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FORMER WORLD CHAMPION CORY SPINKS,

GARY RUSSELL JR., CHRISTOPHER PEREZ &

ERISLANDY LARA WORKOUT QUOTES

***Special World Championship Edition of ShoBox: The New Generation
This Saturday, June 30, Live on SHOWTIME® At 9 p.m. ET/PT***

From Fantasy Springs Resort Casino in Indio, Calif.

INDIO, Calif. (June 27, 2012) – Five of the six fighters who will compete on a special world championship edition of ***ShoBox: The New Generation*** this **Saturday, June 30**, live on **SHOWTIME**[®]

(9 p.m. ET/PT, delayed on the West Coast) from Fantasy Springs Resort Casino in Indio, Calif. participated in an open workout Wednesday at the **Fantasy Springs Resort Casino Special Events Center**.

In Saturday's *ShoBox* main event, IBF Junior Middleweight World Champion **Cornelius Bundrage** (31-4, 18 KO's), of Detroit, Mich., will defend his title against former Undisputed Welterweight World Champion and current IBF No. 1 rated junior middleweight contender, **Cory Spinks** (39-6, 11 KO's), of St. Louis, Mo.

The co-feature will match 2011 Prospect of the Year, unbeaten **Gary Russell Jr.** (19-0, 11 KO's), of Capitol Heights, Md., against **Christopher Perez** (23-2, 14 KO's), of Culiacan, Mexico, in a 10-round featherweight bout.

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The tripleheader will begin with a 10-round junior middleweight match between former international amateur standout and top rated 154-pound contender **Erislandy Lara** (16-1-1, 11 KO's), of Houston, Texas, by way of Guantanamo, Cuba, against former world title challenger **Freddy Hernandez** (30-2, 20 KO's), of Lynwood, Calif., by way of Mexico City.

Tickets, priced at \$25, \$35 and \$55, are on sale at the Fantasy Springs Box Office, by calling ([800\) 827-2946](tel:8008272946) or online at www.fantasyspringsresort.com

Here's what the fighters said Wednesday:

CORNELIUS "K9" BUNDRAGE

"I'm telling people to tune in. I've been promoting this fight, so I'm quite sure a lot of people will be watching. I think it's going to be a great performance. I'm going to go out there and give it my all.

"I didn't expect I would fight Cory Spinks like that the first time. I expect to fight him differently this time, but I might just go out there and bulldog him again.

"Cory Spinks is not the champ anymore. I'm the champ now.

"I'm more experienced now. In my last fight I defended my belt against the guy I lost my first fight to (**Sechew Powell**) and went 12 rounds."

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CORY SPINKS

“Spinks is Spinks again. Spinks wasn’t Spinks the last time we fought. The first time, I didn’t train properly. I was sick. I had no mechanics. I don’t care who you are, if you aren’t right mentally and physically, you’re not going to be able to do anything.

“I want to fight for titles. It doesn't matter who it is. K-9 is still there on top, so he’s got to get it.

“Fans are going to see the total package on Saturday. I’m ready. I’ve been blessed with a gift. I didn’t have to learn how to box. I always could and I could fight anyway I wanted. I can sit down with you, I can box with you. I will do anything I have to [in order] to win this fight.”

GARY RUSSELL JR.

“There has definitely been more growth. I’m always learning. I’m more mature mentally and physically.

“I think it’s good to fight someone with confidence. I don’t want to compete against someone who thinks he’s going to lose. I want to fight against a guy who thinks he can win.

“He’s used to guys pressing the action, so I’m not going to press the action. I’ll use my power and speed.

“I’m a versatile fighter. I’m definitely not one-dimensional.

“I’m always anxious to get in the ring. I love the ring. I’m always in the gym...always ready and in shape.”

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CHRISTOPHER PEREZ

“No doubt there have been a lot of upsets in boxing over the last few months. I’m hoping that I can be the next.

“On Saturday night, boxing fans will know who I am. I know Russell has fast hands, but I have my game plan to be victorious.”

ERISLANDY LARA

“If I go out there and do what I did to **Ronald Hearn**s (KO 1), no one is going to want to fight me.

“Freddy Hernandez is a very good fighter. I’m prepared for anything he’s going to bring, but he needs to be worried about what I plan to bring.

“I’m not frustrated that fighters avoid me. I just have to keep working hard and taking care of the fighters my promoter puts in front of me. The big fights will come sooner or later. These guys can run but they can’t hide.”

Bundrage vs. Spinks, a 12 round fight for Bundrage’s IBF Junior Middleweight World Championship, is presented by Golden Boy Promotions and sponsored by Corona. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and the first fight begins at 4:00 p.m. The *ShoBox: The New Generation* tripleheader, which will also feature rising featherweight star Gary Russell Jr. facing contender Christopher Perez and top rated junior middleweight contender Erislandy Lara squaring off against former world title challenger Freddy Hernandez, will air live on SHOWTIME at 9:00 p.m. ET/PT (delayed on the West Coast). The broadcast will also feature highlights of the eight-round fight between rising star Antonio Orozco and Albert Cruz Jr.

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brownsugar says:

I like the undercard, even though they're just one-side showcases.
If Bundrage wins he can possibly get a major payday with Alvarez.
At 38 or 39 yrs old it's do or die for Bundrage.

A fight with Alvarez would be more interesting than seeing the young Paper Champ go thru another retreat.

And it would be more action than seeing Alvarez trying to walk down Austin Trout.... while getting out jabbed (one jab at a time).

I honestly think Quintana could potentially upset Alvarez if given a chance... but Qunitana can also look like Platinum laced Gold one day and pond scum the next.

SouthPaul says:

Lmao at that photo.

Spinks has some of the funniest ring entrances. His dancing is classsssiic. For that alone I'll be tuning in.

undisputed34 says:

if spinks has anything left in the tank, this is a mismatch..

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the Roast says:

Lara should get the shot at Canelo if he wins, and he will. I wonder if Golden Boy thinks Lara is too dangerous? He is but one loss won't shatter Alvarez.

undisputed34 says:

It will if it's a cotto vs margarito 1 type of loss...I have to do some more research on Lara, but I don't think he's that type of hitter. I'm just not all the way sold on canelo yet..

teaser says:

just saw the weigh in photos...spinks looks different...hope he didn't over train but does look definitely in shape ...has to be his slippery self if he's gonna win ...do or die time for him