

# Hawkins decisions Serrano to wins NABA-USA Welterweight title

Philadelphia, PA (April 2, 2018) – This Past Friday night, Malik Hawkins remained undefeated by winning a 10-round unanimous decision over Raymond Serrano to capture the NABA-USA Welterweight title that headlined an action-packed 8 bout card at The Fillmore in Philadelphia.

The sold-out show was promoted by Hard Hitting promotions.

Hawkins used his length to pick and land shots on the inside. Hawkins raced to the early lead, but the veteran Serrano got going in the middle rounds as he used his experience to get himself back into the fight by winning scrums on the inside and an occasional long right hand. Down the stretch, Hawkins dug down deep and took control of the fight as seemed to be the fresher fighter. Hawkins who had never been past seven rounds, paced himself well against a tough Serrano, who never showed any signs of retreating as the two stood and fought until the final bell.

Hawkins of Baltimore, MD won by scores of 98-92, 97-93 and 96-94 to raise his perfect mark to 13-0. Serrano of Philadelphia was urged on by his loyal fan base, but fell just short, and now drops to 24-5.

Heavyweight prospect Darmani Rock landed a hard right to the body that dropped Ronny Hale down and out at 1:27 of round two of their scheduled six-round bout.

Rock of Philadelphia is now 11-0 with 7 knockouts. Hale of Austin, Texas falls to 4-12.

Good looking prospect Brandon Pizarro rebounded nicely from

his 1st professional defeat by pounding out a 4-round unanimous decision over Pablo Cupal in a lightweight fight.

Pizarro, 18 years-old of Philadelphia won by shutout scores on all cards of 40-36, and is now 9-1. Cupul of San Diego is 9-24.

Samuel Teah dropped Orlando Rizo three times in the 1st round, and their lightweight bout was stopped at 2:35 of that opening frame.

Teah dropped Rizo with a right hand early in the round. He followed that up with hard body shot that sent Rizo to the canvas, and finished off Rizo with another right hand.

Teah of Philadelphia is now 13-2-1 with 6 knockouts. Rizo of Managua, Nicaragua is 19-13.

Undefeated prospect Jeremy Cuevas got off the deck to come back to win a six-round unanimous decision of Erain Cruz in a super lightweight bout.

Early on it looked like it could have been a rough night for Cuevas as he ate a perfect right hand that sent him to the canvas in round two. A round later, Cuevas had blood dripping from his nostrils, but the young veteran got himself together and put his combinations together to come to take the rest of the fight, and win by scores of 59-55 on all cards.

Cuevas of Philadelphia is now 8-0. Cruz of Ocala, FL is 4-5.

It looked like undefeated super middleweight Ronald Ellis would have a short night as he battered Taneal Goyco all over the ring in the first round of their scheduled six-round bout. Ellis continued to have Goyco in trouble throughout their affair, and dropped Goyco with a right hand in round three. Goyco hung tough, but took many power shots, and Ellis looked impressive in winning by shutout scores of 60-53 on all cards.

Ellis of Lynn, MA is now 15-0-2. Goyco of Philadelphia 9-11.

Tramaine Williams won a six-round unanimous decision over Antonio Rodriguez in a featherweight bout.

Williams landed quick combinations, and cut Rodriguez over his right eye in the final round.

Williams of New Haven, CT won by scores of 60-53, 59-55 and 58-56 to raise his mark to 15-0. Rodriguez of Mexico is 12-21.

Joey Alday, Jr. kept his knockout streak intact by stopping Michael Crain at 1:28 of round three of their scheduled 4-round junior middleweight bout.

Alday dropped Crain round two with a hard combination, and finished him off with a hard left to the body in round three.

Alday of Odessa, Texas is now 7-0. Crain of Smyrna, DE is 1-2.

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## **Undefeated Super Middleweight Ronald Ellis Takes On Taneal Goyco This Friday Night At The Fillmore In Philadelphia**

Nutley, NJ (March 28, 2018)–Undefeated super middleweight contender Ronald Ellis returns to action for the 1st time since his controversial draw with Junior Younan when he takes on upset specialist Taneal Goyco this Friday night at The

Fillmore in Philadelphia.

Ellis of Lynn, Massachusetts and now is training out of Los Angeles, has been working hard since the February 2nd fight with Younan. In that bout Ellis forced the action, and most ringside observers thought that Ellis should have squeaked out the decision.

Friday night, Ellis will look to notch his 15th victory against two draws.

"Everything is good. I got right back in the gym after the last fight. When I watched the fight again, I could have done a little bit bit more, but he ran all night. Hopefully Goyco will stand and fight on Friday night," said Ellis.

Ellis believes by the end of the year, that he will be right in the mix of the hot super middleweight division.

"I still have a lot to prove, But I am a contender that is continuously climbing the rankings. I just need that opponent who will bring the best out of me. My plan is to get another fight on television after this one. I know Goyco is no pushover I have been training for and treat him like all of my other opponents."

The 28 year-old is looking forward to performing in front of the knowledgeable fight fans in Philadelphia.

"Philadelphia fans always knows when there is a good fight. There have been a lot of good fighters from Philadelphia, and they are real fight fans there. I am really excited to perform in front of them."

"Ronald is close to a big fight. I am looking to step him back up in the early part of the Summer. I feel by the end of the year, he will be in a major fight in the super middleweight division. I expect him to look great on Friday night, and we are excited to watch him perform on Friday night," said GH3

# **RONALD ELLIS & JUNIOR YOUNAN FIGHT TO A SPLIT DRAW IN THE MAIN EVENT OF SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION FRIDAY ON SHOWTIME® FROM WINNAVEGAS CASINO RESORT IN SLOAN, IOWA**

SLOAN, IOWA (Feb. 3, 2018) – Undefeated super middleweight prospects Ronald Ellis and Junior Younan fought to a split draw in the main event of ShoBox: The New Generation Friday on SHOWTIME from WinnaVegas Casino Resort in Sloan, Iowa.

While Ellis was the ShoBox veteran with the stronger resume, Younan entered the fight as a highly touted prospect who had never been tested. He faced his first test on Friday in what was the first scheduled 10-round bout for both fighters.

The fight was fought in flurries, with Younan scoring from the outside and Ellis the aggressor. Except for the eighth round where Brooklyn's Younan displayed his best work, Ellis seemed to push the action and win the second half of the fight. Ellis had a slight edge in power punch percentage and total punches, but Younan was slightly more accurate. The fighters were even with 96 total connects entering the 10th round, but Ellis (14-0-2, 10 KOs) won the 10th on all three judges' scorecards by out-landing Younan 21-9.

The 10-round fight was scored 96-94 Ellis, 96-94 Younan, and 95-95.

"I thought I pulled it out. I closed the show at the end," said Ellis, of Lynn, Mass. "I was pressuring him and the fans know I won. In the eighth, he landed a couple of shots but he wasted his energy. As you saw, he didn't do anything the rest of that round, and after that round he had nothing left.

"He was running from the start, so I knew I could land shots on him anytime. My only regret is I wish that I got him out of there. It's all knockouts from here on out. I would definitely fight him again, but I'll do whatever my promoter lines up for me."

After the fight, an emotional Younan (13-0-1, 9 KOs) pleaded his case for a rematch.

"I thought I won the fight, I thought [Ellis] won maybe three rounds," Younan said. "My best round was the eighth round – I had him in the corner and I really thought they were going to end the fight then. I was surprised they didn't stop the fight.

"I can improve a little bit, I feel I can finish stronger. I've only had one eight-round fight before this so this was a big step up for me. I'm growing and learning every fight.

"I'm heartbroken right now. I wanted to win that fight. I want him in a rematch. I know I would win. I know what to do and what not to do."

Undefeated lightweight Thomas Mattice rallied from behind to score a seventh round TKO of ShoBox veteran Rolando Chinaea in the telecast's co-feature.

Chinaea pushed the action as expected from the opening bell, throwing 90 punches in the first round to set a blistering pace for the scheduled eight-round fight. Chinaea, who entered

having beaten three previously undefeated fighters in his last four bouts, cut the ring off and pressed forward, keeping Mattice largely against the ropes. Mattice did his best work in the center of the ring, but the undefeated Cleveland native was unable to keep the fight from being contested against the ropes.

Down 59-55 entering the seventh, Mattice (11-0, 9 KOs) caught Chinae with a huge right to the chin and, sensing Chinae was hurt, unloaded with a series of combos to the head. With Chinae seemingly out on his feet and falling sideways to the canvas, referee Adam Pollack stepped in to stop the fight at 1:31 of the seventh.

"It was a rough fight," Mattice said. "I felt like I was behind and my corner told me I needed a knockout. He buzzed me a few times. I caught him in the seventh and he wobbled. At first I was trying for one shot, then I remembered to start using the one-two. Then I landed a body shot, then a hook, and we got what we came here for, which was a knockout."

Chinea (15-2-1, 6 KOs) was active, throwing an impressive 678 punches over seven-and-a-half rounds, compared to 414 for Mattice. But while he was aggressive and effective on the inside, his neglect of defense is what ultimately hurt him.

"I think I did well pressuring him and sticking to my game plan," Chinae said. "I just got carried away and got caught with the right shot and, unfortunately, it ended the way it ended."

"I'm a little disappointed it ended the way it did, but that's boxing and a lot of things can happen in the sport and that's just the way it went."

In the opening bout of the three-fight telecast, super lightweight prospect Montana Love kept his unblemished record intact with a majority decision over Sam Teah, scored 78-74, 78-74, 76-76.

The southpaw Love (9-0, 4 KOs) pressed the action from the start, utilizing superior speed and polished footwork to dictate the pace. Cleveland's Love, who took the fight on just four days' notice, was seemingly talking trash during rounds, telling Teah what was coming next. But even with the advance warning, Teah was unable to get inside or land anything of consequence. Teah (12-2-1, 5 KOs) seemed to come alive in the sixth but it was too little, too late for the Philadelphia fighter.

"I just kept boxing and pushing him back," Love said. "I hurt three of my knuckles in my left hand in about the third round. I'm not sure if they're fractured or not, but if I hadn't hurt them I would have ended that fight early.

"I felt strong. I just came from a great camp with Robert Easter, which I think helped in this fight tonight. Sparring with Robert and Adrien [Broner], I've learned a lot from those guys.

"I give my overall performance a B or a C+. I think I could have done a lot more."

Teah made no excuses about facing a last-minute opponent.

"He was a crafty southpaw. I knew he was slick, but he was quicker than I expected," Teah said. "I would ball up to try to come inside and he was sharp with his right hook. Fighting guys on short-notice is the way I expect it. That's the sport. I was preparing for a southpaw and I got a southpaw. No excuses."

The event was promoted by GH3 Promotions in association with Roc Nation Sports, Victory Promotions and Ringside Ticket.

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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: ShoBox: The New Generation weigh in—Ellis vs Younan**

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# **RONALD ELLIS vs. JUNIOR YOUNAN SHOBX: THE NEW GENERATION FINAL WEIGHTS, QUOTES & PHOTOS FOR TRIPLEHEADER TOMORROW LIVE ON SHOWTIME®**

SLOANE, IOWA. (Feb. 1, 2018) – Undefeated super middleweight prospects Ronald Ellis and Junior Younan made weight on Thursday for their 10-round main event matchup tomorrow/Friday on ShoBox: The New live on SHOWTIME® (10p.m. ET/PT) from WinnaVegas Casino Resort in Sloane, Iowa.

Younan (13-0, 9 KOs), a former amateur standout, is a highly-touted prospect from Brooklyn taking a major step-up in class against Ellis (14-0-1, 10 KOs), the 2010 National Golden Gloves Champion with two ShoBox appearances under his belt. Both prospects will fight in their first scheduled 10-round bout in Friday's main event.

Cleveland native Thomas Mattice (10-0, 8 KOs) and seasoned prospect Rolando Chinae (15-1-1, 6 KOs) meet in the eight-round lightweight co-feature. Mattice, a former sparring partner of Adrien Broner and Shawn Porter, faces his toughest opponent in Chinae, who enters Friday's co-feature having beat three previously undefeated fighters in his last four bouts.

In the opening bout of the telecast, Philadelphia's Sam Teah (12-1-1, 5 KOs) takes on Cleveland's undefeated Montana Love (8-0, 4 KOs) in an eight-round super lightweight matchup. Love, the 2012 National Golden Gloves Bronze Medalist, makes his national television debut on just four days' notice, while Teah returns to ShoBox looking to hand another opponent the first loss of their career.

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.

#### OFFICIAL WEIGHTS:

Super Middleweights – 10 Rounds

Ronald Ellis: 166  $\frac{1}{2}$  Pounds

Junior Younan: 166  $\frac{1}{2}$  Pounds

Lightweights – Eight Rounds

Thomas Mattice: 133  $\frac{3}{4}$  Pounds

Rolando Chinae: 132  $\frac{3}{4}$  Pounds

Super Lightweights – Eight Rounds

Sam Teah: 139  $\frac{1}{4}$  Pounds

Montana Love: 141  $\frac{1}{2}$  Pounds

#### FINAL QUOTES:

##### RONALD ELLIS:

"This fight means the most to me because it's my first main event. I've got to win and win decisively, and look real good for the fans watching on TV. If I win, I'll be right there with the guys like David Benavidez and Ronald Gavril. I'll be ready to take that next step.

"I let him do all the talking. We'll just get cracking when we get in there. I'm smarter than him, and I'll let my hands do the talking.

"He says he might bring it to me but that's going to be bad news for him. He likes to fight in flurries and then backs off. We're not going to let him get away with it.

"We sparred years ago, but he was just warming me up though.

"It's another fight, another day. I have been here before, and he hasn't.

"We have to make it look good. The main goal is to win decisively. After this, I want to mix it up with all the top guys in the super middleweight division.

##### JUNIOR YOUNAN:

"I'm looking to make a statement. This is a step-up test for me. But I'm coming here to pass the test.

"I feel like this is the right time. I feel like I'm in the best shape of my life. If I'm not ready now I'm not ever going to be ready. It's time to go.

"He comes in good shape and he comes to fight, but I don't think he has anything special though.

"My best talent is I can adjust. I'm not a one-dimensional fighter. At the end of the day, I can do whatever he wants to do, and I can do it better than him.

"We sparred and I honestly don't think he's that good. I didn't think much of him. We're sparring with elite fighters. He isn't bringing anything we haven't seen.

"This is my time. I'm fully focused now. I've dedicated my entire being to this fight. Before I was young and I wanted to have fun. The past 12 weeks I didn't miss a day in the gym.

"At the end of the day, I want a world title. And I'm not far from reaching my dream. I can't make mistakes right now."

THOMAS MATTICE:

"You have to have tunnel vision. I'm not worried about the lights and TV. When I get in there it's a fight.

"Sparring with (Adrien) Broner, (Shawn) Porter, (Robert) Easter, it's been a great learning experience. I probably learned the most from Easter and Broner. With Shawn, he was strong and I held my own.

"It's a big step up for me, but I'm ready.

"I am going to box and follow my game plan. Chinea is a durable guy – he puts the pressure on you, and tries to break you down in the second half of the fight.

"If everything goes as I plan, the fight not go the distance. This will be a good win."

ROLANDO CHINEA:

"People keep looking past me. I don't know when they are going to learn, but if they keep looking past me I'm going to keep bringing it.

"At the end of the day, you can come in with a name but that doesn't make you a name. I'm living off nobody's legacy. I

bring my A-game every time. Some things in this sport you can't teach and I think I have those qualities.

"I always liked watching guys that like to keep the action going. In this sport if you're going to win you have to dictate a fight and throw punches. You have to keep throwing if you're going to win.

"My experience is an advantage. I been here and done that and he is just getting his feet wet.

"My mindset is that I have this chip on my shoulder. Nobody believes in me and I just keep proving everyone wrong. This won't be an upset when I win."

SAM TEAH:

"I've progressed so much mentally and physically since my last fight on ShoBox. My team has really developed and they help me get better every day.

"He's a slick southpaw, but we've been in the gym preparing for southpaws. I've been working with Tevin Farmer, Ray Robinson, (Sergey) Lipinets. We've been getting good work in the gym.

"At the end of the day, I was getting ready for a southpaw. We'll make whatever adjustments we need to make when we get in the ring. We'll do whatever it takes to win.

"Every name they've thrown at me I've accepted. After this fight, I'm ready for whatever.

"We're going to start it off for Philly this weekend. After I win on Friday we'll enjoy the Eagles' win on Sunday.

"I am in the same boat as the last ShoBox fight. I'm facing another undefeated fighter and I'm ready to take another '0'."

MONTANA LOVE:

"When I heard I was on TV I said 'let's go, sign the

contract.'

"Teah is a boxer-mover. We're going to outshoot him with sharp shots.

"I'm versatile. If an opponent comes and wants to crack, we can crack. But if you want to box I can pick you apart.

"I think the time is right for me. I've been getting great sparring, I just left camp with Robert Easter. I've been in with Broner, Devin Alexander. The time is right. I've been doing this since I was five years old.

"We train to go eight, 10 rounds. It's not a problem for me."

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## Ronald Ellis Camp Notes

NEW YORK (Jan. 26, 2018) – Undefeated super middleweight Ronald Ellis is preparing in Los Angeles for his main event matchup against fellow undefeated Junior Younan that headlines a ShoBox: The New Generation quadrupleheader on Friday, Feb. 2, live on SHOWTIME at 10 p.m. ET/PT from WinnaVegas Casino in Sloan, Iowa.

Ellis (14-0-1, 10 KOs), of Lynn, Mass., and Brooklyn's Younan (13-0, 9 KOs) will clash in the 10-round main event of a four-fight telecast that features eight fighters with a combined record of 113-3-3.

Ellis, who now calls Los Angeles home, has been working hard at the Iron Gym under the watchful eye of Jerry Rosenberg and his father Ronald Ellis Sr.

"My camp has been solid. I have been getting good sparring. We have been training for Younan like he is any other opponent," Ellis said.

In Younan, Ellis has an idea on what his foe will bring to the ring on Feb. 2.

"I know he is a young and undefeated fighter," he said. "I have been reading some things where he says he is going to bring the fight to me. He seems like he likes to talk a lot, but that doesn't do anything come fight night."

This will be the third ShoBox appearance for Ellis, as he is coming off an eight-round unanimous decision over Christopher



Brooker last January. Ellis feels that his big fight resume will be the key against Younan.

"My experience will definitely be an advantage," Ellis said. "I have been here on ShoBox two times before. I will be relaxed and comfortable as we approach the fight. This is his first time. I expect him to be real hyper."

"This is a natural progression for me. I went from fighting on the undercard of ShoBox, and now I am the main event. A win will get me world ranked and hopefully catapult me into the Saturday night fights on SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING. I know I can't look ahead. I need to win first."

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# **UNDEFEATED SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT PROSPECTS RONALD ELLIS & JUNIOR YOUNAN HEADLINE FEB. 2 SHOBX: THE NEW GENERATION QUADRUPLEHEADER**

NEW YORK (Jan. 3, 2018) – A battle of unbeaten super middleweight prospects will headline a ShoBox: The New Generation quadrupleheader on Friday, Feb. 2, live on SHOWTIME at 10 p.m. ET/PT from WinnaVegas Casino in Sloan, Iowa, as two-time ShoBox veteran Ronald Ellis takes on New Yorker Junior Younan.

Ellis (14-0-1, 10 KOs), of Lynn, Mass., and Brooklyn's Younan (13-0, 9 KOs) will clash in the 10-round main event of a four-fight telecast that features eight fighters with a combined record of 113-3-3.

An undefeated boxer losing for the first time was a common theme on ShoBox in 2017 as 15 prospects lost their perfect record on the popular developmental series last year. Now in its 17th year, a total of 171 fighters have suffered their first loss on ShoBox. All three fights leading up to the main event on Feb. 2 are eight-round matchups that include an undefeated "A-side" fighter facing his toughest test to date.

In the co-feature, former Dominican Olympian Wellington Romero (12-0-1, 6 KOs) will take on Philadelphia's Sam Teah (12-1-1,

5 KOs) in a super lightweight scrap contracted at 141 pounds. Cleveland's Thomas Mattice (10-0, 8 KOs) will face two-time ShoBox winner and Lancaster, Pa. resident Rolando Chinae (15-1-1, 6 KOs) in a lightweight matchup.

In the telecast opener, highly regarded undefeated Devin Haney (18-0, 12 KOs), of Las Vegas, will take on Harmonito Dela Torre (19-1, 12 KOs) in another bout pitting two 135-pound prospects.

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RONALD ELLIS vs. JUNIOR YOUNAN – 10-Round Super Middleweight  
Ellis returns to ShoBox in his first bout since defeating Christopher Brooker via a unanimous decision in Atlantic City last January. In his ShoBox debut, Ellis fought Jerry Odom to a majority draw in Atlantic City in February 2016.

Originally from Lynn, Mass., the 28-year-old Ellis currently lives and trains in Los Angeles at the Iron Gym under trainer Jerry Rosenberg and his father Ronald Ellis Sr.

"It's going to be fireworks from the jump," said Ellis, who was scheduled to fight Taneal Goyco in November, but the fight was scrapped when Goyco weighed three pounds over the super middleweight limit. "Younan is a good little fighter, but we are trying to get him out of there. This is my first main event, and I want to impress. It will be a good way to start 2018, which will be my year."

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.

Younan, who is promoted by Roc Nation Sports, was a highly

touted amateur boxer who compiled a 90-5 record before turning professional in 2013 at the age of 18. Once dubbed by The New York Times as “a boxing prodigy” as a 10-year-old, Younan was a two-time National Junior Golden Gloves champion, the 2011 National Junior Olympic championship, and at one point was the No. 1-rated junior boxer in his weight class by USA Boxing.

Because of injuries, Younan fought just one time in 2015. After a nine-month layoff, he returned in March of 2016 to beat Cristian Solorzano and has remained active since. Eight of Younan’s 13 pro wins have ended in the first round, including three of his last five fights. The 22-year-old is trained by his father, Sherif Younan

“It’s a pleasure to fight on SHOWTIME and I’m excited to put on a show for all the viewers,” Younan said. “I’ve been working as hard as possible and I’m confident my efforts will pay off. I’m going to break my opponent’s spirit and pick him apart. This is my time – in 2018, I’m looking to make a title run and this fight is just the first step.”

WELLINGTON ROMERO vs. SAM TEAH – Eight-Round Super Lightweight  
Romero is originally from the Dominican Republic now fighting out of Newburgh, N.Y.

A southpaw, he fights under the Roc Nation Sports promotion and represented the Dominican Republic in the 2012 London Olympics, where he lost to eventual Gold Medalist Vasyl Lomachenko.

An accomplished amateur with 268 fights, Romero earned a bronze medal at the 2010 Central American Games and made back-to-back appearances at the 2011 World Amateur Boxing Championships and the 2011 Pan American Games as a teenager.

The 26-year-old Romero fought twice in 2017, recording TKOs in both wins over Kevin Womack Jr. and Mike Fowler.

“This fight on SHOWTIME is a great opportunity for me to showcase my talent and I want to thank God, my team and

everyone involved for this opportunity,” Romero said. “I’m going to deliver a world class performance for all the boxing fans out there to enjoy. After defeating my opponent, I know I will make a lasting impression on the viewers and start paving my way to a world title belt.”

This won’t be the first time Philadelphia’s Teah is facing an undefeated fighter on ShoBox. In Las Vegas in 2015, Teah scored a unanimous decision over previously undefeated O’Shaquie Foster. The 30-year-old’s only loss came against then-undefeated Lavisas Williams in 2014.

Born in Liberia, Teah did not start boxing until the age of 19. His last four fights have been close to home with three in his hometown of Philadelphia and the other two in Bristol, Pa., and Atlantic City, N.J.

“I know my opponent was an Olympian, and he has been in front of a lot of great fighters,” Teah said. “I am excited to face him and take the big challenge. I know I will be his toughest opponent. I am ready to see what he is made of.”

THOMAS MATTICE vs. ROLANDO CHINEA – Eight-Round Lightweight  
A 27-year-old from Cleveland, Mattice turned pro in 2014 and had an amateur record of 72-18. He was a three-time Ohio State Golden Gloves champion, and bronze medal winner in the USA National Tournament in 2014.

In his last fight on Nov. 11, Mattice beat Orlando Rizo via seventh-round stoppage in Georgia. Mattice, who has recorded four straight KOs and eight overall in 10 professional fights, is a boxer-puncher who likes to attack the body.

“It’s a tough fight for sure,” Mattice said. “I checked him out. It’s going to be a rough fight, but I am prepared for a war. I am prepared for whatever he will bring. I am excited to fight on ShoBox. Ever since I started boxing, I said one day that will be me fighting on TV, and now that dream comes true.”

The 26-year-old China returns to ShoBox after handing previously unbeaten Kenneth Sims Jr., the first loss of his professional career via majority decision on July 14. The win moved China's ShoBox record to 2-0. He had previously won an eight-round split decision victory over O'Shaquie Foster in 2016.

A Puerto Rican native now living in Lancaster, Pa., China suffered his only defeat against the hands of Ismail Muwendo in 2015. He has won five straight since, including two unanimous decisions over previously undefeated Ladarius Miller and Mel Crossty, as well as the unbeaten Sims. His last four opponents had a combined record of 38-1-1.

"I know Thomas Mattice is another undefeated fighter with a terrific amateur career," China said. "I am being brought in as his opponent, to make him look good in his national TV debut. I respect Thomas for agreeing to fight me. I am sure that he will bring his best, and it will be another entertaining fight, China style. I am going to be in the best shape of my career. I am going to be stronger, and I am going to hunt him down, rough him up, and beat him. I can't wait to fight and win again on ShoBox."

#### DEVIN HANEY vs. HARMONITO DELA TORRE – Eight-Round Lightweights

Haney just turned 19 years old last November and already sports a professional record of 18-0 with 12 knockouts. Trained and managed by his father, William Haney, he has been active with nine fights in 2016 and seven in 2017. In his last fight on Nov. 4, he scored a fifth-round TKO against Hamza Sempewo in Atlanta.

Raised in Oakland, Calif., Haney was a seven-time national amateur champion and compiled an impressive record of 130-8. Haney is currently living and training in Las Vegas, where he sparred with Floyd Mayweather as the pound-for-pound champ prepared to face Conor McGregor, and Shawn Porter. Haney

turned professional when he was 16 years old in Mexico.

“Fighting on SHOWTIME, specifically ShoBox, where many champions have been made, is something I’ve envisioned since I turned professional in 2015,” Haney said. “I’m in tough against Harmonito Dela Torre, a hungry fighter who is coming off his first pro loss. I know his back is up against the wall, so I’m expecting him to bring everything he’s got. But this is my time to shine on the big stage and I’m not going to let this opportunity pass me by. I’m the future of boxing and everyone will see my talent on February 2, especially Dela Torre.”

Dela Torre is a 23-year-old Philippines native who has been training with Osmiri Fernandez in Miami the past few months at the Sanman Boxing Gym.

Dela was scheduled to fight last on Aug. 22 in Las Vegas in a super featherweight bout against undefeated Saul Rodriguez, who inexplicably pulled out of the matchup a few days before the fight.

Instead, Dela Torre entered the ring in Las Vegas on Nov. 18 and suffered his first loss against 2012 Olympic silver medalist Tugstsogt Nyambayar in an eight-round unanimous decision, despite scoring a second-round knockdown. It was the first time in his first nine fights that Nyambayar was taken the distance.

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

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## About ShoBox: The New Generation

Since its inception in July 2001, the critically acclaimed SHOWTIME boxing series, ShoBox: The New Generation has featured young talent matched tough. The ShoBox philosophy is to televise exciting, crowd-pleasing and competitive matches while providing a proving ground for willing prospects determined to fight for a world title. Some of the growing list of the 74 fighters who have appeared on ShoBox and advanced to garner world titles includes: Errol Spence Jr., Andre Ward, Deontay Wilder, Erislandy Lara, Shawn Porter, Gary Russell Jr., Lamont Peterson, Guillermo Rigondeaux, Nonito Donaire, Devon Alexander, Carl Froch, Robert Guerrero, Timothy Bradley, Jessie Vargas, Juan Manuel Lopez, Chad Dawson, Paulie Malignaggi, Ricky Hatton, Kelly Pavlik, Paul Williams and more.

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# Undefeated Super Middleweight Ronald Ellis returns this Saturday night against Taneal Goyco in Ashburn, Virginia

Nutley, NJ (November 3, 2017)—Undefeated super middleweight Ronald “Flatline” Ellis returns from a tenth month hiatus when he takes on perennial spoiler Taneal Goyco this Saturday night at The Silver Eagle Gun Arena in Ashburn, Virginia.

Ellis (14-0-1, 10 KOs) will be making his ring return following surgery for an injured hand.

He injured the hand in his January 20th bout with Christopher Brooker. That bout was televised on ShoBox: The New



Generation.

"I had the surgery in April. I took my time and had a good camp, and now I am ready to go on Saturday," said Ellis.

In Goyco, he has facing a tough opponent who has already notched upset wins over Frankie Filippone (14-2-1), Jeremy Trussell (8-0), Dennis Hasson (16-1), Devin Butcher (5-0) and former Ellis foe Jerry Odom (14-2-1).

To say that Goyco has a deceiving record at 9-10-1 is a huge understatement.

"I don't know too much about him other than he has some wins over some undefeated guys as well as Jerry Odom. But he is from Philadelphia, so I know he is tough," continued Ellis. "My had is good, my weight is good, so I expect a good performance on Saturday."

Ellis believes that with a win on Saturday, he is set up for a big 2018.

"I see my amateur rivals getting big fights, so it's time to get what is mine. Super Middleweight is a good division with a lot of good fighters like (WBO Champion) Gilberto Ramirez, Jesse Hart, (WBC Champion) David Benavidez, Ronald Gavril, and I fit in right in the mix with all of them. Also in the right situation and if the fight was worth it, I could make 160 pounds. I am usually the smaller guy in the ring when I fight at Super Middleweight. Next year will be my year, but it starts on Saturday. I am going to put on a show and in 2018 it's going to be hunting season."

Ellis is promoted by GH3 Promotions, and CEO Vito Mielnicki is echoing the thoughts of his prized super middleweight.

"I am looking forward to Ronald getting back in the ring on Saturday. Goyco is a solid opponent. I think Ronald will have an outstanding performance, and the plan is getting him back

on television in the first quarter of 2018, and with another win or two, I can see him fighting for a world title.”