

Olympian Marcus Browne Featured on MSG

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MSG Network to feature Olympic Gold Medal hopeful Marcus Browne on Sunday, July 15 with “The Game 365” and “Golden Gloves Classics: Marcus Browne” Staten Island’s Marcus Browne, the three-time Golden Gloves champion at Madison Square Garden, will represent the United States and New York this summer as he seeks the Gold Medal at the 2012 London Olympics. In the latest episode of “The Game 365,” which premieres Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on MSG, host Fran Healy sits down with the 21 year-old to talk about what it takes to reach the international competition and follows along with Browne as he completes grueling training sessions with his boxing trainer, Gary Stark Sr., and his strength and conditioning coach, Luis Ruiz. In the episode, the duo visit world-renowned trainer Teddy Atlas to dissect tape and make a pit stop at Browne’s mother’s neighborhood restaurant, Mona’s Cuisine. They also look beyond the Olympic Games and discuss Browne’s professional boxing aspirations after he returns from across the Atlantic this summer. Also on Sunday, at 6:00 p.m., immediately preceding “The Game 365,” MSG presents “Golden Gloves Classics: Marcus Brown.” MSG recently caught up with Browne at the Park Hill Gym in Staten Island to analyze and discuss the Golden Gloves bouts, including his first Golden Gloves championship at The World’s Most Famous Arena in 2008 in the 165lb Novice Final. The then 17 year-old Browne recorded his first knockdown 30 seconds into the fight. The special also includes his 2011 appearance in the 178lb Open Final, which was his fourth trip to the finals and his third championship.

Quotes from “The Game 365” with host Fran Healy: Marcus Browne: “Being from New York City, especially from Staten Island, because, you know, they count us out all the time...being from Staten Island makes it even sweeter.” “To go (to the Olympics) is cool, but that’s not making history, to me. Making history is coming back with some hardware, preferably gold.” “Everywhere in Staten Island you’ve got to be tough, I mean, no matter where you are someone is always going to test you. You have to be able to fight and defend yourself and fight your way through life or else you’re going to be taken advantage of.”

From his boxing trainer, Gary Stark, Sr.: “We put a lot of work into this and to see it get to where it is now, it’s incredible. When you start out doing this, you don’t expect to get to this level, because it is rare that a kid makes it to the Olympic team, and to have him represent the United States, it’s an honor for him and me.” From Teddy Atlas, on broadcasting the fights at the Olympics (Browne trains in Atlas’ Park Hill Gym in Staten Island): “It’s going to be different because in the other Olympics I did, I didn’t have to care who won. I’m gonna care now. And you’re not supposed to care, you’re not supposed to go in there as a commentator and care, but I’ll be a pro and I’ll do what I need to do, and if this guy makes mistakes I’ll say that he made these mistakes, but I will continue to be a human being and I will care about how he does.”