

Video: Mattice-Hamazaryan I: Recap

Zhora Hamazaryan: “I will beat-down Thomas Mattice in rematch”

PHILADELPHIA / ORANGE, Calif. (Sept. 27, 2018) –Lightweight Zhora Hamazaryan wants to show the world that he is indeed better than undefeated Thomas Mattice when they meet in the rematch of their controversial July 21st bout, this Friday night in the co-feature bout of a ShoBox: The New Generation card from Pechanga Resort Casino, and live on SHOWTIME® (10 PM ET/PT).

Hamazaryan (9-1, 6 KOs) was on the wrong end of what most people thought was a very controversial decision on that July night in Sloan, Iowa. The native of Armenia has been in Los Angeles, training very hard for the rematch.

“Everything is perfect. My camp has been great, and I am just ready for Friday night,” said Hamazaryan.

Hamazaryan has been able to block out the first fight, and he believes that what happened in the ring has no bearing on what will happen on Friday.

“It is a totally new fight for me. I am taking this more seriously because this is a rematch. I did not lose the last fight, so it doesn’t make any difference to me. It will not

change my game plan.”

The 22 year-old Hamazaryan feels the experience he gained in the first fight will be beneficial to him for even a more dominant performance.

“I feel like I am a champion. I will do great again, and perform even better. I took this fight to prove that I am better than him. I showed that in the previous fight, and now nothing can stop me.”

The decision was chastised throughout the boxing world, and even called the one of the worst decisions seen in ShoBox expert analyst Steve Farhood’s 40-year boxing career. Hamazaryan will not let the judges decide his fate in the rematch.

“Everyone was disappointed by decision because they saw clearly that I won. It was disappointing for the fans, but It did not break me. This time it won’t be a decision. I am going to do what I am good at. I will win this anyway, whether it’s a decision or knockout. Either way it’s going to be a beat down. Hopefully this will be the right the decision. I just hope everything will be fair, and I am coming for a win.”

Hamazaryan is promoted by Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing

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Thomas Mattice vs. Zhora Hamazaryan: Full Fight

WHAT: Fans can relive the controversial first fight between lightweight contenders Thomas Mattice and Zhora Hamazaryan, available now in its entirety on SHOWTIME Boxing YouTube channel ahead of the rematch September 28 in the second of back-to-back Fridays of ShoBox: The New Generation action.

In one of the most widely disputed fights of 2018, Mattice (13-0, 10 KOs) kept his undefeated record intact when he overcame a knockdown in the second round to escape with the eight-round split-decision victory over the previously undefeated Hamazaryan (9-1, 6 KOs). Two judges scored the fight 76-75 in favor of Mattice with the third judge scoring it 77-74 in favor of Hamazaryan.

Less than three months after judges in Iowa awarded Mattice what Hall of Fame analyst Steve Farhood called “the worst decision I’ve ever seen in the history of ShoBox”, Mattice and Hamazaryan will face off in the co-feature of the ShoBox telecast from Pechanga Resort Casino in Temecula, Calif.

Hamazaryan, who recently returned stateside after an extended stay to be with family and train in his native Armenia, is looking forward to his opportunity to exact revenge.

“I respect Thomas Mattice,” said Hamazaryan, who is currently training with John Pullman and Buddy McGirt. “He fought a good fight last time, but everyone knows I won the fight and he does too. I respect that I got a rematch and we can settle this once and for all.

“My game plan is to do the same thing I did last time, but just more pressure and aggression. Because of what happened last time, I can’t leave it up to judges. I must get the

knockout. If I don't, then the same thing will happen again and I will get robbed. I can't have that."

Mattice, who has watched the July fight multiple times, is hoping to prove that his decision win was no fluke.

"It was important to me to get this rematch so that I can display to the fans the kind of fighter I am and show that I deserved to win the first fight. I'm looking to continue my rise and show the world that I'm the real deal.

"We're just trying to work on the mistakes we made in the first fight. He may try to do things differently this time, but we'll adjust and be ready come fight night. It was a controversial decision but I have to remember that at the end of the day I'm a fighter and not a judge. I just have to go out there and fight my fight, and things will be taken care of."

The September 28 ShoBox is headlined by top undefeated lightweight prospect Devin Haney (19-0, 13 KOs) facing three-time world title challenger Juan Carlos Burgos (33-2-2, 21 KOs). The opener will see two undefeated middleweight prospects meet as Cem Kilic (11-0, 7 KOs) and Donnie Marshall (9-0, 6 KOs) face off in the ninth matchup of undefeated prospects of 2018 on ShoBox: The New Generation. The previous Friday, Jon Fernandez (16-0-0, 14 KOs), one of the top prospects in boxing and Sergio Martinez protégé, will face O'Shaquie Foster (13-2, 8 KOs) in the main event of a ShoBox telecast from Firelake Arena in Shawnee, Okla.

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About ShoBox: The New Generation

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GH3 Promotions Fighters to stay busy in September in October

Nutley, NJ (September 4, 2018) – It will be a busy next six weeks for GH3 Promotions as it's stable of fighters will be active all over the country.

2018 National Golden Gloves champion Roney Hines (3-0, 3 KOs) will see action on Saturday night at The Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City as he takes on Kendrick Houston (1-3, 1 KO) in a four-round bout. With a win, Hines will return to action on September 22nd in North Carolina as well as on September 28th in Temecula, California.

On that same September 28th date, Undefeated lightweight Thomas Mattice (13-0, 10 KOs) will square off with Zhora Hamazaryan in a highly anticipated rematch that will be seen live on SHOWTIME as part of a ShoBox: The New Generation

tripleheader.

On September 29th in Charlotte, North Carolina, undefeated junior middleweight, Joey Alday, Jr. (8-0, 7 KOs) will be back in action in a six-round bout.

Kenneth Sims, Jr. (12-1-1, 4 KO's) will stay busy when he sees action on October 13th in a junior welterweight bout in Gary , Indiana

Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing to appeal Hamazaryan – Mattice

PHILADELPHIA, Penn. / ORANGE, Calif. (July 23, 2018) – Artie Pelullo, co-promoter of lightweight Zhora Hamazaryan will be appealing the outcome of last Friday's Zhora Hamazaryan – Thomas Mattice fight with the Iowa commission.

Pelullo spoke to Iowa Commissioner Joe Walsh right after the fight on Friday, which took place at the WinnaVegas Casino.

The bout was seen by a nationally televised audience as the co-feature of a ShoBox: The New Generation card on SHOWTIME.

In the fight, Hamazaryan scored an explosive 2nd round knockdown; rocked Mattice several more times, and dominated the action. Hamazaryan badly hurt Mattice in round seven. Most people who saw the fight, thought that Hamazayan won 6 rounds to 2, plus the 2nd round knockdown.

Hall of Fame SHOWTIME announcer Steve Farhood called the the decision the one of the worst in the history of the series,

while his fellow Hall of Fame broadcaster Barry Tompkins went even farther by calling it the worst decision in 40 years.

.@SteveFarhood and @barry_tompkins weigh in on "the criminal" #MatticeHamazaryan result. #ShoBox pic.twitter.com/pfIkD5uPQW

– SHOWTIME Boxing (@ShowtimeBoxing) [July 21, 2018](#)

Hamazaryan co-promoter, Artie Pelullo said, "I spoke to commissioner Joe Walsh right after the fight. I informed him that we were going to appeal the decision, and he understood our position, and he said that we are within our rights to appeal."

Hamazaryan is promoted by Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing.

Below are just a sample of the articles and social media reaction from this misjustice.

<https://www.boxingscene.com/mattice-wins-suspicious-split-nod-over-hamazaryan-results-130151>

<https://www.boxingscene.com/promoter-file-protest-over-suspect-shobox-result-friday-130216>

<https://www.ringtv.com/539952-jaron-ennis-impresses-zhora-hamazaryan-gets-robbed-on-shobox/>

<https://fightnews.com/mattice-hamazaryan-aftermath/25775>

<http://www.boxingtalk.com/pag/article.php?aid=35486>

<https://roundbyroundboxing.com/jaron-ennis-knocks-out-armando-alvarez/>

<https://www.fightful.com/boxing/shobox-next-generation-results-720-controversial-judging-overshadows-event>

<https://fightnews.com/ennis-destroys-alvarez-in-three/25776>

Thomas Mattice got an absolute gift for Zhora Hamazaryan last night. This was a robbery at the WinneVegas Casino. I guess you can't face GH3 fighters in Sloan, Iowa [#boxing](#)

– Steve Kim (@SteveKim323) [July 21, 2018](#)

Mattice might have one rd 1 and maybe the 5th. And those were close rds. The rest were Hamarayan's and he scored a knockdown and hurt Mattice several other times. This was scandalous... [#boxing](#)

– Steve Kim (@SteveKim323) [July 21, 2018](#)

<https://twitter.com/CommishRandyG/status/1020661697932152833>
(Gordon was the former New York State Boxing Commissioner)

I turned off [#ShoBox](#) after [#MatticeHamazaryan](#) fight. The show was fine and I LOVE this series on [@ShowtimeBoxing](#). I don't love awful judging, inexplicable decisions, incompetence, or institutional bias/corruption. [#LoveSims](#) a shaky draw. Mattice didn't win. C'mon now, [#boxing!!!](#)

– Lou DiBella (@loudibella) [July 21, 2018](#)

Kunem!! Those scorecards are RIDICULOUS! [#MatticeHamazaryan](#)

– Sergio Mora (@TheLatinSnake_) [July 21, 2018](#)

Just caught [#MatticeHamazaryan](#) fight! [#Hamazaryan](#) got done. Straight up robbed. <https://t.co/NqmLOBTyuL>

– Rosie Perez (@rosieperezbklyn) [July 21, 2018](#)

That's a TERRIBLE decision on [#shobox](#). Jesus Christ man.

[#boxing #MatticeHamazaryan](#)

– caleb truax (@GoldenCalebT) [July 21, 2018](#)

We get stinkers in boxing and there have been plenty I've worked on [@boxnationtv](#) but Mattice decision over Hamazaryan tonight the worst of 2018. Even Mattice looked embarrassed.
[#MatticeHamazaryan #boxing #boxnation](#)

– Steve Lillis (@stevelillis) [July 21, 2018](#)

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GH3 Promotions fare well in Sloan, Iowa

Nutley, NJ (July 23, 2018) – GH3 Promotions fighters Thomas Mattice and Roney Hines gained wins this past Friday night in Sloan, Iowa while Kenneth Sims, Jr. fought to a draw in the opening bout of a ShoBox: The New Generation tripleheader.

In the televised co-feature, Mattice got up from a 2nd round knockdown to eek out an eight-round split decision over Zhora Hamazaryan in a battle of undefeated lightweights.

Mattice of Cleveland, Ohio won by scores of 76-75 twice while Hamazaryan won a card by a 77-74 tally.

Mattice is now 13-0.

In the opening bout of the ShoBox telecast, Kenneth Sims, Jr. was denied a victory in his eight-round junior welterweight bout with Montana Love as the judges saw the fight as a split draw.

Sims controlled the action and seemingly got the better of the fight, but somehow the fight was scored a draw.

Each fighter won a card 77-75 and a 3rd card read even at 76-76.

Sims of Chicago is 12-1-1.

In non-televised action, 2018 National Golden Gloves champion Roney Hines needed just 68 seconds to drop David Becker three times to win his pro debut.

Hines of Cleveland, Ohio was making his pro debut.

Quartet of GH3 Promotions fighters look to shine TONIGHT in Sloan, Iowa

Sloan, Iowa (July 20, 2018) – Four members of the GH3 Promotions stable will be featured TONIGHT at The WinnaVegas Casino Resort.

In the main of event of a ShoBox: The New Generation tripleheader that will be LIVE ON SHOWTIME® at 10 PM ET / PT (Delayed on The West Coast), newly signed Armando Alvarez (18-0, 12 KOs) of Key West, Florida takes on Jaron Ennis (20-0, 18 KOs) in a welterweight bout scheduled for ten-rounds.

In the co-feature, Thomas Mattice (12-0, 10 KOs) of Cleveland, Ohio takes on Zhora Hamazaryan (9-0, 6 KOs) in an eight-round lightweight bout.

Kenneth Sims, Jr. (12-1, 4 KOs) of Chicago, Illinois battles Montana Love (11-0, 5 KOs) in a eight-round junior welterweight bout.

In non-televised action, 2018 National Golden Gloves champion Roney Hines of Cleveland, Ohio makes his pro debut against David Becker (1-1, 1 KO) of St. Joseph, Missouri in a four-round heavyweight bout.

“I want to thank SHOWTIME and ShoBox for this great card. This is will be another fantastic evening of fights. This is another big night for our fighters. We expect Armando, Thomas and Kenneth to shine on national television. I am really excited to see Roney Hines turn pro, and mark his ascent towards where the other three are, and that is being featured on a great platform like ShoBox,” GH3 Promotions CEO, Vito Mielnicki.

Zhora Hamazaryan Ready for National Television debut tomorrow Night on ShoBox: The New Generation

PHILADELPHIA, Penn. / ORANGE, Calif. (July 19, 2018) – Undefeated lightweight Zhora Hamazaryan (9-0, 6 KOs) weighed in at a ready 134.8 pounds, the same as his opponent Thomas Mattice. They will square off an in eight-round bout that will

be part of a ShoBox: the New Generation tripleheader that will take place tomorrow night, Friday, July 20th at The WinnaVegas Casino Hotel in Sloan, Iowa.

Hamazaryan from Armenia, is promoted by Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing.

The broadcast on SHOWTIME® will begin at 10 p.m. ET/PT (delayed on the west coast).

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FINAL QUOTES:

HAMAZARYAN

"This is a step-up fight and I'm honored to be fighting in the United States.

"I got some great training and sparring in Los Angeles. America is the fighting mecca and all the greats eventually make it to America. Now it's my time.

"I don't talk much. I'm pretty quiet. I let my gloves do all the talking.

"I've had more than 200 amateur fights. I have strength in both hands. I'm a boxer-puncher; My style is the classic boxer-puncher."

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"I don't know anything about my opponent, but my coaches have watched some videos and we will have a plan.

"Having been on ShoBox before, I know what to expect. There will be some nerves, but I won't be overwhelmed. I'll be more comfortable. I'll be a lot more comfortable.

"I'll have to use my jab and use my distance and my range. I'll do whatever I have to do to get the win.

“Against [Rolando] China I knew if I got one shot he would go down, and that’s exactly what happened.”

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Thomas Mattice Camp Notes

Cleveland, Ohio (July 18, 2018) – Undefeated lightweight Thomas Mattice (12-0, 10 KOs) is looking to make a strong impression as he takes on fellow undefeated Zhora Hamazaryan (9-0, 6 KOs) in the eight-round co-feature bout of a ShoBox: The New Generation tripleheader this Friday, July 20 live on SHOWTIME® at 10 p.m. ET/PT from the WinnaVegas Casino Resort in Sloan, Iowa.

In the main event, undefeated welterweights will tangle as Jaron Ennis squares off against Armando Alvarez in a 10-round bout.

Tickets for the show, which is promoted by GH3 Promotions, Victory Promotions, Ringside Ticket Inc., Banner Promotions & Thompson Boxing are priced from \$10-\$60 and can be purchased at winnavegas.com.

Mattice, who made his ShoBox debut on February 2nd with an exciting 7th round stoppage over Rolando China in the same venue that Friday’s bout will take place at, will be looking for a more complete performance against the undefeated

Hamazaryan.

‘This camp is going smooth,” Mattice said. “This is a little easier being that I have already gone through a camp and all the things that go on with being on national television. It was an inspiring opportunity, and a dream come true to fight on this platform, and now I will be more focused.”

While not much on Hamazaryan is out there for scouting purposes, Mattice has seen what he can, and will be ready for the undefeated fighter from Armenia.

“He is a slick guy,” Mattice said. “I have seen a couple of rounds on him. He has decent skills, and I look forward to a good fight. My job is to defeat him and get the win.”

Mattice isn’t looking past Hamazaryan, and he knows he needs to be victorious for his career to get to the next level.

“I have to win this fight, and then I can see where I can go from there. I just want everybody to tune into ShoBox. I want to thank my manager Chances Aurelius, my promoter GH3 Promotions, and Zhora for taking the challenge. It will be a great fight.”

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Zhora Hamazaryan Camp Notes

PHILADELPHIA, Penn. / ORANGE, Calif. (July 16, 2018) – Undefeated lightweight Zhora Hamazaryan (9-0, 6 KOs) has been preparing for his battle with fellow undefeated Thomas Mattice that will be part of a ShoBox: the New Generation tripleheader that will take place on Friday, July 20th at The WinnaVegas Casino Hotel in Sloan, Iowa.

The broadcast on SHOWTIME® will begin at 10 p.m. ET/PT (delayed on the west coast).

“Training has been very good so far,” said the 22 year-old Hamazaryan, originally from Gyumri, Armenia, and is now training out of Los Angeles. “I am excited and happy to show my talents on American Television.”

Hamazaryan will be making his second start on American soil, and he has not scouted his undefeated foe.

“I do not know much about Mattice,” said Hamazaryan, who is trained by former lightweight pro Jerry Rosenberg. “I prefer to not look at any tape of my opponents. I look at this as just another fight. I want to get in there, win the fight, take care of business, and move on to the next one.”

Hamazaryan looks to make a big splash, and become a big star in The United States.

“I am going to get this fight out of the way, and on to bigger fights here in the States.”

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