

## Chris Algieri Beats Curtis Smith on Long Island

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BRONX, NEW YORK (January 29, 2012) On Saturday night, January 28th at the Paramount in Huntington, Long Island, junior welterweight prospect Chris Algieri stayed undefeated at Star Boxing's ROCKIN' FIGHTS with an eight round decision over Atlanta's Curtis Smith in front of a sold out crowd of hometown fans.

Displaying excellent boxing skills throughout the fight with a piston like jab and crunching body shots, coupled with devastating overhand right hands, Algieri had the fans on their feet from the opening bell as he dominated the game Smith by scores of 80 x 72 (twice) and 78-74.

The victory raised Algieri's record to 13-0 (6KO's), while Smith moved to 10-6 (5KO's).

Said Star Boxing President Joe DeGuardia, "Chris gained some good experience tonight, and he capped off a fantastic card. This was our second straight sold out event at the Paramount and we'll definitely be back. From top to bottom the fights were great and that's our commitment to the fans at each of our shows."

"I am pleased that the fans had such a terrific night and they saw evenly matched bouts featuring the area's finest prospects and newcomers. We are excited to come back to the Paramount in the near future."

In the co-main, Bronx's Issouf Kinda also stayed undefeated with an eight round decision over Angel Rios in an entertaining cross-town junior welterweight showdown. The win improved the 23 year old Kinda's record to 12-0-0 (5KO's), while valiant Rios headed to 9-10 (6KO's). Scores were 79-73 (twice) and 78-73.

Newly signed to Star Boxing, Cletus "The Hebrew Hammer" Seldin thrilled the Paramount crowd with a brutal first round knockout of Tyler Pogline in the first round of their scheduled six round welterweight bout.

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The stoppage improved the popular Dix Hills native's record to 6-0 (4KO's) while Colorado Springs' Pogline heads home with a record of

5-10 (4KO's). Time of the stoppage by referee Ricky Gonzalez was 2:25 of the opening stanza.

Also on the undercard in two excellent four round wars featuring two good fights, heavyweights Adam Willett and Aaron Kinch along with middleweight Raul Nuncio and Anthony Jones battled to action packed draws in back to back fights.

Bellport, New York's Willett moved to 2-1-1 while Newark's Kinch's record headed to 1-0-1. Scores for the split decision draw were 36-40, 39-37 and 38-38.

Willett was returning the ring after a ten-month layoff and is looking to stay much busier in 2012. The former amateur standout was critically injured in April 2010 when he was shot in the abdomen while working as a school security guard protecting students from a robbery attempt on Long Island, New York.

Nuncio of Glen Cove, New York record went to 1-0-1 (1KO) while Jones moved to 0-1-1 after their four round-spirited scrap. Scores in their majority draw were 38-38 (twice) and 37-39.

Welterweight Rich Neves returned to action with a dominant four round decision over the pro debuting Anthony Birmingham. It was Neves' second straight win, improving his record to 2-0-1 (1KO).

Scores were 39-37 across the board.

Rounding out the undercard at ROCKIN' FIGHTS, former New York Golden Gloves Champion William Whitt made his pro debut a successful one with a brilliant performance, taking a four

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round decision over Ewing, New Jersey's Jayson Sia, 0-4, by scores of 40-36 (twice) and 38-38, in another exciting fight.