

THOMAS MATTICE VS. ISAAC CRUZ OFFICIAL WEIGHTS, QUOTES AND PHOTOS FOR SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION TOMORROW LIVE ON SHOWTIME®

PHILADELPHIA – February 13, 2020 – Rising lightweight prospect and ShoBox: The New Generation veteran Thomas Mattice and hard-hitting Isaac Cruz both made weight a day before their ShoBox main event on Friday, February 14 live on SHOWTIME (10 p.m. ET/PT) from 2300 Arena in Philadelphia, Pa.

Cleveland's Mattice (15-1-1, 11 KOs) will be making his sixth appearance on the prospect developmental series and is coming off his most significant win to date, an eighth-round TKO of previously undefeated Michael Dutchover last September on ShoBox. The 21-year-old Cruz (18-1-1, 14 KOs), currently ranked No. 7 by the IBF, has scored knockouts in 11 of his last 14 fights since suffering the only loss of his career in just his sixth professional fight.

In the co-featured bout, undefeated super bantamweight Ra'eese Aleem (15-0, 9 KOs), of Las Vegas by way of Muskegon, Mich., will take on ShoBox veteran and San Antonio resident Adam Lopez (19-3-2, 9 KOs) in an eight-round 122-pound bout. In a matchup of undefeated super lightweights, Cleveland's Montana Love (12-0-1, 6 KOs) returns to ShoBox in an eight-round showdown with New Orleans' Jerrico Walton (16-0, 7 KOs). In the opening bout of the telecast, undefeated super welterweights Derrick Coleman Jr. (11-0, 8 KOs), of Detroit, and Joseph Jackson (15-0, 12 KOs), of North Carolina, will square off in an eight-round 154-pound bout.

Tickets for the event, which is promoted by GH3 Promotions and King's Promotions are \$100, \$75 and \$50 and be purchased at www.2300arena.com

The four-fight telecast is the third of four ShoBox presentations over six weeks showcasing some of boxing's brightest young prospects in their toughest tests to date. Hall of Famer Barry Tompkins will call the action from ringside with fellow Hall of Famer 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.

FINAL WEIGHTS

Lightweight 10-Round Bout

Thomas Mattice – 133 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Isaac Cruz – 134 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

Super Bantamweight 8-Round Bout

Ra'eese Aleem – 122 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

Adam Lopez – 123 lbs.

Super Lightweight 8-Round Bout

Montana Love – 139 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

Jerrico Walton – 140 lbs.

Super Welterweight 8-Round Bout

Derrick Coleman Jr. – 154 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

Joseph Jackson – 153 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.

Non-Televised Bouts weights:

Norman Neely 235.7 – Nicolý Clarke 213.1

Rasheed Johnson 146.5 – Omar Garcia 143.1

Eduardo Diogo 115.8 – Jerrod Miner 114.2

James Martin 148.6 – Vincent Floyd 148.7

FINAL QUOTES:

Thomas Mattice

"I had a great camp. I'm excited to have a big ring in this fight. We're going to be all over that ring. You're going to see some beautiful combinations. All night long. I have a great game plan. I hope I can end the fight in spectacular fashion, but I'm not going to rush anything. I will just see how he comes out, and adjust and fight my fight.

"I feel like a whole different person. I feel motivated. I feel great. I'm right on weight and I had no problems making it. We worked on a lot in this camp. I don't want to say too much, I just want to go out there and show it. But you will definitely see a different Thomas Mattice. My skills are a lot better than what you guys have seen on ShoBox.

"A win in this fight would mean a lot. What it could do for my career, I'm not sure. I hear he's ranked No. 7 by the IBF, so a win should put me in a really nice position. I think I should be really close to some big money fights. I'm 29 years old, but I'm a young 29. I'm not rushing.

"I really don't know much about my opponent. I just know that he is a really tough fighter. I know that he likes to come forward. But I am used to that because that's the type of guys I've been fighting a lot. I just will fight my style and I'm confident in the outcome."

Isaac Cruz

"Fighting in Brooklyn was very different from fighting in Mexico. Everything from the hand wrapping, to the commission to the medicals. But the guy I faced [Miguel Perez] talked a lot, he was dirty. But I'm happy I have that experience of fighting in the U.S., it will help me both physically and emotionally for this fight.

"I don't know anything about my opponent. I fight the same fight no matter who I'm facing. I really like to attack. I'm a pitbull. I'm used to facing guys that are taller than me. This is nothing new for me. My grandfather was a fighter and my

father was a fighter. We all fight the same way, on the inside.

"I come to put on a show. I always come forward and the fans will enjoy my style. I really need to connect on my punches, either on the body or the head. I need to alternate my angles and throw a lot of punches."

Ra'eese Aleem

"I'm an aggressive fighter. I'm exciting. I have fast hands. I have good boxing IQ. I'm naturally southpaw, but I box orthodox. Sometimes it's just instinct, sometimes it's to give my opponent a different look. I think I'm more fluent orthodox.

"I actually haven't seen footage of my opponent. I'm just focused on myself. It feels like just another fight for me. I've been in this arena before and each time I'm here, I put on a great show. I stopped [Marcus] Bates here and I fought [Ramiro] Robles here and I stopped him in the first round. I think I just have good luck here.

"I moved from Michigan to Vegas, and that really helped turn my career around. I used to travel around a lot to train, and when I came to Vegas to train with Nonito Donaire, I realized that this was what I wanted to do. It was a great decision and has put me on the path I want to be on.

"I was in the karate gym at the age of three. I got my black belt by the age of 13, and started boxing at 14. It's hard going fight to fight, paycheck to paycheck. But I really think I'm close to better days ahead.

"The ultimate goal is to win a world title and to defend my title. I want to do that and everything that comes along with that. The pay days, the other doors that will open, the sponsorships. I want to be the best I can be. I don't think I'm too far away. I feel like I'm knocking on the door. I just

have to stay consistent and this is a great opportunity for me. I want to win, and I want to look good doing it.”

Adam Lopez

“I think both physically and mentally, having three wins in a row is a huge help. In the past, I’ve been inconsistent. But I’m feeling really good right now. I feel like I’ve gotten over that hump and I have my confidence back. They offered me this fight and I think it’s a fight that I can definitely win. Aleem is an overall good fighter, but he’s nothing that I haven’t seen before.

“If I’m going to test myself, I need to get in there against a guy that’s good. How am I going to know that I’m back to where I need to be if I don’t test myself? I feel like a different fighter than the last time I was on ShoBox. I had a great camp, sparring against young fighters. There was no slacking off. I made a few subtle changes during this camp and I feel great.

“I have a sense of urgency with this fight. This is my eighth time on ShoBox. There was a sense of urgency the seventh time I was on ShoBox. I just have to go out there and stop this guy. I want to get on SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING. I want to get on bigger cards with world title fights.

“I think that I’ve been through more than Aleem in the ring. He is a good, fast fighter but I have a little bit more experience than him. He’s fought a lot of journeymen, so I think I’m a big step-up for him.”

Montana Love

“I took some time off after my last fight because I was fighting back-to-back. Then we just had some management issues, but everything worked out and I’m ready to go. I’ve been busy in the gym. I don’t feel right if I don’t go to the gym. I need to be around that atmosphere. It’s my second home.

Boxing is my priority and when the time comes, I put my all into it.

"This fight means a lot. I'm facing another undefeated guy. He's 16-0 so we're not taking him lightly. This fight is a hump. If I can get over this, it will bring me to a whole different level. I think I have a major advantage with my hand speed. During camp, I prepared for both an inside fight and an outside fight. I've always worked on that, since my amateur days. The fight is won in the preparation.

"I'm not happy with my performance my last time on ShoBox against [Kenneth] Sims. I just felt off. I wasn't myself. I'm usually more elusive in there. It was an off night. I think I over-trained. For this fight, I'm facing a guy with not much of an amateur background. I've been doing this my whole life. I've put everything into boxing.

"My name is Montana 'Too Pretty' Love and I'm fighting on Valentine's Day, so I will be giving a lot of love out tomorrow night. I've got something special planned."

Jerrico Walton

"I sparred with one of the best southpaws around for this fight, O'Shaquie Foster. He gave me great work and really prepared me well for Montana.

"My best friend was murdered in front of me before the [Dedrick] Bell fight, which is why I think my performance wasn't great. That wasn't the real me in the ring that night, but I fought because I think my friend would have wanted me to.

"I never thought I'd be at this point in my life. Through all my trials and tribulations, it's surreal. I don't think it's even hit me yet. Being here, I want people to know my story. I want to have an impact on somebody's life, just to show them that no matter what, you can change. You can be unique. You

can be different. You can be successful. I want to use this fight to tell the world my story and have an impact on somebody's life.

"We have a good game plan for Montana, and I think we'll be successful tomorrow night. Before I got with Ronnie Shields, I was just a counter-puncher. Now, my style has changed completely. I think the world will see that on Friday night that I'm much more versatile. I can fight on the inside, I can box and I have much better defense than I had before.

"I didn't know much about Roberto Duran when I was first given my nickname. When I learned about him, I thought to myself that I need to live up to that name. I need to keep that name alive, 'Hands of Stone'. There's a lot to live up to and those are big gloves to fill."

Derrick Colemon Jr.

"Emanuel Steward was a huge influence for me. He was that guy. I was just a little kid and he put all of this attention into me, so that meant a ton. I was at his house every day after school. He would cook for me. He would give me pointers and invest a lot of time into me. We watched fights together. He was like a grandfather to me. I knew the whole Kronk crew growing up and Gerald McClellan was my favorite fighter growing up in Detroit.

"Kronk is in my blood. We're animals. I come from the original Kronk gym. I trained in Los Angeles for this fight because of the experience. There's really good sparring there. I sparred with a lot of Russian Olympians. It was invaluable experience for me.

"I don't know much about my opponent. I just know that he's 31 years old. It's desperation time for him. We watched very little video on him. I just need to be myself, fight my fight, and stay within myself. I can box and I can bang.

"If you haven't seen me fight before, you're going to see a nice jab. Good body punches. And once I see how my opponent is reacting, I'll go from there. Whatever I need to do to adjust, I'll go from there. I can fight from range or in close. I don't have any nerves. I feel like I've been here before. I want the boxing fans to say that I'm next up after they watch me Friday night."

Joseph Jackson

"I feel good. I feel like a kid in a candy store. I just like going to show off, show out, and show new eyes what I can do. This is a chance to show America what I can do. I can be a boxer or I can be a brawler. I like to come forward. I have a strong punch and I'm in great condition.

"We've seen a little bit of my opponent. But we don't really go off what our opponent does. We just glanced at him to see what his style is like, and we go off what we can do best. We'll just adjust as the fight goes on. I just need to be myself and do what I do best.

"I'm always learning. I'm learning on the go because I had such a late start. But I'm doing a good job of learning from the guys I've been in camp with. Of course I'm a late bloomer but I'm doing well on the go. There's definitely a sense of urgency because of my age. This is not just for me, but for my family and my kids. I have the maturity advantage. I think that is what will propel me to victory.

"I had a couple offers for football coming out of high school, but I wanted to go out and work and provide for my daughter. I got a job out of high school at UPS, and then I got into boxing by just trying to stay athletic and stay in shape. Now I'm a fulltime fighter. It makes all the difference. Mentally, it's all I need to focus on – just boxing and providing for my kids.

"I sparred with Tony Harrison when he was preparing for

Jermell Charlo. He was a great guy to be around. It was a great experience and I'm a better fighter because of it. I stay in the gym. What I learned from the Harrison camp, I brought into my camp. We had great sparring. I stayed consistent, stayed on-weight. This is a great opportunity for me. North Carolina doesn't have the best reputation in boxing, but I'm going to break that curse tomorrow night."

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RISING LIGHTWEIGHT PROSPECT THOMAS MATTICE TO FACE ISAAC CRUZ GONZALEZ IN MAIN EVENT OF SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 LIVE ON SHOWTIME®

NEW YORK – January 22, 2020 – Rising lightweight prospect Thomas Mattice will face hard-hitting Isaac Cruz Gonzalez in the 10-round main event of ShoBox: The New Generation on Friday, February 14 live on SHOWTIME from 2300 Arena in Philadelphia.

The four-fight telecast is the third of four ShoBox presentations over six weeks showcasing some of boxing's brightest young prospects in their toughest tests to date, including super lightweight prospect Shohjahon Ergashev and super middleweight Vladimir Shishkin, who were victorious on January 17. On January 31, featherweight Ruben Villa and welterweight Taras Shelestyuk will be tested and on February 28, super lightweight Malik Hawkins and welterweight Richardson Hitchins face tough opposition.

In the co-featured bout on February 14, undefeated super bantamweight Raeese Aleem (15-0, 9 KOs), of Las Vegas, will take on ShoBox veteran and San Antonio native Adam Lopez (19-3-2, 9 KOs) in an eight-round 122-pound bout. In a matchup of undefeated junior welterweights, Cleveland's Montana Love (12-0-1, 6 KOs) returns to ShoBox in an eight-round showdown

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Cleveland's Mattice (15-1-1, 11 KOs) is coming off his most significant win to date, an eight-round TKO of previously undefeated Michael Dutchover last September on ShoBox. The fight was stopped due to a deep gash on Dutchover caused by a clean right hand from Mattice. The judges' scorecards were split at the time of the stoppage. Mattice will be making his sixth start on the prospect developmental series, including a close loss to Will Madera in 2019, a split decision win and a split draw with Zhora Hamazaryan in 2018, and a knockout of Rolando Chinea. The 29-year-old hopes a convincing win over the top-10 ranked Gonzalez will move him closer to a world title shot.

"A win would be huge for my career and put me in a great position," Mattice said. "It would put me in the conversation with the top dogs of the division. I have to put on a great performance and let all those top fighters know that I'm here and ready to fight anyone. It's a must-win for me, but it's a big fight for both of us. He is ranked No. 7 by the IBF so this has the feel of a big fight. I think a win would put me in the top-10."

Gonzalez (18-1-1, 14 KOs), of Mexico City, has scored knockouts in 11 of his last 14 fights since suffering only loss of his career in just his sixth professional fight. The 22-year-old owns a career-best knockout of former interim world title challenger Jose Felix Jr. in 2018. Currently ranked No. 7 by the IBF at 135 pounds, Gonzalez made his U.S.

debut in December on the non-televised undercard of the Jermall Charlo vs. Dennis Hogan event at Barclays Center in Brooklyn last December.

"I am excited to be fighting in the United States and I am thrilled for my fight to be shown on SHOWTIME," said Gonzalea. "So many fighters started their career on ShoBox and have become World Champions."

Aleem compiled a 65-10 record as an amateur and was a five-time Golden Gloves State Champion in Michigan. He finished third at the National Golden Gloves in 2010 and 2011 before turning professional in 2011. The 29-year-old recently relocated his training camp to Las Vegas, where he has sparred with Jessie Magdaleno, Nonito Donaire and Jhack Tepora. Aleem, who is trained by Terry Markowski, will face the toughest test of his career in the veteran Lopez.

"All my hard work is paying off and now I get to show it on the big stage," Aleem said. "I am looking forward to earning new fans and staying on a roll. I know Lopez is a really tough fighter with something to prove. He's been here before so I know he's ready for the challenge. This is a steppingstone to ultimately get where I want to be, and that's fighting for a world title, bigger paydays and more exposure. Ultimately, I don't just want to win, I want to dominate. Winning isn't good enough – I also have to look good while doing it."

Lopez was an accomplished amateur who won six national titles and held a No. 1 ranking, but he has had an up and down career as a pro. The 29-year-old started his career with 15 straight victories yet he has suffered a few setbacks as his level of opposition has dramatically increased. Lopez was undefeated and one win away from challenging for a world championship before losing to current unified 122-pound champion Daniel Roman in a title eliminator in 2017 on SHOWTIME. Lopez, who will break his own record of ShoBox appearances when he steps into the ring for the eighth time, will face his sixth

undefeated opponent on the series as he looks to get his career back on track.

“Aleem is a pretty good fighter, but I think my experience is going to be a factor,” Lopez said. “He hasn’t fought top-tier guys with the exception of Marcus Bates. I have been in the big fights and this is his first time doing this. I am on a three-fight winning streak and I have rededicated myself to the sport. I have a new trainer, Chato Martinez, and a whole new camp. I can’t wait to show that I am back.”

The flashy Love was an accomplished amateur who compiled a 174-13 record. The 25-year-old southpaw will return for his third test on ShoBox as he seeks a convincing victory. In his first bout on the series, he won a majority decision over Samuel Teah in 2018 and followed that up with a split draw a few months later against Kenneth Sims Jr. Love, who has sparred with Adrien Broner and Robert Easter Jr., will face what should be his most dangerous opponent in the fellow-undefeated Walton.

“Walton is a decent fighter, but I feel he is still green and he doesn’t have that much experience,” Love said. “I know he is tough, but I am taking this to the next level. He’s just a stepping stone. It’s exciting to fight under the bright lights. Some guys fold, but I was made for this. I am not looking past him, but this will take my career to the next level. We are both undefeated and not many guys take risks like this, but this shows I am a true fighter. My name is Montana “Too Pretty Love” and I am fighting on Valentine’s Day, so I will be giving a lot of love out on February 14.”

The 29-year-old Walton was born and raised in New Orleans, where he rescued his mother and sister from the flood waters of Hurricane Katrina when he was just 13 years old. Left homeless, the family relocated to Houston, where Walton competed as an amateur. Walton turned professional in 2014 and has been perfect through his first 16 fights, including a

career-best win over former super bantamweight world champion Victor Terrazas in 2019. The boxer-puncher, who is trained by Bobby Benton and fought six times last year, will face the first undefeated opponent of his career in Love.

"I have seen Montana fight before. I know he is flashy in the Adrien Broner mode, but other than that I do not know too much about him," Walton said. "This opportunity is a blessing. The world is going to get to see me and hear my story. I'm from New Orleans and it was a struggle for me growing up, so this is a great opportunity. I never in a million years thought that I would be in this position. I just need to seize the moment and get the victory."

Just 20 years old, Coleman started boxing at the age of 4 and honed his craft at the original Kronk Gym under Emanuel Steward until his passing in 2012. Coleman had a 135-fight amateur career and was a four-time national amateur champion in the junior division. He turned professional when he was 18 years old and has eight knockouts in his first 11 professional fights. Coleman, who is trained by Marlon Thomas, will face by far the toughest test of his career in Jackson, a fellow undefeated yet untested prospect.

"I am physically and mentally prepared more than I ever have been," Coleman said. "I know Jackson is undefeated and tough, so I know I'm in for a big test. This is the next step in my career, and I feel that I will be not only the next great champion that has fought on ShoBox, but the next great fighter out of Detroit. I am ready to show the world my talents. February 14 will put my name in the minds of boxing fans all over the world."

The 31-year-old Jackson got a late start as a professional yet has been active, including three fights in 2019 and three in 2018. He has 12 KOs in 15 fights, including knockouts in seven of his last eight bouts. The Greensboro native will fight outside of North Carolina for the first time in his career

when he takes on the undefeated Colemon.

"I know Colemon is tough, and he had a long amateur career," Jackson said. "He will come to fight, but I prepare for anything. That is what this sport is all about. I am looking forward to showcasing my talent to the world."

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MICHAEL DUTCHOVER vs. THOMAS MATTICE FINAL WEIGHTS, QUOTES & PHOTOS FOR SHOBOX TRIPLEHEADER TOMORROW LIVE ON SHOWTIME®

MIDLAND, Texas – September 19, 2019 – Midland native and undefeated Michael Dutchover and highly regarded lightweight prospect Thomas Mattice both made weight a day before their main event showdown on ShoBox: The New Generation Friday, September 20 live on SHOWTIME (10:30 p.m. ET/PT).

Dutchover (13-0, 10 KOs) is making his second appearance on ShoBox and is fighting in his hometown for the first time as a professional. Dutchover said he would enter the ring wearing the high school football jersey of Midland legend and former NFL star Cedric Benson, who was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident on August 17 in Austin. Cleveland's Mattice (14-1-1, 10 KOs) will be fighting on ShoBox for a fifth time.

In the co-feature, undefeated featherweight prospects Ruben Villa (16-0, 5 KOs) of Salinas, Calif., and Garcia Promotions' talent Enrique Vivas (17-0, 9 KOs) of Mexico City clash in a 10-round matchup. In the telecast opener, super lightweight prospect Brandun Lee (15-0, 13 KOs), of La Quinta, Calif., will face Milton Arauz (10-1-1, 5 KOs), of Jinotega, Nicaragua in an eight-round bout.

Tickets for the event, which is promoted by Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing in association with GH3 Promotions, Garcia

Promotions and Now Boxing Promotions, are priced at \$120, \$100 and \$80 and can be purchased online at www.haciendamidland.com or by calling 432-563-3737.

FINAL WEIGHTS, REFEREES AND JUDGES

Lightweight 10-Round Bout

Michael Dutchover – 134 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.

Thomas Mattice – 134 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.

Referee: Robert Velez

Judges: Jesse Reyes (Dallas), Ursaio Perez (San Antonio),
Ruben Carrion (San Antonio)

Featherweight 10-Round Bout

Ruben Villa – 125 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.

Enrique Vivas – 126 lbs.

Referee: Robert Velez (El Paso, Texas)

Judges: Jesse Reyes (Dallas), Ursaio Perez (San Antonio),
Ruben Carrion (San Antonio)

Welterweight 8-Round Bout

Brandun Lee – 142 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Milton Arauz – 142 lbs.

Referee: Daniel Sandoval (El Paso, Texas)

Judges: TBA

In Non-Televised action, Mattheus Avrella Lamarque and Marquese Steward each weighed 135 lbs. Lamaque is promoted by Banner Promotions.

Here's what the fighters had to say before they weighed in at the Doubletree by Hilton.

FINAL QUOTES:

MICHAEL DUTCHOVER

"This is just like another fight. My family lives here, but I'm staying at the fight hotel and treating it like any other fight. The location doesn't matter but I'm glad it's here

though. The ring is my home, so I fight at home every fight.

"Everyone knows football is king here, but my dream has come true and it is time for Friday Night Lights, boxing-style.

"Training camp at the Santa Fe Springs Boxing Club went great with my trainer Danny Zamora. We peaked at the right time. We're just ready to go.

"Cedric Benson is a Midland legend and went to my arch-rival high school Midland Lee High. I grew up seeing him star here locally and then play in the NFL. He was a true inspiration for me and all aspiring athletes from Midland.

"August 31 is a tragic day for all of Midland and West Texas as five people were gunned down here. For the past few weeks everyone has been sad, but I feel this is a perfect time to bring some happiness and positivity to the area.

"My last fight was quick, but you can never be a perfect boxer and you can always get better. So we worked on some things and Friday night I'm going to show how I've improved.

"My ring generalship and just being calm in the ring is what I've focused on. The fight is won in training camp and I'm in the best shape I've been in."

THOMAS MATTICE:

"This will be a tough test, but we're ready. The crowd might 'ooh' and 'ahh', but I won't hear it. The crowd means nothing because what it boils down to is two men in a square.

"People expect me to start slow and that's what I've shown, but you'll see something different from me right from the start.

"There is a regional WBO belt on the line so it's a big fight. Whoever wins will be ranked after this fight.

"I'm going to be on point tomorrow night. When I get hit, it's

because I do something stupid. That's not going to happen this time."

RUBEN VILLA:

"I feel like I adjusted OK in my last fight on ShoBox against an awkward fighter. It was a good learning experience. I can keep my composure and I know that if I'm in a dog fight, I can adjust and go into deep waters. My opponent will start to fade around round six and I can drown him.

"I feel like quiet and soft-spoken doesn't get you very far, so I plan to be a little more aggressive.

"There aren't many people as fast as me. I feel like my confidence is pretty high right now, but anything can happen.

"I'm a fast fighter and my quick feet are my biggest attribute. We all know, 'slow feet, don't eat.'

"Going to Robert [Garcia]'s gym in Riverside really helped me because he has a lot of young and hungry guys.

"Shakur Stevenson was my amateur rival and I know he's fighting next for a world title. But my time will come. I predict that within 12 months I will be doing the same."

ENRIQUE VIVAS

"I know I'm fighting a tough and skilled opponent, but I just feel like this is my time. We're both Olympians and have had success. We know each other and have sparred together. This is a once in a lifetime chance for us and we jumped on it. It's too big an opportunity to pass up.

"For this fight we decided to train in Otomi, Mexico. My trainers are Mario and Ramon Morales and they have many years of experience as they were trainers for Marco Antonio Barrera and they also helped me train when I won the regional WBF North America belt and the Latin American WBC belt.

“Villa is a very intelligent fighter with good technique. He’s not an easy fighter but we are prepared and look forward to getting the victory.

“I’m excited to fight on SHOWTIME. I fought on television once before against Edixon Perez, who was supposed to fight Diego De La Hoya in Mexicali, and I got the victory; I’m looking for the same result on my second televised fight.

“He is a good technical puncher and I know his style and that he won’t be too aggressive. So we’ve worked on how to close the ring. It’s a great style matchup and we expect an exciting fight.

“[His promoter] Mikey Garcia always watches my fights and gives me advice. He has taught me to fight more intelligently and always tells me to be patient. He’s my idol. I appreciate his guidance.”

BRANDUN LEE

“I’m excited to gain some new fight fans and I’m excited for my TV debut. I’ve worked for this my entire life.

“My defense, my speed and my offense are my biggest attributes. You’ll see great boxers who run around and around. I don’t do that. I always have a game plan and can do it all.

“Jaron [Ennis] and I are both managed by Cameron Dunkin and we were in the amateurs together. He has a bright future and we’ve become pretty close friends.

“I’ve gained so much confidence with who I’ve sparred and trained with in the past. I feel like this is just my moment to shine. I’m only 20 years old and still have so much to learn.

“It took me six fights to realize you can’t knock everyone out in the first round. After about 10 professional fights I think I finally started to feel comfortable in there.

“Boxing isn’t a tough-man competition. I don’t have to show that I’m the toughest, I just have to show I’m the most skilled.”

MILTON ARAUZ

“I’ve been here for more than a week and we worked out in California and did some sparring and completed our medicals and paperwork.

“I’m very happy for this opportunity and I’m well prepared. Tomorrow night I’m going to take away an undefeated record. I can’t wait.

“Being on TV for the first time doesn’t affect me. I won’t be nervous. I’m just excited.

“No one knows who I am, but I know I can win this fight. That’s how confident I am. I have to be smart and attack him from the start.

Nicaragua has had a strong history of former boxing champion, guys like Roman “Chocolatito” Gonzalez and Ricardo Mayorga. But Alexis Arguello is my favorite.

“I have a solid team behind me, including Marcos Caballero who is the father of former IBF bantamweight world champion Randy Caballero.”

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TOP PROSPECT MICHAEL DUTCHOVER TO FACE THOMAS MATTICE IN HOMECOMING BOUT ON SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 LIVE FROM MIDLAND, TEXAS

NEW YORK – August 22, 2019 – Undefeated lightweight prospect Michael Dutchover returns to ShoBox: The New Generation seeking to make a statement win in his homecoming fight against Thomas Mattice in the 10-round main event of a three-fight telecast on Friday, September 20 live on SHOWTIME (10:30

p.m. ET/PT) from La Hacienda Event Center in Midland, Texas.

The fast-rising Texan prospect Dutchover (13-0, 10 KOs) returns for his second consecutive test on ShoBox after making an impressive debut in May with a first-round knockout. The 21-year-old prospect will face his toughest test to date in ShoBox veteran Mattice (14-1-1, 10 KOs), a fearless five-year pro that has displayed promising boxing skills in previous appearances on the developmental prospect series.

In a battle of undefeated featherweight prospects, two-time Junior Olympic National Champion and two-time Golden Gloves Champion Ruben Villa (16-0, 5 KOs) will face Garcia Promotions' most coveted prospect, Mexico's Enrique Vivas (17-0, 9 KOs) in a 10-round matchup. In the opening bout, undefeated welterweight prospect Brandun Lee (14-0, 12 KOs) will face an opponent yet to be named.

Tickets for the event, which is promoted by Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing in association with GH3 Promotions, Garcia Promotions and Now Boxing Promotions, are priced at \$120, \$100 and \$80 and can be purchased online at www.haciendamidland.com or by calling 432-563-3737.

"We were able to put together one of the best ShoBox cards we've seen so far this year thanks to the collective efforts of five promoters that didn't shy away from matching their prospects tough," said Gordon Hall, Executive Producer of ShoBox: The New Generation. "We get to see unbeaten Michael Dutchover making his hometown debut in a step-up fight against the talented Thomas Mattice, a match of unbeaten prospects in Villa vs. Vivas and the series debut of a top prospect and former amateur standout Brandun Lee. September 20, is without any doubt, the classic example of what ShoBox is all about."

"We are excited to once again be able to showcase Michael Dutchover and Ruben Villa on ShoBox," said Artie Pelullo, President and CEO, Banner Promotions. "It will be a great

experience for Michael to fight at home and continue his ascension up the ranks. Ruben is ranked very high, so we expect a great performance as he continues to position himself for a world title."

"In a lot of ways this is a coming out party for Michael, but anyone that has followed his career knows he boasts world championship talent and has the dedication to get to the top," said Ken Thompson, President of Thompson Boxing. "Also on the card is Ruben, another supremely talented youngster that will also be in the mix for a world title shot in the near term. Boxing fans who tune in on SHOWTIME are going to see two incredible talents."

Dutchover, of Santa Fe Springs, Calif. by way of Midland, Texas, started boxing at the age of eight, compiling a notable amateur record of 130-17. He was a runner-up at the 2016 National Golden Gloves and a Bronze Medalist in the 2016 Olympic qualifiers, turning pro shortly afterwards. Dutchover, who boasts a 77 percent K0 ratio, has knocked out his last five opponents including durable prospect Rosekie Cristobal in his last outing in just 109 seconds.

Dutchover will wear former NFL running back and legendary Texas Longhorn player Cedric Benson's jersey to the ring on fight night. Benson, who also played football for the renowned Robert E. Lee High School in Midland, was fatally injured in a motorcycle accident on August 17.

"Mattice is a talented fighter, he will bring out the best in me," said Dutchover, who is excited to headline in his hometown. "Fighting at home means everything to me. I have fought mostly in California and on the East Coast. This homecoming is overdue. Like Friday Night Lights, I will be the next big thing from Midland, Texas. I will have my teachers, coaches and classmates there on fight night. I am ready for a big outing."

Mattice, who is making his fifth start on the series, is

looking to rebound after last minute opponent, Will Madera, handed him his first defeat in his last ShoBox appearance. Hailing from Cleveland, Ohio, the 28-year-old lightweight fought to a split-draw in an immediate rematch with Zhora Hamazaryan in September 2018 after winning a controversial split-decision in their first bout. Prior to his back-to-back fights with Hamazaryan, Mattice had won six consecutive bouts via knockout. He scored a decision over Angel Sarinana in his last start in May.

"I am focused and confident," said Mattice. "I haven't watched much on my opponent. I let my team watch and develop the best possible game plan. I know he is a durable guy but I'm coming to win. This is my fifth ShoBox appearance and I feel that shows people recognize my talent and hard work."

"Since day one Thomas Mattice has put his character on the line letting everyone know he doesn't duck anyone," said Mattice's promoter Vito Mielnicki, President of GH3 Promotions. "It's a crossroads fight for both fighters; Mike [Dutchover] is young and hungry and has never been in a top-level fight but has the pedigree, and Thomas has been tested and proven he belongs. It's going to be the fight of the night. I predict Thomas will win by KO."

The 22-year-old Villa of Salinas, Calif., returns for his third consecutive test on ShoBox after scoring a unanimous decision over Luis Alberto Lopez in May and outclassing then-unbeaten Ruben Cervera in January. Villa, who started boxing at the age of five, owns victories over Shakur Stevenson, Devin Haney and Gary Antonio Russell as an amateur (166-17). He turned pro in 2016 and is considered by many a prospect to watch. He hopes to continue his rapid ascension in the featherweight ranks with an exceptional showing against the undefeated Vivas.

"I am looking forward to performing in front of the fans in Texas," said Villa, "I sparred with Enrique Vivas in the past,

he's an aggressive fighter. My team and I put together a good game plan and I'm going to follow it. I think a win here will position me a step closer to a title shot. I hope to be in a title eliminator or championship fight within the next 12-to-18 months. I have my eye on the vacant WBO belt."

Vivas of Texcoco, Mexico, is coming off a unanimous decision victory over Jose Estrella in his United States debut in June. He started training in martial arts and kickboxing from an early age, turning to the sweet science at 17, after a motorcycle accident. As an amateur, he won national, regional and state championships, amassing a 93-7 record. He turned pro in late 2014 and has stayed very active, fighting three-to-five times per year. Nicknamed "El Ejecutor" (The Executioner) for his devastating combinations, the 25-year-old has built his undefeated record against limited opposition and a victory over a gifted prospect like Villa can catapult his rise through the ranks.

"I am very happy I got this opportunity," said Vivas, who is making his television debut on September 20. "Ruben Villa is a very strong southpaw with a lot of experience. He is one of the best featherweights out there. I'm up for the challenge. All of the struggles I have been through in my life have led me here, to this fight. When I fight, I let it all out. It will be a very exciting fight. Don't miss it."

"I'm very excited for Vivas' debut on ShoBox," said four-division champion Mikey Garcia, who is the President of Garcia Promotions. "This is a 50-50 fight. When we agreed to this matchup, we made the decision with a premise in mind that we firmly believe in: We fight the best to be the best. That is and will continue to be the foundation of Garcia Promotions."

Super lightweight prospect Lee, of Coachella, Calif., turned pro at 17 after a stellar amateur run (196-5). He has sparred with Mikey Garcia, Devin Haney and Mauricio Herrera. Trained by his father Bobby, the 20-year-old has built up an 86-

percent knockout ratio. A very active fighter, he has fought Pablo Martinez and Jorge Munguia. A definitive win on his TV debut would help put his name on the map.

"I am very excited and grateful for this opportunity to fight on national television," said Lee. "I am young and any good performance will boost my career in a positive way, whether it is a knockout or decision. I am a boxer-puncher and I can adapt to anything in the ring. I am looking forward to showcasing my skills on national television."

"I can't describe how excited I am about Brandun Lee," said Now Boxing Promotions' Cameron Dunkin, Lee's promoter. "He was 196-5 as an amateur and won 16 National Championships. He is truly gifted and very talented. He's of Korean heritage and his fan base is huge. They really support him. He has an amazing future."

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Thomas Mattice and Roney Hines Get Wins in Cleveland

NUTLEY, NJ – May 13, 2019 – Lightweight Thomas Mattice and heavyweight Roney Hines scored wins on Saturday night at The Agora in Cleveland.

Mattice of Cleveland won a six-round unanimous decision over Angel Sarinana in a six-round bout.

Mattice won by shutout scores of 60-54 on all cards, and raised his record to 14-1-1.

Hines, also of Cleveland, was taken the distance for the 1st time in his career. The 2018 National Golden Gloves champion, Hines won a four-round unanimous decision over previously undefeated David Infante.

Hines won by scores of 40-36 on all cards.

Hines is now 6-0 and will be back in action on June 21st in Sloan, Iowa.

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GH3 Promotions Wade, Mattice and Hines back in May

NUTLEY, NJ – April 22, 2019 – Three members of the GH3 Promotional stable will be back in action next month as super middleweight Dominic Wade, lightweight Thomas Mattice and heavyweight Roney Hines will be back in action.

On May 18th, former middleweight world title challenger Wade will take on Nick Brinson in a ten-round bout for the IB0 International title at the ESA Entertainment & Sports Arena in Washington, D.C.

Wade and Brinson met five years-ago for which Wade took a close unanimous decision.

A week earlier on May 11th at The Agora Theater and Ballroom in Cleveland, Ohio, lightweight Thomas Mattice battles Angel Sarinana, and former National Golden Gloves champion and undefeated heavyweight Roney Hines takes on an opponent to be named in a four-round bout.

Wade of Largo, Maryland has a record of 20-1 with 14 knockouts. Wade, 28, is a 10 year-professional who vaulted up the middleweight rankings with wins over Chris Davis (3-0), Michael Faulk (2-0), Grover Young (4-0), Nick Brinson (16-1-2) and former world champion Sam Soliman.

After challenging world middleweight champion Gennady Golovkin, Wade took two-plus years off, and has comeback with two knockout wins, with the latest being a 5th round stoppage over Josue Obando on February 23rd in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Brinson of Geneva, New York has a record of 19-4-2 with nine knockouts.

The 31 year-old Brinson is an eleven year-pro who has faced quality opposition.

Brinson has wins over Markus Williams (2-0 & 10-2) & Jorge Melendez (26-2-1)

Brinson has won two in a row, and is coming off a 6th round stoppage over Jaime Barboza on June 9th in Verona, New York.

Mattice will be returning to his home of Cleveland, Ohio.

The 28 year-old Mattice has a record of 13-1-1 with 10 knockouts.

Mattice has wins over Robert O'Quinn (4-0), Eliseo Cruz Sesma (9-2-1), Rolando China (15-1-1) and Zhora Hamazaryan (9-0). Mattice is coming off his lone defeat as he dropped a bout to undefeated Will Madera on February 1st in Rochester, New York.

Sarinana of Durango, Mexico has a record of 10-7-2 with four knockouts.

The capable Sarinana has wins over Dimash Niyazov (13-0-3) and former world title challenger Cosme Rivera.

Hines, also from Cleveland was the 2018 National Golden Gloves champion, and has raced out to a perfect mark of 5-0 with five 1st round stoppages.

UNDEFEATED LIGHTWEIGHTS
THOMAS MATTICE AND WILL

MADERA TO CLASH IN NEW CO-FEATURE OF SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION THIS FRIDAY LIVE ON SHOWTIME®

NEW YORK – January 28, 2019 – Undefeated lightweights Thomas Mattice and Will Madera will face off in the new co-feature of this Friday's ShoBox: The New Generation tripleheader live on SHOWTIME from Main Street Armory in Rochester, N.Y.

Mattice (13-0-1, 10 KOs) and Madera (12-0-2, 6 KOs) will meet in an eight-round co-featured bout on the telecast, which begins at 10 p.m. ET/PT and is headlined by the return of undefeated super middleweight prospect Ronald Ellis against once-beaten DeAndre Ware.

The Mattice vs. Madera bout was added to the telecast after unbeaten 140-pound prospect Logan Yoon suffered a knee injury while training to face Richard Zamora.

Mattice, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, returns for his fourth bout on the prospect developmental series. In his last fight, the 28-year-old fought to a split-draw in an immediate rematch with Zhora Hamazaryan on September 28 on ShoBox. Mattice had edged Hamazaryan in a controversial split-decision in July and granted his opponent an immediate rematch. Prior to his first bout with Hamazaryan, Mattice had won six consecutive bouts via knockout.

The 28-year-old Madera is a native of Albany, N.Y. and was a three-time New York Golden Gloves Champion. In his toughest test to date, Madera fought to a draw with then-unbeaten Wesley Ferrer in 2017. Madera, who comes forward and presses the action, will face yet another undefeated opponent in Mattice in his national television debut.

In the opening bout of the telecast, former No. 1-ranked U.S. amateur Abraham Nova (14-0, 10 KOs) will face fellow-unbeaten Oluwaseun Joshua Wahab (16-0, 10 KOs), of Ghana, in an eight-round super featherweight bout.

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Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by GH3 Promotions in association with Greg Cohen Promotions, are priced at \$100 for VIP Ringside, \$50 for Preferred Seating, \$30 for General Admission and \$2,000 for VIP Tables. Tickets can be purchased by calling 585-232-3221.

GH3 PROMOTIONS “FEARSOME FOURSOME” IN ACTION ON FEBRUARY 1 in ROCHESTER, N.Y.

NUTLEY, N.J. – January 14, 2019 – Four members of the GH3 Promotions stable will be in action on Friday, February 1 at The Main Street Armory in Rochester, N.Y.

In the main event, undefeated super middleweight prospect Ronald Ellis returns to ShoBox: The New Generation against DeAndre Ware in the 10-round featured bout live on SHOWTIME at 10 p.m. ET/PT.

In non-televised action, undefeated lightweight Thomas Mattice takes on Exequiel Lozano in a ten-round bout, former world middleweight title challenger Dominic Wade returns to action against Martin Fidel Rios in an eight-round contest, and 2018 National Golden Gloves champion Roney Hines will make his 2019 debut in a four-round heavyweight bout.

The 29-year-old Ellis, originally from Lynn, Mass., returns for his fourth ShoBox appearance as he seeks a statement win following a controversial draw in his last outing on the series. The former National Golden Gloves Gold Medalist out-boxed Junior Younan last February in a fight many observers thought he deserved to win. Still undefeated, Ellis returns as he looks to prove he has what it takes to turn from prospect to contender.

The fan-friendly Ware suffered the first loss of his career last September in a close and entertaining brawl with Cem Kilic on ShoBox. The 2013 National Golden Gloves Bronze Medalist will look to return to the win column as he faces his third consecutive unbeaten opponent. The 30-year-old's career-best victory came last year over 2012 Olympian and previously undefeated prospect Enrique Collazo. A former collegiate

football player at the University of Toledo, Ware also works fulltime as a firefighter in his hometown of Toledo.

Mattice of Cleveland, Ohio has a record of 13-0-1 with 10 knockouts.

The 28 year-old Mattice is a five year-professional, who has scored quality wins over Eliseo Cruz Sesma (9-2-1) and Rolando China (15-1-1). Mattice is coming off two exciting fights with Zhora Hamazaryan, both of which aired on ShoBox. The first encounter saw Mattice win a split decision, while in rematch they fought to an eight-round draw on September 28.

Lozano of Argentina has an impressive mark of 18-1-1 with nine knockouts.

The 24-year-old Lozano is a six-year professional and is riding an 11-fight unbeaten streak. Lozano, who will be making his American debut, is coming off a second round stoppage over Damian Guzman on December 8 in Argentina.

Wade of Largo, Md., has a record of 18-1 with 12 knockouts.

The 28-year-old Wade is a 10 year-professional who has quality wins over Chris Davis (3-0), Michael Faulk (2-0), Grover Young (4-0), Nick Brinson (16-1-2) and former world champion Sam Soliman. This will be Wade's first ring appearance since losing to unified world middleweight champion Gennady Golovkin on April 23, 2016.

Rios of Argentina has a record of 23-13-4 with 13 knockouts.

Rios, 26, is a seven-year veteran and has wins over Lucas Priori (9-1-1), Juan Bonnani (24-5-3), Billi Godoy (29-2), Jose Paz (17-3), Juan Juarez (17-1), Nicholas Lopez (12-2) and Ezequiel Maderia (24-3). Rios is coming off a split-decision defeat to Juergen Doberstein (23-3-1) on August 31 in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Hines, of Cleveland, Ohio, has been perfect in his young

campaign by sporting a record of 3-0 with three knockouts.

The 23-year-old, scored those three knockouts in a three week period, with the latest being a first round stoppage over Jacob Hagler on August 11 in Salisbury, North Carolina.

“This will be a big night for GH3 Promotions,” said GH3 Promotions CEO, Vito Mielnicki. “Ronald Ellis will take another step towards being a top contender in the super middleweight division. Mattice has established himself as an exciting fighter, and he is fighting a tough guy. Should he come out victorious, he will be back in a television fight in the spring. Wade is a guy who established himself as a legitimate contender. He needs a couple of fights, and he will be in a major fight in 2019.”

Undefeated Lightweight Thomas Mattice looking for emphatic win over Zhora Hamazaryan Tonight on ShoBox: The New Generation

TEMECULA, Calif., (September 28, 2018) – Undefeated lightweight Thomas Mattice will be looking for a more emphatic win when he takes on Zhora Hamazaryan in the co-feature bout of a ShoBox: The New Generation card that will take place tonight at Pechanga Resort & Casino and live on SHOWTIME (10 PM ET/PT).

Mattice (13-0, 10 KOs) had to get off the deck to win a split

decision on July 20th. Fans throughout the boxing world called for the rematch, and Mattice obliged as he has been working hard to better his effort on Friday night.

"Camp was great, we worked very hard and I am ready for Friday night," said Mattice.

Mattice doesn't think he needs to make adjustments, as he will fight and use his ability to get the nod on Friday. "I just have to go in there and do my job."

The 28 year-old from Cleveland doesn't think anything that happened in the first fight means anything heading into the rematch.

"Every fight is different. It doesn't matter if you are fighting the same opponent or not.

It was tight. Every round was tight in the first fight. It depends on how you look at it. I know 80 percent of the people watching think I lost. But there were rounds that I won. The only round he out-landed me was the second and seventh round.

"I didn't give my best effort in the first fight. That's why I decided to take the rematch. I didn't have to take it, but I did. I'm not paid to judge fights; I fight them."

He knows that Hamazaryan gave him a hard fight in the first encounter, but Mattice is confident that he will make it 2-for-2 against his Armenian opponent.

"He is a good fighter, but I am a great fighter. We have to get into the ring and fight. I prepared very hard for this opportunity. The first fight was exciting, and I expect nothing less than that, but once again, I will prevail."

DEVIN HANEY vs. JUAN CARLOS BURGOS FINAL WEIGHTS, QUOTES & PHOTOS FOR SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION TOMORROW LIVE ON SHOWTIME®

TEMECULA, Calif. (September 27, 2018) – Devin Haney and Juan Carlos Burgos made weight just a day before their ShoBox: The New Generation 10-round main event headlines a tripleheader live on SHOWTIME (10 p.m. ET/PT) from Pechanga Resort Casino in Temecula, Calif. The 19-year-old Haney (19-0, 13 KOs) returns for his second ShoBox challenge of 2018 against the veteran Burgos (33-2-2, 21 KOs).

The much-anticipated rematch between Thomas Mattice and Zhora Hamazaryan will go on as an eight-round super lightweight bout as Mattice failed to make the contracted 135-pound lightweight limit. Cleveland's Mattice, who battled the flu earlier in the week, said he was feeling 100 percent and ready to go on Thursday.

Two undefeated super middleweight prospects will meet in the opening bout as Cem Kilic (11-0, 7 KOs) of Los Angeles and DeAndre Ware (12-0-2, 8 KOs) Toledo, Ohio, both weighed in at the same 167-½ pounds.

Tickets for the event, which is promoted by Devin Haney Promotions and Ringside Tickets Inc., are priced at \$19 for General Admission, and \$29, \$59, \$79, \$99, and \$129 for Ringside and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Pechanga Casino Box Office at 1-888-810-8871 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

FINAL WEIGHTS, REFEREES AND JUDGES

Lightweights 10-Round Bout

Devin Haney – 134 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

Juan Carlos Burgos – 134 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Referee: Zachary Young; Judges: Sergio Caiz (West Covina, Calif.), Edward Hernandez, Sr. (Moreno Valley, Calif.), Alejandro Rochin (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Super Lightweights 8-Round Bout

Thomas Mattice – 138 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Zhora Hamaryan – 134 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Referee: Ray Corona; Judges: Sergio Caiz (West Covina, Calif.), Edward Hernandez, Sr. (Moreno Valley, Calif.), Alejandro Rochin (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Super Middleweight 8-Round Bout

Cem Kilic – 167 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

DeAndre Ware – 167 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Referee: Tony Krebs; Judges: Sergio Caiz (West Covina, Calif.), Edward Hernandez, Sr. (Moreno Valley, Calif.), Alejandro Rochin (Los Angeles, Calif.)

FINAL QUOTES:

DEVIN HANEY:

“I’m one of the best boxers in the game. I think most of my opponents know that when they get in the ring with me and that’s why they try to land their best shot as soon as the fight is on. They try, but they don’t touch me.

“When I fought Mason Menard, skeptics said I was over my head, that I didn’t stand a chance. And I got in the ring and I won. I outclassed him. Then, they started saying that Menard was not at his best, that he didn’t bring his ‘A’ game. I feel I don’t get the recognition I deserve. I work really hard. I love this sport and I give my all.

“I have been fighting at 132 since I was 16, now I’m at 135. It takes a lot of discipline. I have a great team that stands by me and helps me be the best version of myself.”

JUAN CARLOS BURGOS:

"This is my second fight at 135. I feel good. I feel that I have evolved as a boxer since my last fight. I feel strong. I think it has to do with experience, after some time you just learn your lesson and move forward.

"I am very skilled boxer and after the Mikey [Garcia] fight I learned a lot about myself mentally and physically. I want to get another title shot and. I feel this fight is the right opportunity for me, because with this fight I'm planning to show the world I'm still an elite boxer.

"I don't think Haney has fought a fighter with the experience I have. You can be talented but there are things you can't teach. You only learn them with time. No matter how talented you are."

THOMAS MATTICE:

"I'm recovering from the flu but now I'm 100 percent physically, and mentally I'm there too. I lost focus after the knockdown and never was able to get back on track.

"The cross country travel from New Jersey to California was tough, and we had some issues and I lost a few days because of things out of my control.

"It was tight. Every round was tight in the first fight. It depends on how you look at it. I know 80 percent of the people watching think I lost. But there were rounds that I won. The only round he out-landed me was the second and seventh round.

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ZHORA HAMAZARYAN:

"I'm just going to pressure him and come forward. I can't leave it in the judges' hands. I know I have to be the aggressor, so it should only last three or four rounds.

"It was very unfair. I know I did everything in the books to look good, to have a clean fight, to win but the judges gave it to him. I was not happy.

"Once I get in the ring, I'll break him down and I'll make adjustments. He's not going to win without deserving it again. I'll make sure of that."

CEM KILIC:

"When I came to the United States I struggled to find the right trainer. The right adjustment from what I was used to do in Germany and what I wanted to do here. Trainers in Germany are different. I tried a few trainers here and there and then, I found Buddy McGirt. I liked him right away, he's old school and that's exactly what I wanted.

"I've had very good sparring partners, not only for this fight, but also throughout my career. I've sparred with Jermell Charlo, Miguel Cotto, Errol Spence Jr. You make one mistake and you pay for it, that's one of the things I've learned – especially Charlo. He capitalizes on your mistakes. I think Spence was more difficult than Charlo. He just brings it. He's so quick. He gave me a lot of confidence. He told me to keep it up because one day I'd be a world champion.

"Before I started boxing I admired Muhammad Ali. He loves Islam, the real Islam, the one is all about love. Then I started boxing and although dancing is not my style, Ali remained as my favorite fighter, my inspiration.

"I get in your face. I like to come forward. If I wanted to be a dancer, I'd be a dancer. I'm a boxer and you'll see me doing that tomorrow. I'll get in his face.

"Besides Charlo, I don't know anyone that would stand in front of me and apply pressure. All the other fighters I've been in the ring with have to do combinations and move around. They can't take it."

DeANDRE WARE:

"I'm confident in my skills. I've been in the gym doing the things that I need to do, strength and conditioning, sparring. My confidence comes from my hard work and dedication. I know what I put in and I know what I'm capable of. I listen to my trainer, I'm disciplined. I'm all business.

"I took this fight with little notice but trust me, I'm ready. I know I'm the B side and all. And I know what that means: I have to do more than just box. I have to win the public, the judges, the people watching at home. I'm basically in my opponent's hometown. I know what I'm in for. They are in for a surprise.

"I'm a firefighter. I work on Station 4 on Hill Avenue in Toledo. They support me 100 percent, they even built me a gym at the station so I can train there too. I was supposed to work tomorrow but someone is covering for me."

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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 77 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.