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Thomas Mattice Camp Notes

NEW YORK (Jan. 30, 2018) – Undefeated lightweight prospect Thomas Mattice is preparing in Cleveland for his matchup against Rolando Chinae that is part of a ShoBox: The New Generation tripleheader this Friday, Feb. 2, live on SHOWTIME at 10 p.m. ET/PT from WinnaVegas Casino in Sloan, Iowa.

Mattice (10-0, 8 KOs), of Cleveland, Ohio, and Lancaster, Pennsylvania's Chinae (15-1-1, 6 KOs) will clash in the eight-round co-feature of the three-fight telecast.

Mattice has been working hard for his national television debut.

"Camp has been going great. We finished everything up over the weekend, and now we are just relaxing and getting ready for Friday."

Despite this being Mattice's first fight in front of the

camera, the 27-year-old is treating this like any other fight.

"I am going in like this is any other fight. The only difference is that this is a progression, a step up. Like all the other fights, I am just focused on getting the win."

Mattice is letting his team do all the scouting, while he focuses on his own business of training and getting ready for the opportunity ahead of him on Friday.

"I am just letting my team handle the scouting of China. We drew up a gameplan based on that, and now I am just going to go in there and execute it."

"I just expect a great performance. For the fans that haven't seen me, they can expect a fighter who can box and can bang. I just want everyone to tune in, and see a great fight. I have a lot of confidence that I will get the job done on Friday."

The event is promoted by GH3 Promotions in association with Roc Nation Sports, Victory Promotions and Ringside Ticket. Tickets are just \$10 general admission prior to the event and \$20 on Feb. 2. For more information call: 1.800.HOT.WINN ext. 7117.

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ROLANDO CHINEA SHINES ON SHOWTIME WITH WIN OVER KENNETH SIMS JR.

MIAMI, OKLAHOMA – July 18, 2017 – Nobody told Rolando Chinaea he was supposed to the “B-side,” when he upset Ladarius Miller, O’Shanique Foster, Mel Crossty, or on Saturday, when he handed Kenneth Sims Jr. (12-1, 4K0) his first loss.

The Super Lightweight prospect, who hails from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, won a majority decision over Sims in the co-feature of Saturday night’s edition of SH0BOX: The New Generation. Sims came out strong early in the fight, but Chinaea was relentless, breaking down his opponent over eight rounds. Chinaea dominated the last two rounds, and punch stats indicated that he landed more punches overall throughout the bout.

It was Chinaea’s second Showtime outing, and Victory Boxing Promoter Chris Middendorf hopes to see him back on the network soon. “He’s shown that he’s willing to step up and face the best. He doesn’t shy away from an undefeated fighter, and he’s ready to get back in the ring on Showtime, and continue to show boxing fans what a real throw-back fighter looks like,” said Middendorf.

Chinea, for his part, rated the performance a 'B.' "I am back in the gym and ready to improve. Every fight I learn something about myself and I am ready to put that experience to work for me."

HOMETOWN FAVORITE IVAN BARANCHYK DECISIONS KEENAN SMITH IN MAIN EVENT OF SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION FRIDAY ON SHOWTIME® FROM BUFFALO RUN CASINO IN MIAMI, OKLA.

MIAMI, Okla. (July 15, 2017) – Ivan Baranchyk went the distance with Keenan Smith in front of Baranchyk's adopted hometown in the main event of a quadrupleheader featuring eight returning fighters on Friday's ShoBox: The New Generation from Buffalo Run Casino & Resort.

In a battle of undefeated fighters, the hard-hitting Baranchyk (15-0, 10 KOs) took advantage of a one-point holding deduction against Sims in the fifth round to earn the decision in his fifth appearance on the ShoBox series and six consecutive fight out of Miami.

"I'm happy to be fighting back home in Miami, I love to fight here," said Baranchyk, who was happy with his win but displeased with his overall performance. "I came out too hard

and tried too hard to knock Smith out. I really wanted to knock him out which is why my punches were wild.”

Smith (11-1, 5 KOs) sealed his fate when he was deducted a point by officials after excessive holding throughout the first half of the fight. He became the 166th fighter to lose his undefeated record on the ShoBox series.

“They weren’t playing fair,” Smith said. “Anything that I did, the referee was on me. I was hitting him with clean body shots, and he kept telling me to keep them up, and then he took a point for holding. I don’t know what fight [the judges] were watching.”

The fight was a hard-hitting and physical affair from the beginning. Baranchyk came out swinging, landing just 21% of his jabs and 29% of total punches, edging out Smith who landed just 22% of his total punches.

“I came out too hard and tried to knock him out, which is why my punches were wild,” said Baranchyk.

In the co-feature, Rolando Chinaea upset previously unbeaten former national amateur champion Kenneth Sims Jr. in a close majority decision.

“I was most confident after the second round of the fight, when I noticed he was sticking his tongue out and making certain gestures that showed he was tired,” Chinaea said. “If I had to grade myself I would rate my overall performance as a B... I have a lot to improve on and my job here is never finished.”

Like Smith, Sims (12-1, 4 KOs) suffered the first loss of his career, becoming the 165th fighter to lose his undefeated record on the ShoBox series.

In the wild final round, the pair combined for 291 punches and 85 connects, but Chinaea’s surge earned him the majority

decision win.

"My body just didn't respond tonight," Sims said. "I am done at 140 pounds. I just did not feel right from the opening bell. I am going to 147 pounds."

In the sixth round, China took control and was the busier fighter against a fading Sims. While both fighters exchanged numerous punches in the seventh and closed the fight out with a flurry of activity, Sims clearly struggled at 140 pounds.

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In the second fight of the night, Glenn Dezurn (9-0-1, 6 KOs) stepped up to the 121-pound super bantamweight division to go the distance with ShoBox veteran Adam Lopez (16-1-2, 8 KOs) in an action-packed eight-round slugfest that ended in a split draw. Both fighters were visibly disappointed by the judge's decision.

"I thought I did enough to win," said the still-undefeated Dezurn, who spars with his wife, women's pro fighter Franchon Crews. "I'm just fortunate for this opportunity and hope [Lopez] and I can come back strong and fight again someday."

The first round was a round of give-and-take where both Dezurn and Lopez landed and sustained an impressive amount of body punches. It was Lopez who originally appeared more subdued, foregoing the counterpunch as Dezurn worked the jab.

By the fifth round it was clear Dezurn was losing steam when Lopez began to break him down and force him against the ropes. Lopez went on to dominate the sixth and seventh rounds, when Dezurn, clearly out-fought, looked tired and began to lean over.

"After the first round, I dominated the action," said Lopez,

who has now fought on ShoBox a record-tying six times. Maybe [Dezurn] won the seventh, but I whipped him. I should have won the fight, this was a redemption for me. Once I got used to his speed, I feel I won rounds six to two. The whole fight, his back was against the ropes and I beat up his body.”

Trained by the famed Coach Barry Hunter, the still-undefeated Dezurn made a valiant comeback in the final round, where he came back to life.

“I thought it was fair,” Hunter said. “We came on in the middle rounds, and Glenn won the seventh and eighth to get us the draw. It all came down to the stretch and I thought we did enough to win those rounds.”

In the opening bout of the telecast, former knockdown-of-the-year candidate Joshua Greer Jr. (14-1-1, 6 KOs) stopped Leroy Davila (5-2, 3 KOs) after five rounds, when Davila’s corner called the fight at the conclusion of the fifth.

“The game plan was to box and hit hard, and that’s what I did,” said Greer, who earned a memorable knockout against James Gordon Smith in his last ShoBox appearance. “I had to put on a good show. I will fight whoever has the belts. I want to fight for a world title.”

The 23-year old Greer landed a number of aggressive combinations that had Davila against the ropes from the onset. While Davila appeared to come alive in the second round, the 29-year old southpaw became stationary and had trouble recovering from a shot to the face that had him bleeding out of the left side of his nose and struggling for the second half of the fourth and the fifth. His corner called the fight just after the bell sounded, ending the fifth round.

The event was co-promoted by GH3 Promotions and Holden Productions.

Friday’s quadrupleheader will replay on Monday, July 17 at 10

p.m. ET/PT on SHOWTIME EXTREME and will be available on SHOWTIME on DEMAND® and SHOWTIME ANYTIME®.

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Undefeated Kenneth Sims, Jr.

ready for complete performance this Friday night as part of ShoBox: The New Generation Quadrupleheader

NEW YORK (July 10, 2017) – Undefeated super lightweight Kenneth Sims, Jr. (12-0, 4 KO's) is looking for a complete performance when he takes on Rolando Chinaea (14-1-1, 6 KO's) of Lancaster, Pa., as the two prepare to meet in an eight-round bout on ShoBox: The New Generation on Friday, July 14 live on SHOWTIME (10 p.m. ET/PT, delayed on the West Coast) from Buffalo Run Casino in Miami, Okla.

The ShoBox telecast features eight returning fighters with a combined record of 94 wins against just four losses.

Dangerous southpaw Keenan "Killa" Smith, (11-0, 5 KOs), of Philadelphia will make his second appearance on the series as he takes on Ivan Baranchyk, (14-0, 10 KOs), a native of Minsk, Byelorussia fighting out of Miami, Okla., who is making his fifth appearance on the ShoBox series.

Plus, undefeated Glenn Dezurn (9-0, 6 KOs) will take on Adam Lopez (16-1-1, KOs) in an eight-round bantamweight clash. In the telecast opener, Joshua Greer (13-1-1, 5 KOs) will battle Leroy Davila (5-1, 3 KOs) in an eight-round super bantamweight bout.

Tickets for the event promoted by GH3 Promotions and Tony Holden Productions are priced at \$35, \$55, \$65 and \$75 and are available for purchase now at buffalorun.com.

Sims, a 2013 U.S. National Amateur Champion and a 2012 Olympic Trials semifinalist, continues to step up in level of opposition as he meets one of the most dangerous opponents of his career in his second ShoBox appearance.

The Chicago native has stayed active as a pro; he fought four times in 2016 and this will be his third start of 2017. In his last outing, he stopped Israel Villela with a third-round TKO.

The 23-year-old Sims was a sparring partner for Floyd Mayweather (when he was getting prepared for Andre Berto) and Manny Pacquiao (as he was getting ready for Mayweather). He is known for his boxing skills and ability to work the body.

"My camp has been great," Sims said. "I feel like I am a lot mentally stronger going into this bout than I was for my last ShoBox fight. I was going through a lot and that was documented. "

Sims was mourning the loss of close friend and undefeated welterweight, Ed Brown.

"This fight on Friday will be a case of me just going out there and doing what I need to do. I am just going to go out there to box and use my physical attributes, and make this fight easy."

Sims will be looking to improve on his ShoBox performance when he took a unanimous decision from Emmanuel Robles on Jan 20.

"I think that fight helped me a lot going into this fight. It taught me that I can go eight hard rounds. I want to stay ready, and I plan on getting started earlier in the fight. I am going out there to have fun. That is when I am at my best.

"I will show everyone a big difference on Friday night. I have been working very hard, and I will be in better shape, and overall the fans will see a better Kenneth Sims."

Said Sims promoter, Vito Mielnicki of GH3 Promotions, "Kenneth has all of the talent in the world, and on Friday I feel he will show it. He has a clear head going into this fight and is extremely focused. China is a very solid opponent, and I feel that will bring the best out of Kenneth on Friday night."

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Video: Rolando Chinea talks about his fight with O'Shaquie Foster

Five members of GH3 Promotions stable to be on display this Friday on ShoBox: The New Generation at Foxwoods

NEW YORK (July 18 2016) – This Friday at Foxwoods Resort Casino, GH3 Promotions will feature five of it's brightest prospects on a ShoBox: The New Generation card that will be broadcast live on SHOWTIME (10 p.m. ET/PT).

In the 10-round main event, undefeated top 10-ranked Adam "Mantequilla" Lopez (15-0, 7 KOs), of San Antonio, faces Roman Ruben Reynoso (18-1-1, 7 KOs), of Argentina, in a super bantamweight bout. Super middleweights Jerry Odom (13-2-1, 11

KOs) of Baltimore, and Julius Jackson (19-1, 15 KOs) of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, will collide in the eight-round co-feature.

Two eight-rounders will round out the four-fight telecast. O'Shaquie Foster (10-1, 7 KOs), of Orange, Texas, meets Rolando Chinae (12-1-1, 6 KOs), of Lancaster, Penn., in a lightweight scrap.

Before the cameras roll, two United States Olympic Alternates will also see action as super flyweight LeRoy Davila (1-0, 1 KO), of New Brunswick, N.J., battled Edgar Cortes (2-2) of Vineland, N.J.

Also, Brent Venegas III, of Elk Grove, Calif., will make his pro debut against an opponent to be named in a bantamweight bout.

"We are very excited about Friday," said GH3 Promotions CEO Vito Mielnicki. "Adam Lopez is a couple of fights away from winning a world title. Jerry Odom has a real chance to put himself as a contender in the super middleweight division. O'Shaquie Foster is in a good fight to build on his last performance. We are really looking forward to seeing LeRoy Davila and Brent Venegas. They are the next two fighters that we are developing and they have huge upsides. We hope to fight them regularly and hope to have them on ShoBox in the next year or so."

Tickets for the GH3 Promotions event are priced at \$45, \$75 and \$150 and can be purchased by phone from the Foxwoods Resort Casino at 800.200.2882 or online at www.foxwoods.com.