is promoted by Rising Star Promotions.

LaManna of Milville, New Jersey (27-2-1, 9 KOs) is ranked number-12 by the WBA and number-13 by the WBO, will be making his 1st start in 2019.

The 27 year-old LaManna, who was the former New Jersey State and WBC Fecarbox Welterweight champion, is unbeaten in his last seven outings to which he as gone 6-0-1.

LaManna has wins over Kendal Mena (20-3), Matthew Strode (25-6) and in his last bout, LaManna won an eight-round unanimous decision over former world title challenger Mike Arnaoutis on November 16th, 2018 at The Showboat.

This will be the 21st fight in Atlantic City for LaManna, with this fighting being the 3rd at The Showboat.

The hard hitting Hernandez has a deceiving record of 15-21-1 with 12 knockouts.

Hernandez of Trujillo Alto Puerto Rico has big wins over undefeated Jeffrey Acevedo (8-0), Manny Woods (13-3-1), A 1st round stoppage over contender Patrick Day (11-1-1) and a 2nd round stoppage over undefeated Travis Castellon (16-0-1).

He has faced a staggering 17 undefeated opponents including world champions Jermell and Jermall Charlo plus world title challenger Yordenis Ugas

In six-round bouts:

WBO Youth Junior Middleweight champion Nikita Miroshnichenko (10-0, 3 KOs) of Brooklyn, New York will make his Atlantic City debut against an opponent to be named.

Isiah Seldon (13-2-1, 4 KOs) of Somers Point, New Jersey takes on Jordan Rosario (3-8) of Jersey City, NJ in a super welterweight contest.

Gabriel Pham (11-1, 5 KOs) of Atlantic City will take on an opponent to be named in a super middleweight fight.

Sahret Delgado (7-0, 7 KOs) of Humacao, Puerto Rico takes on 24 fight veteran Larry Knight of Birmingham, Georgia in a heavyweight bout.

In four round bouts:

Zachary Dubnoff (2-0, 2 KOs) of Springfield, NJ will take on pro debuting Devonn Boone of Maryland in a super middleweight contest.

Josue Rosa (2-0, 2 KOs) boxes Steven Lopez (0-3) in a battle between Philadelphia based bantamweights.

Robert Terry (3-0) of Jersey City, New Jersey takes Simon Say (0-2-1) of Newark, New Jersey in a middleweight bout.

Shinard Bunch (2-0, 2 KOs) of Trenton, NJ will fight an opponent to be named (7-13-3, 2 KOs) of Allentown, PA in a welterweight bout.

Ry'Shine Collins (2-0, 2 KOs) of Philadelphia will take on Dwayne Larry Jr. (2-2, 2 KOs) of Tampa, Florida in a bantamweight tussle.

Tickets are now on sale for \$125, \$80 and \$55 and can be purchased on [www.rspboxing.com](http://www.rspboxing.com)

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## **Christian Carto returns on Saturday, August 3rd at The Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City**

ATLANTIC CITY (JULY 2, 2019)—Wildly popular bantamweight Christian Carto returns to action in a six-round bout on Saturday, August 3rd at The brand new Carousel Room inside the Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City.

The card, which is promoted by Rising Star Promotions, marks the 2nd card over a 14-day period at The Showboat. The show will come on the heels of the July 20th card, which will be headlined by world-ranked junior middleweight, Thomas LaManna.

Carto of Philadelphia has a record of 17-1 with 11 knockouts. Carto, who graduated from nearby St. Augustine Prep, will be making his much anticipated return after his last outing on February 8th in Philadelphia

The 22 year-old Carto won his 1st 17 bouts, which was

highlighted by victories over Alonso Melendez (14-1) and James Smith (12-1).

In a co-feature bout, Yurik Mamedov will be in action in a eight-round welterweight bout.

Mamedov of Brooklyn via Russia, has a record 11-1 with three knockouts.

The 28 year-old Mamedov is making his 2nd start of 2019, and is coming off a six-round unanimous decision over Jordan Rosario on March 23rd at The Showboat.

Also seeing action in an eight-round co-feature will be super middleweight contender, Derrick Webster.

Webster (28-2, 14 KOs) of Glassboro, New Jersey, will be making his 6th appearance in Atlantic City.

The 10 year-professional has quality wins over Obodai Sai (23-1), Thomas Awimbono (25-5-1), Frankie Filippone (25-5-1), and Francisco Cordero (38-9)

Appearing in six-round bouts will be

Nahir Albright (7-1, 2 KOs) Sicklerville, NJ in a lightweight contest.

Juan Rodriguez (13-7, 5 KOs) of Union City, NJ fights Anthony Prescott (8-8-3, 2 KOs) of Cherry Hill, NJ in a welterweight fight.

Dan Murray (4-2) of Lanoka Harbor, NJ in a junior welterweight bout.

In four-round bouts:

Nafear Charles (1-0) of Philadelphia in a lightweight bout.

Daiyaan Butt (3-0, 1 KO) of Philadelphia in a junior welterweight fight.

Ry'Shine Collins (2-0, 2 KOs) of Philadelphia in a bantamweight match.

Marcos Lugo (0-2) of Milville, NJ in a lightweight appearance.

All opponents will be announced shortly.

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THERE WILL BE A MEDIA WORKOUT ON SATURDAY, JULY 13TH AT TKO FITNESS (1615 KINGS HIGHWAY NORTH IN CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY BEGINNING AT 2:30 PM ET)

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## **World-Ranked Junior Middleweight Thomas LaManna Headlines on Saturday Night, July 20th at The Carousel Room at The Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City.**

ATLANTIC CITY (JUNE 20, 2019)—World-Ranked junior middleweight contender Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna will be back in action on Saturday, July 20th at The brand new Carousel Room inside the Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City.

LaManna will headline a massive 10-bout card that is promoted by Rising Star Promotions.

LaManna of Milville, New Jersey (27-2-1, 9 KOs) is ranked

number-11 by the WBA and number-12 by the WBO, will be making his 1st start in 2019.

The 27 year-old LaManna, who was the former New Jersey State and WBC Fecarbox Welterweight champion, is unbeaten in his last seven outings to which he as gone 6-0-1.

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This will be the 21st fight in Atlantic City for LaManna, with this fighting being the 3rd at The Showboat.

LaManna's opponent in the 10-round bout will be announced shortly.

Seeing action in the six-round co-feature will be perennial contender Chazz "The Gentleman" Witherspoon.

Witherspoon of Paulsboro, New Jersey has a record of 38-3 with 29 knockouts.

The 15-year veteran has a seven year winning streak that has seen him go 8-0 in that time frame. Witherspoon has victories over Yul Witherspoon (1-0), Michael Alexander (11-0), Talmidge Griffis (24-6-3), Jonathan Haggler (18-1), Adam Richards (21-1), Ty Cobb (14-2), Nick Guivas (11-2-2), Michael Marrone (21-5) and his last bout when he stopped former world title challenger Santander Silgado on March 23rd at The Showboat.

Witherspoon's opponent will be named shortly.

In six-round bouts:

Isiah Seldon (13-2-1, 4 KOs) of Somers Point, New Jersey takes on Jordan Rosario (3-8) of Jersey City, NJ in a super welterweight contest.

Jaywon Woods (11-1-1, 5 KOs) of Danville, VA takes on an opponent to be named in a cruiserweight fight.

Sahret Delgado (7-0, 7 KOs) of Humacao, Puerto Rico takes on 23 fight veteran Larry Knight of Birmingham, Georgia in a heavyweight bout.

In four round bouts:

Zachary Dubnoff (2-0, 2 KOs) of Springfield, NJ will take on an opponent to be named in a super middleweight contest.

Steve Moore (1-8, 1 KO) of Orange, NJ squares off with Ricky Nuno (2-3, 1 KO) of Bethlehem, NJ in a welterweight tussle.

Josue Rosa (2-0, 2 KOs) boxes Steven Lopez (0-3) in a battle between Philadelphia based bantamweights.

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**Thomas LaManna takes on former world title challenger Mike Arnaoutis for New Jersey**

# State Welterweight Title on Friday, November 16th at The Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY (October 23, 2018)–Welterweight contender Thomas “Cornflake” LaManna takes on former world title challenger Mike Arnaoutis for the New Jersey State Welterweight Title in the eight-round main event for will headline a full night of action on Friday night, November 16th at The Bourbon Room inside The Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City.

The card is promoted by Rising Star Promotions.

LaManna of Millville, New Jersey has a record of 26-2-1 with nine knockouts.

The 26 year-old LaManna is a seven-year professional, who won his first 16 bouts.

LaManna is currently riding a six-fight unbeaten streak. He has wins over Kendall Mena (20-3), and in his last bout he won an eight-round unanimous decision over Matthew Strode (25-6) on August 18th in Atlantic City.

This will be LaManna’s 7th consecutive start in Atlantic City, and 20 bout overall on the boardwalk.

Arnaoutis of Atlantic City, New Jersey via Athens, Greece has a record of 26-11-2 with 13 knockouts.

Arnaoutis began his career in 2001 and was undefeated in his first 16 bouts, which included wins over Hector Saez (4-1), Former world title challenger Jesse Feliciano (12-2-2), Joaquin Gallardo (16-2-1), Roberto Santa Cruz (11-2), Jose Leo Moreno (12-0) & Marc Thompson (14-0). Arnaoutis fought to a

disputed draw with future world champion Juan Urango.

Arnaoutis challenged for the WBO Junior Welterweight title against Ricardo Torres on November 18, 2006. Arnaoutis lost a split decision that many ringside observers thought Arnaoutis had pulled out the victory.

Arnaoutis has picked up victories over Lanardo Tyner (19-0) & Nasser Athumani (20-5-2).

In his bout, Arnaoutis lost to top prospect Jaron Ennis on June 1st in Atlantic City.

In the eight-round co-feature, Chris Thomas will defend the New Jersey State Middleweight Title against Eddie Edmond.

Thomas (10-0-1, 7 KOs) of Toms River, New Jersey won The New Jersey State Middleweight Title when scored a 3rd round stoppage over Darryl Bunting on June 1st.

The 20 year Thomas is a two-year professional, and is coming off a 2nd round knockout over 147-fight veteran Roberto Valenzuela on July 28th in Hampton, New Hampshire.

Edmond of Newark, New Jersey has a record of 4-5-2 with one knockout.

The 32 year-old is a 10-year professional is looking to get back in the win column after losing to Isiah Seldon on May 27th, 2016 in Atlantic City.

Also in an eight-round bout, Greg Jackson (8-7-1, 2 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on Juan Rodriguez Jr. (13-5, 3 KOs) of Union City, New Jersey in a welterweight rematch of a controversial bout that took place three years ago.

In that bout, most people who saw that bout had Jackson ahead at the time of a melee that happened in the crowd, and the bout was halted as there was not any ambulance onsite due to it being used to transport injured fans.

On November 16th, Jackson and Rodriguez will get it on again to settle the score.

In six-round bouts:

Miguel Cartagena (15-5-1, 6 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on an opponent to be named in a flyweight contest.

John Bauza (11-0, 5 KOs) of North Bergen, New Jersey takes on an opponent to be named in a junior welterweight bout.

Donald Smith (7-0, 4 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on Tyrone Luckey (9-9-3, 7 KOs) of Neptune, New Jersey in a featherweight contest.

Yurik Mamedov (10-1, 3 KOs) of Brooklyn, NY takes on an opponent to be named in a welterweight bout.

In four-round bouts:

Omar Salem (5-0, 2 Kos) of Brooklyn, NY takes on Albert Delgado (0-5-3) of Roanoke, VA in a middleweight bout.

Isiah Hart (1-0, 1 KO) of Atlantic City takes on Leon DeShields of Philadelphia in a middleweight bout

Joel De La Paz (8-1, 4 KOs) of Atlantic City takes on an opponent to be named in a super middleweight fight.

Ryan Wilczak (7-0, 3 KOs) of Scranton, PA will see action in a middleweight bout.

Ry'Shine Collins (1-0, 1 KO) of Philadelphia will take on an opponent to be named in a bantamweight bout.

More bouts will be announced shortly.

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# Perez wins New Jersey State Super Middleweight Title with decision over Aikens in Atlantic City Classic

ATLANTIC CITY (September 10, 2018)—DeCarlo Perez and Antowyan Aikens lived up to the pre-fight hype of a knockdown- dragout war that eventually saw Perez eek out an eight-round unanimous decision on Saturday night at The Bourbon Room inside the Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City.

The bout between Atlantic City rivals, which gave Perez the New Jersey State Super Middleweight title, headlined an terrific 10-bout card promoted by Rising Star Promotions.

The fight saw Perez push the action early as he buckled Aikens into the ropes in the 2nd round. Not only did Aikens stem the tide, but came back emphatically, as he landed a perfect right that sent Perez to the canvas.

Now with Aikens seemingly in control. Perez came back the very next round to land a perfect left hook that put Aikens on the canvas. It looked like Perez would be able to end the fight, but Aikens came back and stood toe-to-tow with Perez, and gave as good he received.

With a cut over his left eye, Perez was able to box his way down the stretch of the fight, which thrilled the capacity crowd and the Showboat Hotel.

Perez of Atlantic City won by scores of 77-72, 76-74 and 75-74 to improve to 17-6-1. Aikens of Atlantic City is 13-5-1.

“Antowyan surprised me on how he was able to be so consistent. When he did knock me down, I was able to stay calm, and keep

my composure. I said to myself was to stay calm, I still have rounds and I tasted his power. I knocked him down, and I knew we were even, and I just wanted to win the last few rounds. He started out the rounds strong, but my pressure not only influenced the judges, but began to break him down. He started punching out of fear instead of skill," said Perez. "As long as I stayed consistent and kept my pressure, I knew that I would prevail."

Said Aikens, "It was a good fight. It was an action packed fight. We both landed some good shots. They gave it to him based off of his knockdown," said Aikens. "After I knocked him down, I should have slowed up and took my time. In the next round, he caught me with a good shot. There were a lot of things said in the build up to this fight, and I fought off of a lot of anger. I will be back. I am a real fighter. All champions don't win belts."

In a battle of New Jersey based junior welterweights, John Bauza remained undefeated with a six-round unanimous decision over Rashad Bogar

In round three, Bauza dropped Bogar with a straight left hand.

Bauza cruised home with the victory by scores of 60-53 on all cards.

Bauza, 139 lbs of North Bergen, NJ is 11-0. Bogar, 139 lbs of Newark, NJ is 4-8-1.

Omar Salem stopped Mike Anderson at the end of round one of their scheduled four round middleweight bout.

Salem dominated the only frame, and Anderson said he could not continue due to an arm injury.

Salem, 165 lbs of Brooklyn, NY is 4-0 with one knockout. Anderson, 165.5 lbs of Philadelphia is 0-3.

Isaiah Hart made a thrilling pro debut with a 2nd round

stoppage of Dillon Kasprzak in a middleweight bout.

In round one, Hart knocked Kasprzak with a hard left hook. Hart came out in round two by landing two hard lefts and a flusg right, and the fight was stopped at 16 seconds.

Hart, 160.7 lbs of Atlantic City is 1-0 with one knockout. Kasprzak, 159 lbs of Philadelphia is 0-2.

Nahir Albright pounded out a four-round unanimous decision over Glenford Nickey in a junior welterweight bout.

Albright, 140 lbs of Philadelphia won by scores of 40-36 twice and 40-35 to raise his record to 4-1. Nickey, 140 lbs of Brooklyn is 4-2.

Jahmal Dyer stopped Marco Lugo in the final round of their scheduled four-round lightweight bout.

In round one, Dyer dropped Lugo with a left hook to the head. Dyer sealed the fight in round four, when he dropped Lugo with a hard right hand. Dyer ended things when he landed a huge right that sent Lugo back that opened up a barrage of hard punches, and the fight was stopped at 1:29.

Dyer, 132.9 lbs of Baltimore is now 6-1 with four knockouts. Lugo, 131 lbs of Vineland, NJ is 0-2.

Ryan Wilczak remained undefeated with a four-round unanimous decision over Alberto Delgado in a middleweight fight.

Wilczak, 158 lbs of Scranton, PA won by scores of 40-36 and 39-37 twice and is now 7-0. Delgado, 160.9 lbs of Roanoke, VA is 0-4-3.

Ry'Shine Collins made an emphatic pro debut by stopping Lucky Holt in the 1st round of their scheduled four-round super bantamweight bout.

Collins landed a series of hard body shots that put Holt down,

and the fight was stopped at

Collins, 122.3 lbs of Philadelphia is 1-0 with one knockout.  
Holt, 120.8 lbs of Hannibal, MO is 0-3.

Kashon Hutchinson won a four-round unanimous decision over Steve Moore in a welterweight bout.

Hutchinson, 145.3 lbs of Reading, PA won by scores of 40-36 twice and 39-37 to raise his mark to 4-5. Moore, 144.1 lbs of Orange, NJ is 1-5.

Travis Toledo remained undefeated by stopping Tahlik Taylor in round two of their scheduled four-round light-heavyweight bout.

In round two, Toledo dropped Taylor with a big left hook. Seconds later, it was a body shot that sent Taylor to the canvas, and the fight was halted at 2:02.

Toledo, 172.3 lbs of Baltimore, MD is 2-0 with two knockouts.  
Taylor, 175.3 lbs of Greensboro, NC is 3-12-1.

Rising Star Promotions would like to thank the following Sponsors:

Rising Star Promotions will be back at The Showboat on Saturday, November 3rd with the return of world ranked Thomas LaManna appearing in the main event. Also announced for the card will be a battle for the New Jersey State Middleweight title as Chris Thomas defends his title against Eddie Edmonds.

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# Weights from Atlantic City

Atlantic City, NJ (September 7, 2018) -Weights for Saturday night's card at The Showboat Hotel Bourbon Room.

Antowyan Aikens 165.5 – DeCarlo Perez 168  
(New Jersey State Super Middleweight Title)

John Bauza 139 – Rashad Bogar 139  
Omar Salem 165 – Mike Anderson 165.5  
Isaiah Hart 160.7 – Dillon Kasprzak 159  
Nahir Albright 140 – Glenford Nickey 140  
Jahmal Dyer 132.9 – Marco Lugo 131  
Tahlik Taylor 175.3 – Travis Toledo 172.3  
Ry'shine Collins 122.3 – Lucky Holt 120.8  
Steve Moore 144.1 – Kashon Hutchinson 145.3  
Ryan Wilczak 158 – Alberto Delgado 160.9

Promoter: Rising Star Promotions  
1st Bell: 7:00 PM ET

Boardwalk Boxing-Round 3: Weigh In  
Boardwalk Boxing-Round 3: Heated Weigh In

Saturday, September 8th

7:00 p.m. Fight Night  
Location: Showboat Hotel (Bourbon Room)  
801 Boardwalk  
Atlantic City, NJ 08041  
6:00 p.m. Doors Open  
7:00 p.m 1st Bout

Media Credentials are to be picked up at table outside of Bourbon Room beginning at 6 PM

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Ticket Prices are \$55 | \$80 | \$125 and are available at [www.RSPBoxing.com](http://www.RSPBoxing.com)

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# **Boardwalk Boxing: Round 3—Antowyan Aikens vs DeCarlo Perez fight week quotes, pictures and videos**

Atlantic City, NJ (September 7, 2018) -Below are quotes, images and videos from fight week activities for Boardwalk Boxing: Round 3, that will feature the battle for the New Jersey State Super Middleweight title featuring Atlantic City rivals Antowyan Aikens and DeCarlo Perez that will take place Saturday night at The Showboat Hotel's Bourbon Room.

Boardwalk Boxing-Round 3: Media Workout

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Boardwalk Boxing-Round 3: Press Conference

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## **PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES**

Antowyan Aikens—"It's no games. There has been a lot of things that have been said. I worked hard. People look at me as a steppingstone. Anybody who trains and works with him, can not get on the ring with him. Just remember, I can fight! I know the type of support that I have, I put in the work. I am a natural 168-pound fighter, I am not coming up to 140. I want him to bring the fight. I have great boxing skills. I was born with the ability to perform."

DeCarlo Perez—"I am very proud to be on this card. There has been a lot said, but the fight is here. I love this. I come here to fight. I am not responsible for what anyone says on social media. I am very quiet, I let my hands do the talking. I am looking forward to seeing how much of the best that he will bring out in me."

Omar Salem—"I am looking for the knockout. My last fight here was epic."

Isaiah Hart—"I am excited and looking forward to a great fight. This is my pro debut, so now I get to show my talent. This is going to be a great show."

Thomas LaManna—"As a fight fan, this is what boxing needs. I can't wait for this fight."

In the main event, Atlantic City rivals, Antowyan Aikens (13-4-1, 1 K0) and DeCarlo Perez (16-6-1, 5 K0s) will meet for the New Jersey State Super Middleweight title that will take place this Saturday night at The Bourbon Room inside the Showboat Hotel.

In the six-round co-feature, it will be a battle of New Jersey based junior welterweights as John Bauza (10-0, 5 K0s) of North Bergen takes on Rashad Bogar (4-7-1, 2 K0s) of Newark.

In four-round bouts:

Tahlik Taylor (3-11-1, 1 K0) of Greensboro, NC fights Travis Toledo (1-0) of Baltimore, Maryland in a light heavyweight battle.

Ryan Wilczak (6-0, 3 K0s) of Scranton, PA squares off with Alberto Delgado (0-3) of Roanoke, Virginia in a middleweight contest.

Omar Salem (3-0) of Brooklyn New York will fight Mike Anderson (0-2) of Philadelphia in a middleweight fight.

Isaiah Hart of Atlantic City will make his pro debut against Dillan Kasprzak (0-1) of Philadelphia in a middleweight fight.

Nahir Albright (3-1, 1 K0) of Philadelphia battles Glenford Nickey (4-1, 1 K0) of Brooklyn, New York in a lightweight bout.

Jahmal Dyer (5-1, 3 K0s) of Baltimore, Maryland boxes against Marcos Lugo (0-1) of Vineland, New Jersey in a lightweight bout.

Ry'Shine Collins of Philadelphia makes his pro debut against Lucky Holt (0-2) of Hannibal, Missouri in a bantamweight fight.

Steve Moore (1-4, 1 K0) of Orange, New Jersey takes on Kashon Hutchinson (3-5, 1 K0) of Reading, Pennsylvania in a welterweight bout.

#### Antowyan Aikens vs DeCarlo Perez Fight Week Schedule

**\*\*All Times Are Eastern\*\***

Friday, September 7

3:00 p.m. Weigh In

Location: Showboat Hotel Lobby

801 Boardwalk

Atlantic City, NJ 08041

2:30 p.m. Media Arrival

3:00 p.m. Fighters on Scale

Saturday, September 8th

7:00 p.m. Fight Night

Location: Showboat Hotel (Bourbon Room)

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MEDIA WORKOUT- WEDNESDAY  
PRESS CONFERENCE-THURSDAY  
WEIGH IN -FRIDAY

ALL EVENTS AT THE SHOWBOAT HOTEL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Atlantic City, NJ (September 3, 2018) – Atlantic City rivals, Antowyan Aikens (13-4-1, 1 KO) and DeCarlo Perez (16-6-1, 5 KOs) both have strong words heading into their showdown for the New Jersey State Super Middleweight title that will take place this Saturday night at The Bourbon Room inside the Showboat Hotel.

The bout headlines a card promoted by Rising Star Promotions.

On Training Camp:

Aikens—"I had a 10-week camp, and it was great. I am prepared for a good fight on Saturday."

Perez—"Camp was tremendous. I had a fantastic camp. It was a lot of hurt, but it was worth it with all the road work and great sparring. It was tough, but it was my best camp."

On Your Opponent:

Aikens—"Perez is tough, and I know he is going to bring his "A" Game. He is going to come in shape. But I know what I have, and how I prepared, so there is nothing to worry about."

Perez—"Aikens is somebody else that is in the way of something that I want. He has to go. I know he is the one who wanted this fight, but that is his business. There is not much I can say about that."

Does this mean anything more that your opponent is from Atlantic City?

Aikens—"This is one of those fights that is for bragging rights. It is for the State Championship. It is one of those fights that I never expected to happen, but it is here, so I am going to make the best of it."

Perez—"To me, he wants to prove that he is the best in the area. He had to fight someone who is one of the best. I tip my hat to him, because he acknowledged me as one of the best."

What does a win do for your career?

Aikens—"A win gets my career to the next level. For my sake, A win is very credible because who he has fought and defeated."

Perez—"A win gets my momentum back. A push to go forward. This is a must win fight for me."

DeCarlo, how do you feel at 168-pounds?

Perez—"168 is fine with me. I train hard and when I am fight at this weight, it is not a priority. I can just focus on training to win. When I fight at 160 or 168, I can just focus on my craft., and I do not have to hurt myself making weight.

Final Thoughts on the fight:

Aikens—"I am prepared to go to war. I will use my boxing ability. That is who I am, but If I have to go to war, then I will.

Perez—"It is going to be an interesting and action packed fight. We are both coming to fight to see who is the best in the area.

In the eight-round co-feature, Greg Jackson (8-7-1, 2 KOs) of Philadelphia battles Julius Dyis (9-1, 4 KOs) of Clarksdale, Mississippi in a fight for the WBF Welterweight Title.

In a six-round battle of New Jersey based junior welterweights, John Bauza (10-0, 5 KOs) of North Bergen takes on Rashad Bogar (4-7-1, 2 KOs) of Newark.

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Steve Moore (1-4, 1 K0) of Orange, New Jersey takes on Kashon Hutchinson (3-5, 1 K0) of Reading, Pennsylvania in a welterweight bout.

2018 National Golden Gloves champion Roney Hines (3-0, 3 K0s) of Cleveland, Ohio battles Kendrick Houston (1-3, 1 K0) of Concord, NC in a heavyweight fight.

Antowyan Aikens vs DeCarlo Perez Fight Week Schedule

**\*\*All Times Are Eastern\*\***

Wednesday, September 5

12:00 p.m. Media Workout

Location: Showboat Hotel

801 Boardwalk

Atlantic City, NJ 08041

11:30 a.m. – Media Arrival

12:00 p.m. – Antowyan Aikens

12:20 p.m.- Greg Jackson  
12:40 p.m.- DeCarlo Perez  
1:00 p.m.- Isiah Hart  
1:20 p.m.- Nahir Albright  
1:40 p.m.- Julius Dyis

Thursday, September 6

12:00 p.m. Press Conference  
Location: Showboat Hotel Lobby  
801 Boardwalk  
Atlantic City, NJ 08041  
11:30 a.m. Media Arrival  
12:00 p.m. Press Conference Begins

Friday, September 7

3:00 p.m. Weigh In  
Location: Showboat Hotel Lobby  
801 Boardwalk  
Atlantic City, NJ 08041  
2:30 p.m. Media Arrival  
3:00 p.m. Fighters on Scale

Saturday, September 8th

7:00 p.m. Fight Night  
Location: Showboat Hotel (Bourbon Room)  
801 Boardwalk  
Atlantic City, NJ 08041  
6:00 p.m. Doors Open  
7:00 p.m 1st Bout

Media Credentials are to be picked up at table outside of Bourbon Room beginning at 6 PM

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# **Antowyan Aikens battles DeCarlo Perez for New Jersey State Super Middleweight Title in new main event on Saturday, September 8th at The Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City**

Atlantic City, NJ (August 22, 2018) – Glen Tapia has suffered a shoulder injury in training, thus elevating an “All-Atlantic City Battle” between super middleweight’s Antowyan Aikens and DeCarlo Perez to the eight-round main event on Saturday, September 8th at The Bourbon Room in The Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City.

The fight, which will be for the New Jersey State Super Middleweight title, will headline a card “Boardwalk Boxing: Round 3”, promoted by Rising Star Promotions

Aikens of Atlantic City has a record of 13-4-1 with one knockout. The 29 year-old Aikens won his first ten bouts. He has significant victories over undefeated Sherman Arits (2-0) & Amir Shabazz (4-0).

Aikens is riding a two-fight winning streak, as in his last bout he won a six-round unanimous decision over Rich Gringas

on May 11th in Lincoln, Rhode Island.

This will be the eighth appearance in Atlantic City for Aikens.

“This fight to me is one of those fights that you dream about but never expect it to happen,” said Aikens. “This fight will be one to talk about for many years to come and I’m looking forward to putting on a great show in my hometown in front of my family and friends. Words cannot express how happy and excited I am. I can’t wait to put on a great performance that night. I got a great team around me. I’m focused on the task at hand; I’m ready for anything they have to offer.”

“I’m ready for whatever comes September 8. My jab and superior boxing skills will lead me to what I’m killing myself in the gym for and that’s the NJ State Championship. I will not be denied that night. You will get the best iceman you ever seen and that’s a fact. I’m bringing all action that night, first fight at home in 3 years. I can’t do nothing but bring my A game. It’s been a long wait but its here and its now, I’m war ready”

Perez has a record of 16-6-1 with six knockouts.

The 27 year-old Perez is an eight-year professional.

Perez has quality wins over Shamone Alvarez (21-5), Dante Moore (8-0-2), Jamar Freeman (9-1-2), Marcus Willis (13-3-2), Tyrone Brunson (22-2-1), Jesse Nicklow (24-5-3), Juan Ubaldo Cabrerra (23-0) & Lanell Bellows (16-1-1).

In his last bout, Perez was stopped by former two-time world title challenger Ronald Gavril on April 29, 2017 Las Vegas.

“My thoughts on the fight are just as any other fight. I have to go in, apply my skills and allow the game plan to unfold, plain and simple. Now if someone would ask what the game plan is, it’s simple and that is to win by all means.,” said Perez.

“To me it’s another fight where someone is trying to take the roof over my family’s head away, trying to take food out there mouths and I have to make sure that they can’t. The fact that its for a title puts me in a place where my work ethic is just multiplied by a million and more. I am excited to be fighting in my hometown and can’t wait to put on a great show.”

“I am hungry. I think a lot of people see that I haven’t been active and think they can take advantage of it. Well that’s a bad idea because I’m always training and always preparing myself. You know what they say, ‘stay ready so you don’t have to get ready’ that’s what I do. I think a lot of people would agree and say I’m a very formidable opponent on short notice and now basically given me 10 weeks to prepare for someone, so I’m excited and looking forward to bringing my best.”

This will be the 9th fight in Atlantic City for Perez.

In the eight-round co-feature Greg Jackson will take on Julius Dyis in an eight-round battle for the WBF Welterweight Championship.

Jackson of Philadelphia has a deceiving record of 8-7-1 with two knockouts.

Jackson has faced five undefeated opponents, and has defeated Saud Clark (2-0) & Gledwin Ortiz (3-0). Jackson is coming off a six-round majority decision defeat to Vernon Brown on June 30th in Phoenix.

Dyis of Clarksdale, Mississippi has a record of 9-1 with four knockouts.

The 30 year-old Dyis is a four-year professional.

He has wins over two undefeated opponent when he defeated Oscar Valdez (1-0), and in his last bout when he won a six-round unanimous decision over Samuel Ellsworth (3-0-1) on June 24, 2017 in Tunica, Mississippi.

In six-round bouts:

Joel De La Paz (7-1, 4 KOs) of Atlantic City, NJ will take on Tahlik Taylor (3-11, 1 KO) of Greensboro, NC in a light heavyweight contest.

John Bauza (10-0, 5 KOs) of North Bergen, NJ will face an opponent to be named in a junior welterweight bout.

In four-round bouts:

Omar Salem (3-0) of Brooklyn, NY will fight Mike Anderson (0-2) of Philadelphia in a middleweight bout.

Michael Williams, Jr. (5-0, 5 KOs) of Fayetteville, North Carolina takes on an opponent to be named in a junior welterweight bout.

Nahir Albright (3-1, 1 KO) of Philadelphia tangles with Glenford Nickey (4-1, 1 KO) of Brooklyn in a lightweight bout.

Isaiah Hart of Atlantic City makes his pro debut against Dillion Kasprzak (0-1) of Philadelphia in a middleweight bout.

Marcos Lugo (0-1) of Vineland, NJ will box against Jahmal Dyer (4-1) of Baltimore, in a lightweight contest.

Steve Moore (1-4, 1 KO) of Orange, NJ takes on Kashon Hutchinson (3-5, 1 KO) of Reading, PA in a welterweight affair.

Ryan Wilczak (6-0, 3 KOs) of Scranton, PA. will take on an opponent to be named in a junior middleweight bout.

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Promoter: Rising Star Promotions

Venue: The Showboat Hotel

1st Bell : 7 PM

Saturday, February 24

6:00pm DOORS OPEN

Location: SHOWBOAT ATLANTIC CITY – MAIN ENTRANCE

7:00pm FIRST FIGHT BEGINS

Live stream begins via [www.facebook.com/FaceFIGHTNIGHTLIVE](http://www.facebook.com/FaceFIGHTNIGHTLIVE)