

# Tiger Johnson and Melissa Odessa Parker in Action TONIGHT

NEW YORK (September 15, 2023) – TONIGHT, two Split-T Management fighters will be in action in North America.

In Corpus Christi, Texas, undefeated junior welterweight Delante Johnson takes on Roberto Quiroz in an eight-round bout.

Johnson of Cleveland, Ohio is 9-0 with five knockouts. The 25-year-old has wins over Xavier Madrid (3-0), Esteban Garcia (15-1), Mike Ohan Jr, (16-1) and his last bout when Johnson took an eight-round unanimous decision over Jonthan Montrel (15-1) on July 1st in Toledo, Ohio.

Quiroz of Oxnard, California is 13-2 with seven knockouts. The 26-year-old has defeated Jose Antonio Marino (5-1), Martin Leon Morales (15-1), and is coming off a first-round stoppage over Gabriel Smith on April 21st in Santa Ynez, California.

Johnson, who is promoted by Top Rank, weighed in at 141.7 lbs. Quiroz was 141.6.

The bout can be seen live on ESPN+ at 6:30 ET..

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In Tijuana, Mexico, Melissa Odessa Parker takes on former world champion Erika Cruz Hernandez in a 10-round bout for the WBA Continental Americas Super Bantamweight title.

Parker of Spring, Texas is 6-1 with two knockouts. The 36-year-old has wins over three undefeated fighters in Kathryn Julia Paprocki, Brittany Sims and Mikenna Tansley.

Hernandez is 15-2 with three knockouts. The 33-year-old native of Mexico City has wins over Aida Rodriguez (5-0-2), Vissia Trovato (12-1) and Jocalyn Morales Torres (5-1-2).

On April 22, 2021, Hernandez won the WBA Featherweight title with a technical decision over Jelena Mrdjanovich. Hernandez made two defenses as he defeated Mrdjanovich in the rematch and defeated Melissa Esquivek (12-1).

Hernandez had a very spirited effort in losing a unanimous decision to Amanda Serrano for the undisputed title on February 4th in New York.

The bout can be seen live on DAZN at 8 PM ET

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## **Undefeated Joseph Hicks Jr. in Action TONIGHT in Detroit**

NEW YORK (September 8, 2023) – TONIGHT at the Motor City Casino, undefeated middleweight Joseph Hicks Jr. will be in action against Gilberto Pereira dos Santos.

The six-round bout will feature Hicks, 8-0 with five knockouts fighting near his Grand Rapids home.

The 29 year-old Hicks has wins over Bilal Quintyne (4-0) as well as his last outing when he took a six-round unanimous decision over Ramses Agaton on July 15th in Detroit.

dos Santos of Brazil is 16-13 with 12 knockouts. The veteran has wins over Benito Pascual Dominguez (10-0), Davi Elasquevici (13-0), Luis Carlos de Almeida Castro (5-1) and John David Martinez (11-1).

Hicks is promoted by Salita Promotions.

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# Undefeated Dominic Valle in Action TONIGHT in Plant City, Florida

NEW YORK (September 6, 2023) – TONIGHT at the White Sands Event Center in Plant City, Florida, Undefeated featherweight Dominic Valle will be back in action as he takes on Damian Alcala in a six-round bout.

Valle, who is managed by Split-T Management is 6-09 with five knockouts.

The 22 year-old Valle is from Lutz, Florida and scored a sixth round stoppage over Carlos Rosario (6-1) in Plant City.

Alcala of Chula Vista, California is 7-2 with one knockout. The 29 year-old Alcala has a win over Nestor Luna Alonso. Alcala has won three straight fights, which includes a six-round decision over Eduardo Olorza Rivas on April 28th in Tijuana, Mexico.

Valle is promoted by Pro Box Promotions. The bout can be seen on Pro Box TV at 8 PM ET.

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# Split-T Management Signs Undefeated Featherweight Contender Tiara Brown

NEW YORK (September 4, 2023) -Split-T Management has signed undefeated featherweight contender Tiara Brown to a management contract.

Brown of Lehigh Acres, Florida has an undefeated mark of 15-0 with 10 knockouts.

Brown will be managed by Brian Cohen.

"I am very excited to sign with Split-T Management. I think Brian Cohen has done a great job with the many women boxers that he manages.. I like the feeling I get from that. I like the team, and I am glad to be a part of it. I think Split-T Management will push my career forward and get me in the position that I deserve to be in. I have not had that proper team to push me forward and I see what Split-T Management does with their women. They have had many world champions, and I see myself in that position by the end of this year or early next year," said Brown

Brown began boxing at the age of 12 as her older cousins were amateur boxers . Brown began to try boxing as a means to stay in shape as she was a basketball player and ran track. Brown started to compete and was starting to excel in the sweet science by competing in national competitions, and boxing became a passion of Brown.

Brown went to Columbus State in Columbus, Georgia on a Cross-Country scholarship.

Tiara continued to box and she became USA National champion. Winning the 2012 world Gold medal propelled her to be the

number-one fighter in the world at 125 pounds.. She was the only American to win a Gold Medal on a team that included two-time Olympic Gold Medal winner Claressa Shields, U.S. Olympian Mikaela Mayer, Christina Cruz and future undisputed world champion Franchon Crews DeZurn. The 5'7" Brown had approximately 80 amateur fights.

Brown turned professional on September 30, 2016 with a first round stoppage over Khadija Sanders in Washington, D.C. Her undefeated resume includes wins over Vanessa Bradford (5-1-2), Jennifer Martinez (2-0) and her last fight when she defeated 42-fight veteran Lilliana Martinez on June 30th in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Brown is trained by Monyette Flowers

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## **Split-T Management Fighters Andreas Katzourakis and Dontae Layne Impressive in Atlanta**

NEW YORK (August 29, 2023) -Split-T Management fighters turned in impressive outings over the weekend.

Friday night in Atlanta, Andreas Katzourakis came off the deck to score an eighth and final round stoppage over Raphael Igbokwe in a middleweight contest.

Just 30 seconds into the fight, Igbokwe dropped Katzourakis with a short left.

That was short lived as Katzourakis turned things around and

started to take control of the fight as early as round two.

In round five, Katzourakis had a big round as he hurt Igbokwe several times with big flurries. In round eight, Katzourakis poured on the pressure and landed 11 unanswered and flush shots that forced a referee stoppage at 2:18.

The performance from Katzourakis drew great reviews from fans who were commenting on social media, as most were looking forward to seeing the Greek warrior in action very soon.

Katzourakis, 160 lbs of Athens, GRE is now 11-0 with nine knockouts. Igbokwe, 160 lbs of Houston, TX is 16-5.

Donte Layne made a terrific pro debut by stopping Nathan Mitchell in the opening round of their four-round super middleweight bout.

In round one, Layne dumped Mitchell on the canvas with a hard left hand. Seconds later, Layne landed another hard left hand to the head that put Mitchell down and out at 2:29.

Layne, 166.8 lbs of Elmhurst, NY is 1-0 with one knockout. Mitchell, 166 lbs of Tupelo, MS is 0-2-1.

The 20 year-old Layne is a native of Elmont, New York.

Layne began boxing at the age of eight after his family would have backyard fights, and young Donte wanted to go to the gym.

Layne had an 85 fight amateur career that saw him go 74-11. He won the 2015 and 2017 Junior Olympics as well as a 2017 Silver Gloves title. Layne also won four U.S. National titles, which included the 2021 Elite National Championship and the 2022 Elite National Golden Gloves and National Championship.

He competed at 165 pounds and will campaign as a super middleweight in the professional ranks.

The 6'1" Layne is trained by Anthony Santiago and Kenyatta

Harris.

Mitchell of Senatobia, Mississippi is 0-1-1.

Saturday night San Juan, Puerto Rico, featherweight Yan Santana kept his perfect knockout streak intact as he stopped previously undefeated Jostin Ortiz Maysonet in round one of their six-round bout.

With the win, the 23 year-old native of La Romana, Dominican Republic is 9-0 with nine knockouts. Maysonet is the third straight undefeated fighter to fall to the emerging Santana and he is now 4-1.

Saturday night at The Showboat in Atlantic City, Split-T Management's Christopher Pearson battled to a 10-round split draw with Derrick Webster in fight for the NBA Super Middleweight world title.

The bout was closely contested with Pearson landing the harder blows and very good body work.

Each fighter won a card 96-94 and a third card was even at 95-95.

Pearson is now 17-3-1. Webster is 29-4-1.

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## **Boxing Industry Veteran Sarah Fina Joins Split-T Management**

NEW YORK (August 29, 2023) – Boxing industry veteran Sarah Fina has joined Split-T Management as an associate manager.

In her role, Fina will sign and bring talent to boxing's top

management firm.

"I am really excited to be part of a team like Split-T Management. David McWater has given me the opportunity to thrive in a position that is fulfilling for me, and I am excited to work with my new colleagues and sign elite talent to Split-T," said Fina.

Born in Los Angeles and now calling Brooklyn home, Fina has served in many capacities in the boxing business by working for promoters like Gary Shaw and Greg Cohen as well as individual fighters such as undisputed lightweight champion Devin Haney.

Due to Fina's nearly two-decade run in boxing, she has acquired many connections around the world, which will help her bring future world champions to the Split-T Management roster.

Fina's first acquisition to Split-T Management was bringing former interim world champion Elhem Makhaled to the management company.

"I am excited to give Elhem new opportunities in the American market. We have already done great things like fighting for the undisputed world title. She is very marketable and beautiful. Elhem is very talented and she will become world champion."

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**Andreas Katzourakis, Luis Acosta, Czarina McCoy & The**



# Pro Debut of Donte Layne Tonight in Atlanta

NEW YORK (August 23, 2023) – Tonight in Atlanta, Four Split-T Management fighters will be featured on week for of the OTX Boxing Series that will be streamed live on DAZN beginning at 8:30 PM ET.

In an eight-round middleweight bout, undefeated **Andreas Katzourakis** will take on Raphael Igbokwe.

Katzourakis of Athens, Greece and now makes Los Angeles home, is 10-0 with eight knockouts. The 25 year-old has wins over Edward Brown (7-1) and Rodrigo Octavio Gonzalez (5-1-2). Katzourakis is coming off a fifth round stoppage over Marcelo Fabian Bzowski on June 17th in Houston.

Igbokwe of Houston is 16-4 with seven knockouts. The 30 year-old has two wins over Genc Plana as well as victories over Juan Carlos Rodriguez (18-2).

In a six-round lightweight fight, **Luis Acosta** will fight Christian Barreto Gonzalez.

Acosta of Houston is 13-1 with 12 knockouts. The heavy-handed 27 year-old Acosta won his first 12 bouts and is coming off a fourth round stoppage over Abdel Saucedo (11-1) on August 13, 2022 in Houston.

Gonzalez of Arecibo, Puerto Rico is 9-0 with seven knockouts. The 26 year-old Gonzalez is coming off a fifth round stoppage over Willy Morrillo Sanchez on August 5, 2022 in The Dominican Republic.

In a six-round lightweight contest, **Czarina McCoy** will be making her Split-T debut when she takes on Carisse Brown.

McCoy of Las Vegas is 11-1 with three knockouts. The 22 year-

old McCoy is coming off a 10-round unanimous decision over Monica Henao on December 17, 2022 in Mexico.

Brown of Lakeland, Florida is 9-6 with six knockouts. The 36 year-old Brown has a win over previously undefeated Alicia Amaro (3-0)

In a four-round super middleweight fight, **Donte Layne** will make his pro debut against Nathan Mitchell.

The 20 year-old Layne is a native of Elmont, New York.

Layne began boxing at the age of eight after his family would have backyard fights, and young Donte wanted to go to the gym.

Layne had an 85 fight amateur career that saw him go 74-11. He won the 2015 and 2017 Junior Olympics as well as a 2017 Silver Gloves title. Layne also won four U.S. National titles, which included the 2021 Elite National Championship and the 2022 Elite National Golden Gloves and National Championship.

He competed at 165 pounds and will campaign as a super middleweight in the professional ranks.

The 6'1" Layne is trained by Anthony Santiago and Kenyatta Harris.

Mitchell of Senatobia, Mississippi is 0-1-1.

Saturday night at The Showboat in Atlantic City, in a 10-round bout featuring **Christopher Pearson** taking on Derrick Webster for the NBA Super Middleweight championship.

Pearson of Selma, Texas is 17-3 with 12 knockouts. The 32-year-old Pearson won his first 13 bouts with wins over Arturo Crespin (10-2-1), Acaclo Jose Fereira (13-0-1), Steven Martinez (15-1), Siad El Harrak (12-2) and Janks Trotter (9-1-1). Pearson also has wins over Joshua Okine (28-6-1) and world title challenger Yamaguchi Falcao (16-0).

Webster of Glassboro, New Jersey has a record of 29-4 with 14 knockouts. The 41 year-old Webster is a 14 year-professional who has defeated Obodai Sai (23-1), Thomas Awimbono (25-5), Frankie Filippone (22-5-1), Francisco Cordero (38-9) and his last outing when he won a six-round unanimous decision over Christian Thomas on April 29th in Philadelphia.

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## **Split-T Management Signs Amateur Standout Donte Layne**

NEW YORK (August 23, 2023) – Split-T Management is pleased to announce the signing of Donte Layne to an exclusive management contract.

The 20 year-old Layne is a native of Elmont, New York.

Layne began boxing at the age of eight after his family would have backyard fights, and young Donte wanted to go to the gym.

Layne had an 85 fight amateur career that saw him go 74-11. He won the 2015 and 2017 Junior Olympics as well as a 2017 Silver Gloves title. Layne also won four U.S. National titles, which included the 2021 Elite National Championship and the 2022 Elite National Golden Gloves and National Championship.

He competed at 165 pounds and will campaign as a super middleweight in the professional ranks.

“I am excited to sign with Split-T Management. I am ready to show the world who I am, I was an elite amateur and now I am going to show my skills as a professional,” said Layne.

Layne is already preparing for his pro debut, which is slated for August 25th.

“I have been getting a steady flow in camp. I have been working on distance and head movement. I am ready to put on a show on August 25th,”

The 6’1” Layne is trained by Anthony Santiago and Kenyatta Harris.

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## **Split-T Management Signs Former Interim World Champion Elhem Mekhaled**

NEW YORK (August 23, 2023) – Split-T Management has signed former Interim world champion Elhem Mekhaled to a managerial contract.

Mekhaled, 32 years-old of Lyon, France has a record of 16-2 with three knockouts.

“I am very excited to sign with Split-T Management because they are a great management team. They have a lot of boxers who are at a high level and world champions like Teofimo Lopez. I look forward to getting good fights and big opportunities. I hope to fight again for the world title. Not only is my goal to become a world champion, but an undisputed champion,” said Mekhaled.

Mekhaled began boxing at the age of 20 as there was a boxing coach at school, and Elhem saw the ring and wanted to try her hand at the sweet science. Mekhaled then had a 40-fight amateur career that saw her make the Algerian National team.

Mekhaled turned professional on November 12, 2016 with a four-round unanimous decision over Jacinthe Berenguer. Mekhaled won

her first 15 fights that saw her defeat Pauline Leconte (1-0-1).

On March 16, 2019, Mekhaled won the WBC Interim Super Featherweight title with a 10-round unanimous decision over Danila Ramos (7-0) in Barcelona. On February 4th, Mekhaled fought unified world champion Alycia Baumgardner for the Undisputed 130-lb title at The Theater at Madison Square Garden.

Elhem fought a valiant fight but came up just short in a gritty effort. Mekhaled is coming off a eight-round unanimous decision over Yuliya Kutsenko on May 28th in France.

The signing of Mekhaled is a collaboration and team effort between Split-T Management employees Sarah Fina and Brian Cohen.

Elhem trains in Paris under Joseph Germain.

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## **LeAnna Cruz, Asa Stevens and Javier Zamarron Remain Undefeated in Atlanta**

NEW YORK (August 22, 2023) – Four Split-T Management fighters remained undefeated over the weekend.

Friday night in Atlanta, LeAnna Cruz remained undefeated with a six-round unanimous decision over Maryguenn Vellinga in a flyweight bout.

Cruz landed 88 of 271 punches. Vellinga was 34 of 224.

Cruz, 111.6 lbs of Allentown, PA won by scores of 60-54 on all cards and is 6-0. Vellinga, 111.2 lbs of Park City, UT is 4-4-2.

Asa Stevens remained undefeated with a four-round split decision over D'Angelo Hopgood in a super bantamweight fight.

Stevens, 121.7 lbs of Waianae, HI won by scores of 40-36, 39-37 and Hopgood took a card 39-37.

Stevens landed 66 of 205 punches. Hopgood was 67 of 273.

Stevens is 5-0. Hopgood, 121.2 lbs of Milwaukee is 2-2-1.

Javier Zamarron remained undefeated with a four-round unanimous decision over Sabastian Santiago in a featherweight bout.

In round one, Zamarron dropped Santiago with a perfect counter left to the head.

In round four, Zamarron with cut around the right eye,

Zamarron landed 87 of 265 punches. Santiago was 52 of 307.

Zamarron, 128.2 lbs of Milwaukee won by scores of 40-35 on all cards and is now 5-0. Santiago, 128.4 lbs of Cidra, PR is 0-2.

In The Dominican Republic, new Split-T signee Shamara Woods took a four-round unanimous decision over Rocio De Leon Query. Woods of Allentown, PA is now 3-0.

Woods will be right back in action as she will fight on a Probox TV card on September 20th in Plant City, Florida.