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Fair to say that Gary Russell (pictured) is co-headlining with the debuting Olympians tonight in Indio. (Tom Casino)

INDIO, Calif. (Nov. 8, 2012) – The 12 fighters who will compete on “**Night of the Olympians**” on **Friday**

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ShoBox: The New Generation
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(10 p.m. ET/PT, delayed on the West Coast) made weight on their first attempts Thursday at **Fantasy Springs Resort Casino** in **Indio, Calif**

In the *ShoBox* 10-round main event, unbeaten featherweight contender and 2008 United States Olympian **Gary Russell Jr.** (20-0, 12 KO's), of Capitol Heights, Md., will be opposed by **Roberto Castaneda** (20-2-1, 15 KO's) of Mexicali, Mexico.

Five 2012 U.S. Olympians will fight in separate four-round bouts: heavyweight **Dominic Breazeale**, of Anaheim, Calif., meets cruiserweight **Curtis Tate** (4-3, 4 KO's), of Oakland, Tenn.; cruiserweight **Marcus Browne**, of Staten Island, N.Y., collides with super middleweight **Codale Ford** (2-0), of Fort Gibson, Okla.; super middleweight **Terrell Gausha**, of Cleveland, Ohio, faces junior middleweight **Dustin Caplinger** (2-3, 1 KO) of Chillicothe, Ohio; junior middleweight **Errol Spence Jr.**, of Desoto, Texas, takes on bantamweight **Jonathan Garcia** (3-3, 1 KO), of Aguadilla, Puerto Rico; and bantamweight **Rau'Shee Warren**, of Cincinnati, Ohio, battles **Luis Rivera** of Ponce, Puerto Rico (1-2).

The event is presented by **Golden Boy Promotions** and sponsored by **Corona**. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. PT and the first fight starts at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets priced at \$25, \$35 and \$45 are available at the Fantasy Springs Box Office, by calling (800) 827-2946 or online at www.fantasyspringsresort.com.

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SHOBOX WEIGHTS: Russell Jr. tipped scale at 126³/₄ pounds, Castaneda 125; Breazeale weighed 248 pounds, Tate 238; Browne weighed 175³/₄, Ford 176³/₄; Gausha weighed 164 pounds, Caplinger 165¹/₂; Spence Jr. weighed 149, Garcia 149¹/₂ and Warren weighed 117¹/₂ pounds, Rivera 117 ³/₄.

In non-televised fights, **Daquan Arnett** (8-0, 5 KO's), of Winter Park, Fla., meets **Jeremiah Wiggins**

(10-0-1, 5 KO's), of Newport News, Va., in a battle of undefeated junior middleweights in a six-round scrap and

Manuel Robles

(1-0), of Los Angeles, tackles

Tim Ibarra

(2-1), of Denver, Colo., in a four-round junior featherweight bout.

OFF-TV WEIGHTS: Arnett 153 pounds, Wiggins 151; Robles 122 pounds, Ibarra 117³/₄.

What Castaneda said Thursday about his main event clash against Russell:

ROBERTO CASTANEDA

"This is definitely a great opportunity for me to fight a big name like Gary Russell on SHOWTIME. I'd been training for a different fighter, another southpaw with a similar style, for three months but when this offer came along I took it. I'm definitely in good shape and very excited.

"With the preparation I had, I definitely feel I'm capable of winning. Russell is a good fighter, very, very fast, so my plan is to not let him get into a rhythm and dictate the pace.

"I feel I hit hard enough and I know I throw enough punches. I expect to throw 100 punches a round.

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“If I win this fight, I can be another **Josesito Lopez** and we all know what happened to him when he got his first big opportunity.”

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Radam G says:

Making weight is the least that those O-Game weaklings could've done. Oops! I musta fo'got! Hyped-up Gary Russell didn't fight in any of the O-Games because he couldn't make the weight, and passed out like a ____ ____ ____! Holla!