

Split- T Management Prized Prospect David Navarro Set To Make Pro Debut Tonight in Uncasville, Connecticut

NEW YORK (October 7, 2020) – TONIGHT at the Mohegan Sun Resort and Casino in Uncasville, Connecticut, one of the most decorated amateur stars in recent history is set to make his pro debut when David Navarro of Los Angeles introduces himself to the pro ranks when he takes on Nathan Benichou in a four-round featherweight bout.

Benichou is the son of former world featherweight champion Fabrice Benichou.

Navarro, who recently inked with Split-T Management under the guidance of Tim VanNewhouse weighed in at 126 3/4 lbs while Benichou weighed in at the same 126 3/4 lbs.

Highlights of the bout will be aired live on the ShoBox: The New Generation card that will feature Navarro's Split-T Management stablemates Charles Conwell (who faces Wendy Toussaint in the main event) and Janelson Figueroa Bocachica (who takes on Nicklaus Flaz in the co-feature) live on SHOWTIME (9 PM ET/PT)

"I am very excited to start my pro career on Wednesday night," said Navarro. "I just want to show everyone who I am, and what I can do. I will have a lot of family and friends who will be watching and rooting for me back home."

"I am so prepared for this because of seeing my brother (Golden Boy Promotions, 17-0 Prospect, Jonathan Navarro) go through his career. I have defeated some of the best amateur fighters in the world, and that gives me the confidence to

have a great career, and that begins tonight.”

Navarro, 20, began training in the sport at the age of five, and leaves behind his childhood long endeavor of becoming an Olympian to enter the professional ranks. During his time in the amateurs, David compiled 15 National titles and competed in over 170 amateur bouts.

Last December, Navarro was one of only eight boxers in his weight division to compete for a spot on Team USA’s Olympic squad. During the 10-day event, he made it all the way to the finals by upsetting top seed Duke Ragan and in January was named as an Olympic Alternate for the 2020 Olympics, now rescheduled to take place in 2021.

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CHARLES CONWELL VS. WENDY TOUSSAINT OFFICIAL WEIGHTS, QUOTES AND PHOTOS FOR SHOBX: THE NEW GENERATION TOMORROW LIVE ON SHOWTIME®

UNCASVILLE, CONN. – October 6, 2020 – Exciting 154-pound prospects Charles Conwell and Wendy Toussaint both made weight a day before their main event showdown set for Wednesday, October 7, live on SHOWTIME (9 p.m. ET/PT) from Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Conn., in the first ShoBox: The New Generation telecast since March.

A decorated amateur and U.S. representative at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio, the 22-year-old Conwell (12-0, 9 KOs) hails from Cleveland, Ohio, and will make his second ShoBox appearance when he takes on up-and-coming Toussaint (12-0, 5 KOs) in a 10-round super welterweight contest.

The ShoBox event will open with two eight-round welterweight showdowns as Detroit's Janelson Figueroa Bocachica (15-0, 10 KOs) takes on fellow Puerto Rico native Nicklaus Flaz (9-1, 7 KOs) and hard-hitting Brandun Lee (19-0, 17 KOs) returns to ShoBox in the telecast opener against Jimmy Williams (16-3-2, 5 KOs).

Barry Tompkins will call the action from ringside with boxing historian 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.

The event is promoted by Tony Holden Productions.

FINAL WEIGHTS

Super Welterweight 10-Round Bout

Charles Conwell – 154 lbs.

Wendy Toussaint – 153 lbs.

Referee: Johnny Callas (West Hartford, Conn.); Judges: Glenn Feldman (Avon, Conn.), Frank Lombardi (Brookfield, Conn.), Don Trella (Noank, Conn.),

Welterweight 8-Round Bout

Janelson Figueroa Bocachica – 146½ lbs.

Nicklaus Flaz – 146½ lbs.

Referee: Johnny Callas (West Hartford, Conn.); Judges: Ken Ezzo (Wilton, Conn.), Don Trella (Conn.), Steve Weisfeld (River Vale, N.J.), ,

Welterweight 8-Round Bout

Brandun Lee – 144 lbs.

Jimmy Williams – 143 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

Referee: Danny Schiavone (Wethersfield, Conn.); Judges: Ken Ezzo (Wilton, Conn.), Glenn Feldman (Avon, Conn.), Frank Lombardi (Brookfield, Conn.)

FINAL QUOTES:

Charles Conwell

“Since my last ShoBox appearance three years ago, I’ve matured a lot as a fighter. I’m more comfortable inside the ring and going longer rounds. I’ve developed as an all-around fighter. A lot of challenges have been thrown my way but it’s nothing that I can’t overcome. I’ve been able to adjust, get over it and keep moving up.

“I think I need a couple more fights, a couple more good wins under my belt against some formidable opponents, and looking good doing it, and I’ll be considered a top-10 type of contender. I think I need two more fights.

“I had a fight scheduled in April right before the shutdown, which got cancelled. So, it’s just been constant training for me. Not necessarily going hard in the gym, but just staying active in the gym and staying in shape so when the call comes, you’re prepared for it whenever they give you a date.

“I know that I’m facing an undefeated, 12-0 fighter. He fought in the bubble, I know that. He’s a slim, tall type of guy who has length, and he’s athletic. I’ve just seen one of his fights. He has a little awkwardness and he throws some loopy shots that I need to be aware of.

“With the Patrick Day fight, I’ve just learned to live with it and try to stay positive. Keep positive people and positive energy around me. That’s all I can ever do, stay looking forward and try not to dwell on the past. It’s a very difficult thing for me but you can’t think about it in this sport. You have to continue to be aggressive. My first fight

after that tragedy, once somebody punches you in the face it's not too hard to punch them back – it's natural. In training, I was a little timid at first but once somebody is in there trying to punch you in the face, it's easy to be aggressive.

"I've always been an aggressive fighter. Being a shorter guy, you fight taller guys and you always have to be more aggressive. As I get in there and work with my coaches, I've developed different skills – different punches, different defensive moves, different angles, different tricks on the inside – so I've always been aggressive and willing to fight on the inside."

Wendy Toussaint

"My conditioning is great right now. I'm always in shape and I'm very strong right now. I'm ready because this is a great opportunity for me. It's difficult to get a fight right now with the Coronavirus so when this fight came, I took it immediately. I fought once in the bubble in Las Vegas already and I think that's a little bit of an advantage for me. I think I already got one fight with no fans and I'm used to it – so maybe that's a small advantage and the fact that I've been active is good as well.

"I sparred with [Sergiy] Derevyanchenko in camp and that was a great experience. He throws a lot of punches and sparring with him was different than anything I've experienced. It was very difficult, but I gave him a lot of work, a lot of pressure, and I think it will really help me a lot in this fight and going forward in my career.

"Conwell is a great fighter but I'm a very strong fighter as well, so I'm not going to be frustrated by anything he does. I'm going to stay relaxed, box and let everything come together because like I said, this is not my first time getting in the ring. Boxing is about staying relaxed no matter what your opponent brings. You have to be ready for anything.

Conwell is a great fighter, all respect to him, but I'm coming to fight.

"Every time I have a fight, I don't watch my opponent a whole lot but I do watch them a little bit. He's a very strong fighter but every fight is different, you can be in top shape for one fight and be a different fighter in your next one. He's a strong fighter, he likes to attack the body, but I don't think I'll have a big problem on my hands.

"Boxing is all mental. Sometimes, when you look at things on paper they are different than when you actually get in the ring and start fighting. I know that Conwell is going to be a strong fighter but is he stronger than the guys I've faced in sparring? I don't know. I have to wait to get in the ring and see what he brings. You never know. But I'm very confident in myself and I'm not intimidated at all."

Janelson Figueroa Bocachica

"I got a good six weeks of training in for this fight. I've been in camp with Charles Conwell this entire time. I've been going to Ohio and he's come over to Detroit. I've also been in Tony Harrison's camp for the past two weeks. I've gotten amazing work from both of those guys.

"I'm definitely a big puncher but you've got to know how to set it up. You can't rush it, just trust that the knockout is going to come. I get knockouts with punches that I wasn't even expecting to knock people out but then they don't get back up. Boxing is about timing, it's art. It's not about brute strength. I've knocked people out with a jab, but my right hand seems to put everybody out. The better my opponents are, the better I am. As good as he looks, I know I'm going to be even better.

"When I went pro, I knew that I hurt people in the amateurs with big gloves and headgear, so imagine what I could do with the little ones? But I had to learn how to set my opponents up

and pick my shots and get an opening. I couldn't just go straight forward. Sometimes you have to let them come to you. It's all about ring control.

"It won't be a problem fighting without a crowd. I'll still have my fans watching on TV and my coach, which is my dad, will still be there in my corner. I'm comfortable with the situation.

"I beat Brandun Lee in the amateurs but I don't have any relationship with him today. I don't really see much of what he's doing, with him being out in California. I know he's on this card so when I see him at the fight, I want to let him know that I want to fight him after this. I wish him well against his opponent but I know I'm going to do my thing and take care of my business. I upset him in the amateurs, and I hope I can see him in the pros too. If he wants to do it, we can do it. I'm ready for big names. I'm ready for Virgil Ortiz. I'm ready for Keith Thurman. Everybody around me knows that I'm so ready for bigger fights and bigger opponents.

"All I know is that Nicklaus Flaz better be ready because I had a super hard training camp and we've been working hard. I want to put on a great show for something that I've been training so hard for. I know Puerto Rico is going to be watching this one, and I know all of his fans are going to be mine after this fight."

Nicklaus Flaz

"I was in the same camp as Jeison Rosario and I sparred with him a couple of times. I've been in touch with him since the Charlo fight and he's doing better now. He's eager to get back to work but they told him to get some rest. Sparring with Rosario, a world champion, was a great experience. It was really tough but I did my best to manage.

"I'm an aggressive fighter. I like to fight on the inside, come straight forward and do damage. I'm a better fighter than

since I was in the World Series of Boxing. My defense and my ring IQ are way better. I used to just go in blindly looking to land punches, now I go in more conscious and with better defense. My punches are much more accurate now.

"I don't know much about Bocachica. I let my trainer figure him out but what I know is that he's a really tough fighter, undefeated, and he can punch. I've never been down before so I can definitely take a punch.

"This is Puerto Rico vs. Puerto Rico. That's a great motivation for me. I got to take him out. He says he's going to knock me out, so I want to see how he plans to do that. We can brawl if he wants. I want to see him try to knock me out. It's going to be fireworks.

"I've worked a lot on my conditioning and pacing myself since my lone defeat. I'm a lot smarter than I was then. Not every fighter is going to be knocked out, so I worked on that and I fixed it. I'm in much better shape and I'm ready to fight 12 rounds if I have to, even though the fight is only scheduled for eight. I know I'll be throwing a lot of punches until the end. My punch output will be high as always."

Brandun Lee

"I was on the last fight on ShoBox in March, and we didn't have a crowd at that one either. In a way, I feel like I've already been there, done that. I know what to expect without a crowd. Nothing has changed as far as my training. It's been a little tough to find sparring but other than that, boxing-wise, the pandemic hasn't affected me much.

"This will be the biggest guy I've ever fought. He's a natural 147 and 154-pounder, so he is a much bigger fighter. I'm a 140-pounder. I think he'll be the best fighter I've faced too. I feel that way because once upon a time he was a top-15 prospect in the rankings and he's a much bigger, much longer guy than anybody I've faced.

“Hopefully this fight gives me more rounds than I’ve been able to get in the past. He’s only been knocked out once and he’s gone 10 rounds before. Hopefully we can get the rounds in because I need it. The only positive that comes from facing guys that you knock out in the first round is building up that confidence. But I feel like I’ve already built up my confidence so it’s time to start bringing in some real fighters and making some noise.

“I learned something from my last fight. Before the fight, I said I have to pick my shots more and be more calm, but in that case, I could have just gone in there and blown the guy away in the first round. I learned that you have to be able to make a quick choice on whether you want to take the guy out later or take him out now. I took him out later because I wanted to go more rounds. I expected the fight to go longer than what it did. We wanted the later rounds and the longer minutes but that was a mistake. If I hurt Jimmy Williams in the first round, I’m definitely going to get him out of there.

“I remember my fight against Bocachica in the amateurs was a hell of a fight. We had the entire arena watching us. It was a close fight. It could have gone either way. We were 15 at the time. I don’t really look at it like I need to avenge that loss in the pros. I’m looking at what’s ahead of me, not behind me. That was the amateurs but if he steps up to the plate, I’ll step up to the plate as well.

“My last fight against Camilo Prieto was a step-up and now Jimmy Williams is an even bigger step-up. After this fight, we need another step-up. Each fight, we need to slowly progress into the top ten. At the end of the day, I’m just a fighter. I will listen to my team and my promoter and whoever they pick for me to fight, I’m definitely going to step up to the plate and do what I do best.”

Jimmy Williams

"I'm a local guy and I've fought many times at Mohegan Sun, so it will be weird not having support in the arena but I know they will all be tuning in on SHOWTIME. It is what it is. I'm excited with fans or without fans, it doesn't make a difference.

"I watched a little bit of tape on my opponent. I know he's a young prospect, he had a great amateur career. But this is the pro game. I know he hasn't been tested yet, he's sparred with some of the greatest fighters in the world but he will get tested on Wednesday night. We're going to see what Brandun Lee is made of.

"If you go and watch Brandun's fights, the guys he faced didn't come to fight. They came to lay down, they weren't punching back and Brandun had enough time to set up his punches and he was able to do what he wanted to in the ring. I don't discredit the guys he fought, he's still got talent, but I've been tested. I've been hit hard. I've been in the ring with some great fighters already. This fight will definitely go past the first round. He better be prepared to put the rounds in with me.

"In 2008, my mom was murdered and it changed my whole life. I opted to leave school that year and enter the NFL draft. A lot of people thought I was crazy because I still had a year of eligibility, but I was projected to get drafted in the fifth to seventh round. It didn't work out my way but I still got some calls and tried out for a few teams in camp. But my mom's spirit brought me back to the ring. I had a lot of frustration and anger because it is an unsolved case, and boxing was my bread and butter from the beginning so getting back in the ring was the natural thing to do.

"My mother's death motivated me to stay on the right path. My father passed away from cancer, and my parents both raised me to be somebody great in life. Her death motivated me. Her death never sat right with me. She didn't die from a natural

cause, somebody strangled her and put her there. That made me go hard in life. I woke up and told myself I would be somebody. I had to make her proud and I'm making her proud now. That anger fuels me in the ring because I feel like I bring her back to life. I know she went out fighting and every time I get in the ring, I fight for her."

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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 83 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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**VIDEO: Interview with
undefeated Junior
Middleweight Charles Conwell**

Huge Month of October set for Split-T Management

NEW YORK (October 2, 2020) – Boxing's premiere management company, Split-T Management will again be the busiest group in the month of October as 11 of it's top performers will see action in high profile bouts over the biggest platforms in the sport.

On October 2nd, prized junior welterweight prospect Omar Rosario

(1-0) of Caguas, Puerto Rico looks for win number-two against Matt Gavers in Kissimme, Florida on a card that will televised live on Telemundo.

On October 3, former IBF Junior Welterweight world champion Ivan Baranchyk

(20-1, 13 KOs) looks to get right back in title contention as

he takes on Jose Zepeda (32-2, 25 K0's) in a bout that will headline an ESPN+ card in Las Vegas.

Also on that card will be the much anticipated pro debut of star amateur featherweight

Haven Brady Jr. of Albany, Georgia. Brady will take on Gorwar Karyah (2-1, 2 K0s) in four round bout.

On October 7th, Split-T Management fighters will be featured prominently on a ShoBox: The New Generation card on SHOWTIME as former U.S. Olympian and undefeated junior middleweight, Charles Conwell (12-0, 9 K0s) headlines a card against fellow undefeated Wendy Toussaint (12-0, 5 K0s) at the Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, Connecticut.

Also featured will be Conwell's brother Isaiah Steen (14-0, 11 K0s) in a super middleweight fight; Undefeated welterweight Janelson Bocachica (15-0, 10 K0s) taking on Nicklaus Flaz (9-1, 7 K0s). That night will also see the pro debut of highly acclaimed featherweight David Navarro.

On October 9th, super welterweight Kahshad Elliott makes his pro debut in Las Vegas and live on ESPN+

On October 17th, In what many are calling the most anticipated fight of the the year, undefeated IBF Lightweight world champion Teofimo Lopez (15-0, 12K0s) takes on WBA/WBO world champion Vasilly Loamachenko (14-1, 10 K0s) in a mouth watering bout from Las Vegas and will be televised live on ESPN.

Finally on October 23rd, two of Split-T Management's emerging prospects in super middleweight Diego Pacheco (9-0, 7 K0s) and junior lightweight Otha Jones III (5-0, 2 K0s) will see action on a DAZN streamed card in Mexico City,

Split-T Management's Omar Rosario goes for win number-two in Kissimmee, Florida

NEW YORK (October 2, 2020) – Split-T Management junior welterweight prospect, Omar Rosario will be back in action TONIGHT!! when he takes on Matt Gavers in Kissimmee, Florida.

Rosario is coming off an impressive pro debut when he won a four-round unanimous decision over Solon Staley on August 21st at the same Osceola Heritage Park, where Friday night's fight will be held.

The Top Rank Promoted Rosario, 22 years-old of Caguas, PR, was the Puerto Rican Olympic Trial Champion at 152 lbs., and was the island's favorite to win a medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, but signed with Tim VanNewhouse with Split-T Management.

At Thursday's weigh-in, Rosario was 144 lbs.; Gavers was 146.

The show will be televised on Telemundo at Midnight Eastern Time.

Photo Credit: Damon Gonzalez / All-Star Boxing

Split-T Management signs Highly Acclaimed Amateur David Navarro

NEW YORK (Sept 30, 2020) – Split-T Management is delighted to announce the signing of highly sought-after amateur David Navarro.

Navarro, 20, began training in the sport at the age of five, and leaves behind his childhood long endeavor of becoming an Olympian to enter the professional ranks. During his time in the amateurs, David compiled 15 National titles and competed in over 170 amateur bouts.

Last December, Navarro was one of only eight boxers in his weight division to compete for a spot on Team USA's Olympic squad. During the 10-day event, he made it all the way to the finals by upsetting top seed Duke Ragan and in January was named as an Olympic Alternate for the 2020 Olympics, now rescheduled to take place in 2021.

In addition to David's deep amateur accolades, he comes from one of the great Mexican American boxing families. David is the younger brother of Golden Boy Promotions undefeated junior welterweight prospect Johnathan Navarro, and his cousins, Steven and Chantel, are widely regarded as two of the top young prospects in the USA amateur system.

David is also the nephew of former Olympian Jose Navarro, who competed at the 2000 Sydney Olympic games, and Carlos Navarro, one of America's greatest amateurs in the 90's, who is well-known for being the the last American to beat Floyd Mayweather Jr. by winning a box-off at the 1995 Pan-American Games.

"David is making us very proud," said Jose Navarro. "We know he is going to be special, and I wish him and his team nothing

but success at the professional level.”

David will be co-trained by his father, Salvador, and renowned trainer Robert Garcia.

Garcia noted, “David has a great support system at home. He is a very disciplined fighter with a big heart who has tremendous power. I am confident that with this team, we will help David climb to the top of the sport.”

Navarro joins an increasingly deep roster that has been signed by Split-T Management’s Tim VanNewhouse. VanNewhouse’s earlier signees include another Los Angeles standout in undefeated super middleweight Diego Pacheco, as well as five fellow top amateurs from the 2020 US and Puerto Rican Olympic Trials.

“David had a ton of interest from various promoters and managers and I’m thrilled that Split-T meets his and his families expectations to manage his career. He’s a gem of a kid and a special talent out of Los Angeles with the type of ability that will make him a huge hit with Mexican-American fight fans,” said VanNewhouse.

Navarro will begin his pro career at 126 pounds and is scheduled to make his professional debut on October 7th in a special attraction bout.

The event is headlined by undefeated super welterweight prospects Charles Conwell and Wendy Toussaint live on SHOWTIME® (9 p.m. ET/PT) from the Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, Connecticut, with highlights of Navarro’s bout to be shown on the broadcast.

Showtime Sports President Stephen Espinoza stated “David Navarro is one of the most exciting young boxers in the USA Boxing program. He comes from a boxing family and has quite literally grown up in the sport. We are proud to support him in making his pro debut at a Showtime-televised event. We look forward to being able to feature him on Showtime as he

develops as a professional.”

David is happy – and ready – to carry on the legacy and rich traditions of his family in the sport of boxing.

“I am working hard to become the best in my division and to make my father and family proud!” said Navarro. “I am grateful to enter into the pro’s with such a good team around me and I plan to fulfill everyone’s expectations of me. I’ve worked my entire life for this and I know I will become a World Champion.”