

# Dawson and Conto Get Big wins in Philly

NEW YORK (April 2, 2019)—Over the weekend, two highly regarded prospects under the Split-T Management stable, welterweight Mark Dawson Jr. and heavyweight Sonny Conto remained undefeated with victories in their hometown of Philadelphia.

On Friday night at SugarHouse Casino, Dawson took a unanimous decision over Jordan Morales in a six-round bout.

Dawson dropped Morales in round two with a left hook, and he never looked back as he kept Morales on end of his jab that Dawson followed up with some nice straight lefts.

Dawson, who was a former Youth National Champion and a quarterfinalist in the 2016 U.S. Olympic Trials, has a record of 6-0-1.

Conto scored his 2nd straight 1st round knockout when he blasted out Omar Acosta on Saturday night at 2300 Arena.

The 23 year-old Conto landed a devastating left hook that nailed Acosta on the chin, that sent Acosta to the deck, and the bout was stopped 75 seconds into the contest.

With the win Conto, a two-time Pennsylvania Golden Gloves Champion as well as a Silver Medalist in the 2018 National Golden Gloves and a Bronze Medalist in the 2017 National Golden Gloves, will now head to Las Vegas and fight on the Tyson Fury – Tom Schwarz undercard on June 15th.

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# Split-T Management Triumvirate of Philly Fighters Ready to Shine in City of Brotherly Love

NEW YORK (March 29, 2019)—This weekend, three highly regarded members of the Split-T Management stable will look to shine in their hometown of Philadelphia.

On Friday night, undefeated welterweight Mark Dawson Jr. will look to stay undefeated when he takes on Jordan Morales in a six-round bout at SugarHouse Casino.

The next night, right down the road at 2300 Arena, welterweight Ray Robinson battles top-rated contender Egidijus Kavaliauskas in a ten-round bout that will be seen live on ESPN at 10 PM ET.

Earlier in the evening, undefeated heavyweight prospect, Sonny Conto takes on Omar Acosta in a four-round bout that will be streamed on ESPN +.

Dawson, who was former Youth National Champion and a quarterfinalist in the 2016 US Olympic Trials, has a perfect 5-0-1 with three knockouts, will make his 2019 debut will be making his 2nd consecutive appearance at SugarHouse Casino. He will now face Morales, who will be facing his 8th undefeated opponent in 10 outings.

The Dawson vs. Morales fight can be seen live on the King's Boxing Facebook page.

Robinson, 24-3 with 12 knockouts has racked up wins over the likes of Sherzodbek Alimjanov (22-2), Aslanbek Kozoev (25-0-1), Ray Narh (26-2), Alberto Morales (11-1-1), former

U.S. Olympian Terrance Cauthen (36-7) & Darnell Jiles Jr. (8-0-1) all while capturing the Interim NABA, USBA & NABO Welterweight titles.

Ray has a golden opportunity in a nationally televised contest to upend the number-one ranked Kavaliauskas (21-0, 17 KOs), and put himself in position for a major world title bout in 2019.

Conto (1-0, 1 KO) will return to 2300 Arena, where he made his pro debut on February 8th with a 1st round stoppage over Jimmie Levins.

In that fight, Conto, who was was a two-time Pennsylvania Golden Gloves Champion as well as a Silver Medalist in the 2018 National Golden Gloves and a Bronze Medalist in the 2017 National Golden Gloves, thrilled his huge cheering section, who will undoubtedly be there to support the South Philadelphia native on Saturday night.

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**Video: Sonny Conto talks about his pro debut stoppage win**

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# **Sonny Conto Wins Pro Debut With 1st Round Stoppage In Philly**

NEW YORK (February 11, 2019)-Heavyweight Sonny Conto made a successful pro debut as he took out Jimmie Levins in the first round this past Friday night at 2300 Arena in Conto's hometown of Philadelphia.

Conto put Levins on the canvas four-times in the opening frame, but for some reason the referee ruled slips. The 4th time Levins hit the canvas, it was from a vicious body shot, and the fight was halted at 2:19.

"Getting that 1st one out of the way is important. My father told me that this is my professional debut, but this is noting new. I have been doing this since I was 10 years-old. The hometown crowd was amazing, and it was a great opportunity. I can't wait until the next one," said Conto.

The 22 year-old Conto was was a two-time Pennsylvania Golden Gloves Champion as well as a Silver Medalist in the 2018 National Golden Gloves and a Bronze Medalist in the 2017 National Golden Gloves, is managed by Split-T Management, and is promoted by Top Rank.

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## **Heralded Amateur Standout Sonny Conto Makes Pro debut**

# Tonight in Philadelphia

NEW YORK (February 8, 2019)-TONIGHT, Heralded amateur, heavyweight Sonny Conto will make his long-awaited pro debut at 2300 Arena in his hometown of Philadelphia.

Conto, 22 years-old will take on Jimmie Levins in a four-round bout.

"I feel like a champ. All of the hard work is done. This is the moment that I have been waiting for. I am anxious. I am excited, said Conto.

"I have been thinking about this moment since I started boxing. This is just the beginning. Philly has a strong root of fighters. I am proud to represent Philadelphia, South Philadelphia. I am from right on 9th Street, where they did the Rocky Movie."

"I do not feel any pressure fighting at home. I rise to the occasion with pressure."

"Dave McWater is the best manager in the world. Top Rank is the best promoter in the world. I feel like I will do big things with each of them."

Conto was a two-time Pennsylvania Golden Gloves Champion as well as a Silver Medalist in the 2018 National Golden Gloves and a Bronze Medalist in the 2017 National Golden Gloves.

Conto weighed in at 215.4 lbs, while Levins was 219.2 at Thursday's weigh-in.

Below is the fight week media day interview and media work out videos.

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# **VIDEO: Sonny Conto talks about his pro debut**

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# **VIDEO: Sonny Conto Media Workout, Feb 5, 2019**

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# **Split-T Management Signs Heralded Amateur Heavyweight Star Sonny Conto to a Management Contract**

NEW YORK (January 2, 2019) – Split-T Management is pleased to announce the signing of top amateur heavyweight Sonny Conto to a management contract.

Conto, 22 years-old of Philadelphia, PA was a two-time Pennsylvania Golden Gloves Champion as well as a Silver Medalist in the 2018 National Golden Gloves and a Bronze Medalist in the 2017 National Golden Gloves.

A natural athlete, Conto was an acclaimed baseball pitcher, who pitched for Rowan College, in Gloucester County. Conto,

helped his team make it to the Junior College World Series, where his team placed 3rd.

“I am very excited to turn professional,” said Conto. I signed with Split-T Management because they are the best at managing their fighters and they also made me feel like family. I can’t wait to give all my fans a great career, and show them the real “Rocky.” The boxing world can expect to see exciting fights from me, and the next great Italian fighter to come out of Philadelphia, PA.”

“The 1st time I saw Sonny, I knew that I wanted to sign him. He has the rare combination of power and Charisma that doesn’t come often,” said David McWater of Split-T Management.

There will be a major announcement about Conto’s future in the very near future.