

Showtime Bantams Make Weight

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The four outstanding, talented athletes who will compete in THE BANTAMWEIGHT TOURNAMENT: WINNER TAKES ALL live on SHOWTIME® made weight on their first attempts Friday at Emerald Queen Casino in Tacoma, Wash.

The exciting, eagerly anticipated two-stage, single-elimination tournament begins tomorrow/Saturday, Dec. 11, on SHOWTIME at 9 p.m. ET/PT (delayed on the West Coast) at Emerald Queen.

In the opening 12-round bout on the telecast, two-time division titlist Vic Darchinyan (35-2-1, 27 KOs) and undefeated, world-ranked Abner Mares (29-0-1) will clash for the World Boxing Council Silver Belt.

International Boxing Federation 118-pound champion Yonhhy Perez (20-0-1, 14 KOs) will defend against former IBF belt-holder and the boxer he dethroned, Joseph Agbeko (27-2, 22 KOs), in the second fight.

The winners of each semifinal will clash in the final in 2011 with the losing boxers competing in a consolation fight.

Friday's weights: Perez (118 pounds), Agbeko (117 1/2 pounds), Darchinyan (118 pounds) and Mares (117 1/2 pounds).

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