

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 Hamazaryan 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](#)

– Oleksandr Usykim (@steveucnlive) [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](#)

– Oleksandr Usykim (@steveucnlive) [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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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 in an 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).

Photos Credit: Rosie Cohe/SHOWTIME

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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 Chinae 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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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 76 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.

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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Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing Sign Undefeated Lightweight Zhora Hamazaryan to a Co- Promotional contract

PHILADELPHIA, PENN./ORANGE, Calif. (Feb. 19, 2018) – Banner Promotions and Thompson Boxing Promotions are pleased to announce the signing of undefeated lightweight prospect Zhora Hamazaryan to a co-promotional contract.

Hamazaryan, 22 years-old of Gyumri, Armenia, improved to 9-0 with 6 knockouts as he won his American debut this past Friday night when he scored a 4-round unanimous decision over previously undefeated Sergio Ramirez in Ontario, California.

Hamazaryan is a three year-professional who had his previous eight victories in Russia.

In the bout against Ramirez, Hamazaryan dropped his opponent with a hard left hook in the second round. Hamazaryan was very impressive as he displayed heavy hands and had a crowd

pleasing style.

"I'm pleased with the win," Hamazaryan said. "He was a bit awkward, but it wasn't enough to throw me off what I wanted to do."

"Zhora had a terrific performance, and I am very pleased with his fight," said Banner Promotions President, Artie Pelullo.

"He has only been in the United States for a couple weeks, and he will have a full camp here for his next fight, so I expect that he will be even better in his next bout. We feel that at 22 years old, he has a bright future, and I look forward to his watching his development."

"Zhora made his U.S. debut a memorable one," said Ken Thompson, President of Thompson Boxing. "He fought a very awkward fighter and was able to dominate him from the start. We like that he comes from an extensive amateur background and look forward to developing him further."

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