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HECTOR SANCHEZ & VINCENT ARROYO

LATEEF KAYODE & FELIX CORA

FINAL WEIGHTS AND QUOTES

Friday, Sept. 9, Grand Casino Hinckley, Hinckley, Minn.

Live at 11 p.m. ET/PT (delayed on the West Coast) on SHOWTIME®

Hector Sanchez: 143 pounds

Vincent Arroyo: 143 pounds

Lateef Kayode: 198 pounds

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NOTE: WEIGHTS (Sept. 8, 2011) – **Hector “El Flaco” Sanchez** (19-1, 9 KOs) and **Vincent “Vinsanity” Arroyo**

(11-1, 7 KOs) both weighed in at the contracted maximum 143 pounds while

Lateef “Power” Coyote

(17-0, 14 KOs) and

Felix “Bad News” Cora Jr.

(22-5-2, 12 KOs) both tipped the scales at an even 198 pounds one day before their

ShoBox

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The New Generation

showdowns

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from the

Grand Casino Hinckley

in Hinckley, Minn.

Both main event fighters said Thursday they respected one another but are each predicting victories for themselves.

The co-feature will highlight Kayode in his fifth *ShoBox* fight in the past 13 months. He debuted on *ShoBox* a little more than a year ago

at this same venue, recording an eighth-round TKO over

Alfredo Escalera, Jr.

, in Hinckley on Aug. 6.

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With an eye on fighting current WBA cruiserweight world champion **Guillermo Jones** from Panama sometime in January, Kayode is trained by Hall of Famer **Freddie Roach**

Here are what the fighters had to say on Thursday:

Hector Sanchez:

“I’m very happy to be here and I know I will win by KO in the later rounds.

“He (Arroyo) is an excellent fighter and a very good test for me at this stage in my career.

“I respect him, but I’m ready for anything he might throw at me.”

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Vincent Arroyo:

“It’s going to be sensational. I’m going to be sensational. I feel excellent. Training couldn’t have gone better.

“I feel good about my success, but I still have a lot to learn and I still have to train very hard.

“Hector is a good fighter, but he’s got to go because he’s my next victim. I’m the stronger and smarter guy and I’m determined to win.”

Lateef Kayode:

“I trained so hard for this fight and I’m so well-prepared. It depends how he fights. If he runs around and slaps, he might last for a while. If he fights he won’t last.

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“He (Cora) makes the same mistake over and over and exposes his chin. I have to capitalize on that because he doesn’t have a great chin.

“*ShoBox* has really made my career what it is up to this point. I’m just so proud to be back on SHOWTIME. Sure, I’m looking for bigger and better things but I have to be patient right now and realize there isn’t a huge market for cruiserweights like myself in America.

“We’re not looking past Felix Cora. He could present problems being a southpaw, but we’ve studied him and just have to keep to our game plan and we’ll be fine.”

Felix Cora Jr.:

“I feel good and very confident. I won’t make predictions, but it’ll be an entertaining fight. I’ll feel him out early and do my best.

“He’s a great fighter, very tough, well-conditioned and very determined.

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“I appreciate him giving me this opportunity and it’ll feel good to be champion.”

ShoBox, celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, will feature **Bernard Osuna** calling the action alongside expert analysts

Steve Farhood

and

Antonio Tarver

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Gordon Hall

is the

executive producer of

ShoBox

with

Richard Gaughan

producing the

Rick Phillips

directing.