

## **Anthony Dirrell-Anthony Hanshaw Clash on "Extreme"**

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### **SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS ANTHONY DIRRELL AND ANTHONY HANSHAW TO HEAD UP "KNOCKOUT KINGS II" UNDERCARD ON SHOWTIME EXTREME®**

#### **TOP TEXAS PROSPECTS ALSO TO BE SHOWCASED ON THE JULY 27 FIGHT CARD AT THE AT&T CENTER**

#### **IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

SAN ANTONIO, TX (July 24, 2013) - A slate of action packed fights is expected this Saturday, July 27 when a roster of top talent steps into the ring at the AT&T Center in San Antonio, Texas, on the undercard of the highly anticipated **"KNOCKOUT KINGS II"** event. Heading up the preliminary bouts before

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goes on the air, hard-hitting, undefeated rising star Anthony Dirrell and veteran Anthony "The Tyger" Hanshaw will face off in a 10-round clash for the vacant WBC Continental Americas Super Middleweight Championship which will be televised live on

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at 8:00 p.m. ET/PT (delayed on the West Coast). Also in SHOWTIME EXTREME action, Texas natives Emanuel Ledezma and Felix Piedra will go toe-to-toe in a six-round super middleweight showdown. Both bouts will lead up to the SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING

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tripleheader headlined by former Two-Time Welterweight World Champion Andre Berto facing veteran contender Jesus Soto Karass in a 12-round bout for the vacant NABF Welterweight Championship.

Also featured on the undercard will be rising stars from the Lone Star state including **Jesse Anguiano**

**Jerry Belmontes**

**Armando Cardenas**

**Joseph Rodriguez**

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**Anthony Dirrell** (25-0, 21 KO's) got back into the ring in May after a year and a half layoff caused by a motorcycle accident and scored an eight-round unanimous decision win over Don Mouton. The victory shook the rust off for the 28-year-old Flint, Michigan native, while getting fight fans excited for what the future holds for this talented super middleweight.

A staple among the top prospects in the sport for years, **Anthony Hanshaw** (23-3-2, 14 KO's) of Warren, Ohio has scored big wins over Kingsley Ikeke, Esteban Camou and Lafarrell Bunting, but after losses to Roy Jones Jr. and Andre Dirrell in 2007 and 2008, Hanshaw took a more than four-year break from the game. In 2012, he returned and the 35-year-old is unbeaten in three of four bouts heading into his meeting with Dirrell.

Born in Los Angeles, Calif. and raised in San Antonio, Texas, **Emanuel "The Lone Star" Ledezma** (12-1-1, 2 KO's) prides himself not only on being prepared physically, but also mentally for each one of his fights. This rising star proudly holds a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in Spanish from the University of San Antonio.

The 27-year-old native of Weslaco, Texas, **Felix Piedra** (8- 2-1, 5 KO's), of Cuban, Mexican-American descent, has an impressive career with. The cruiserweight division fighter holds the hope of his hometown people in Rio Grande Valley, the southernmost tip of South Texas.

A four-round junior lightweight match-up showcasing San Antonio natives **Joseph Rodriguez** (3-0, 2 KO's) and **Jesse Anguiano** (1-2-2) squaring off for local bragging rights will also air on SHOWTIME EXTREME time permitting.

Nicknamed "The Corpus Christi Kid," 24-year-old **Jerry Belmontes** (18-1, 5 KO's) has been a local favorite ever since turning pro in 2008. A rising star at 130 pounds, Belmontes bounced back from the lone loss of his career to Eric Hunter last December with an April win over Daniel

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Diaz. On July 27, he will be in tough once again when he meets Blythe, California's

### **Andrew "Chango" Cancio**

(14-2-2, 11 KO's) in a 10-round junior lightweight match-up. Cancio has won six of his last seven fights, with the only loss over that span coming against veteran Roger Gonzalez last September.

A four-round junior welterweight bout featuring San Antonio's **Armando Cardenas** (1-0, 1 KO) against **Step**

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, who will be making his professional debut, will open the evening's action.

**"KNOCKOUT KINGS II,"** featuring former Two-Time Welterweight World Champion Andre Berto facing tough Mexican veteran contender Jesus Soto Karass in a 12-round main event for the vacant NABF Welterweight Championship, takes place Saturday, July 27 at the AT&T Center in San Antonio, Texas. The event is promoted by Golden Boy Promotions and Leija & Battah Promotions and sponsored by Corona and AT&T. In the 12-round co-featured attractions, Weslaco, Texas' undefeated rising star Omar Figueroa Jr. squares off against Japan's Nihito Arakawa for the vacant WBC Interim Lightweight World Championship in a fight promoted in association with Teiken Promotions and undefeated power-puncher Diego Chaves faces fellow unbeaten knockout artist Keith Thurman for Chaves' WBA Interim Welterweight World Championship in a fight promoted in association with KO International. The tripleheader will be broadcast live on SHOWTIME® at 9:00 p.m. ET/PT and will be available in Spanish via second audio programming (SAP). Preliminary fights will air on SHOWTIME EXTREME

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at 7:00 p.m. ET/PT (delayed on the West Coast).