PHILADELPHIA, PA (January 2, 2013) World ranked challenger **"King" Gabriel Rosado** was incredulous when he discovered that his world championship bout against WBA/IBO Middleweight World Champion
Gennady "GGG" Golovkin
set for JANUARY 19 at Madison Square Garden in New York City would be fought at a catch weight of 158.

"The first I heard about the catch weight was at the media lunch on December 1, I never asked for it, that was my advisor Russell Peltz's idea," said Rosado. "I'm happy Russell is looking out for my best interests but we're fighting at 160. Golovkin is the champion and out of respect to him and towards the sport of boxing we will fight at the middleweight limit of 160 pounds. When I beat him, I don't want any excuses about the extra two pounds he had to lose. I will beat him at his best, fair and square." Even though Rosado looks physically much bigger than Golovkin, he has fought the majority of his professional bouts at the junior middleweight limit of 154 pounds.

"The old-timers didn't need any catch weights, they were real men. Middleweight champions fight at 160 and that's what I want."

In accordance with Rosado's wishes the contract for the world championship bout will be amended to the middleweight limit of 160.

Said **Tom Loeffler** of K2 Promotions; "I was surprised when I got the call to increase the weight to 160. I have to give Rosado a lot of credit, he is very confident and that is what makes this such a great fight. It should be the fight of the night on a great show and tickets have been selling very well."

"GOLOVKIN VS. ROSADO" which will be televised live on **HBO Boxing After Dark®,** beginning at 9:45 p.m. ET/PT, is a 12-round battle between WBA/IBO Middleweight World

Champion Gennady Golovkin and world ranked challenger “King” Gabriel Rosado set for Saturday, January 19 at The Theatre at Madison Square Garden, ‘The Mecca of Boxing” in New York City.

Promoted by **Top Rank Incorporated** and **K2 Promotions**, the World Championship Tripleheader also features **Orlando “SIRI” Salido**
defending his WBO Featherweight Title against undefeated No. 1 contender
Mikey Garcia
and two-time WBO Junior Lightweight Champion
Roman “Rocky” Martinez
clashing with No. 1 contender
Juan Carlos “Mini” Burgos
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Remaining tickets, priced at $200, $100, $50 and $25, are currently available for purchase at the Madison Square Garden Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster charge by phone (866-858-0008) and online at www.ticketmaster.com or www.thegarden.com .

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deepwater says:

Rosados stock just went up in my book. Nice job rosado. Real men don't need catch weights! Ggg is a German porn site. Lol. Hope the kid puts up a good fight . On the world stage if he goes for it he will only benefit . Go for it rosado. Where is pirog? He ruined golden child then fell off.

deepwater says:

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riverside says:

I'm not too convinced on GGG, he has looked great!,his resume not too impressive. Rooting for the underdog Rosado. I gotta go with local kid Garcia, he is going to box and pick apart Salido...

late TKO for Mikey.

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Ali I think your right with GGG, But Mikey has been groomed slowly, very well schooled, Hopefully he knows what to do when he hits Salido with everything he has and doesn't put him away early. Salido is a good telephone booth fighter! that is is exactly what Lopez gave him. Gamboa boxed circles not too long ago vs Salido. Lopez fought him after that to impress and to built up Gamboa vs Lopez once Mega fight in the making. We all know what happen next! Lopez is too flatfooted taylor-made for Salido. Mikey will pick Salido apart, no Telephone booth war.

the Roast says:

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Rules to live by fo sure!(moment of silence for Smily C) the Roast has snagged many a rinside seat just by walking in and sitting down. In the early days me and a buddy sat down one on each side at the judges table. We hooted at the ringcard girls a few times and the lady judge says,"You guys shut up or I'll have you booted out of here." We got booted soon after.

dino da vinci says:

Roast, like you, I'm seated at the ring apron at the Warner Center Marriott circa 1996. I'm watching two heavyweights (one of them ranked) struggle with each other round after round. Not to worry though, as nobody was getting hurt. Midway through one particular round of some punches being thrown and none landing, I turn to former Heavyweight Champion Gerrie Coetzee, seated to my right and said "You could stop either guy right now in the present shape you're in". Well it must have been the exact thought going through his mind at that precise moment, because he looked at me and his eyes looked the size of Morgan silver dollars. He came out of retirement not that many months later.

brownsugar says:

Roast, Deep, Dino,.. you guys are brazen as hell,.. wouldn't be surprised to see either of you riding in the back seat of one of Obama's convertible limos during a ticker-tape parade.... LOL.

****Rosado has been beaten,.. but he's showed that he's learned from his past mistakes and he's has had a good run of late showing good development and determination.

But I'm seriously very confused why he'd want such a dangerous fight that guys like Quillin, Martinez, Geale, Pirog, Sturms have already flatly rejected.

I'm sure the bout will be an all out action affair with Rosado showing his huge heart and fighting spirit.. but the kid has zero chance to finish this fight on his feet.

So I'm going to congradulate him early for getting in there with a beast nobody else has the confidense to confront.
Post-fight, my comments will be very concilliatory and supportive after he gets picked apart,.. and then torn apart.
(he probably has to carry his cojones around in a wheel barrell). I respect a fighter who behaves like a fighter.
but he should have gone after Fernando Guerrero for the interim-opal-pyrite-transitional title.

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Many years ago my vehicle broke down a bit past midnight (or maybe even a bit later) about 40 minutes out of Boston. I'm on either I-95 or I-195, looking for a roadside phone but I don't want to walk too far in either direction because my very pregnant wife is alone in the vehicle and the neighborhood I'm in is, well, not good. After 20 minutes a Lincoln pulled over with two of the largest men I've ever seen in the front seats. They offered to give me a ride to a pay phone if it helped. I preferred to stay with the
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Radam G says:

A correction, DDV. That was before c-phones for the general public. C-phones used to be just for superspy jive and the clean rich. And I'm spittin' about c-phones not walkie-talkies. Holla!

SouthPaul says:

I had this crazy *** dream about you last night. If was me, you, Jack Johnson, and Joe LOuis. We were all in this primer/flat black Cutlass Supreme hauling *** down the 110 with Ali and his homies from 18th St., chasing us. At one point you shouted at Jack...get the Tommy gun, nugga', spray these ese's!!!! Jack looked at you like wtf is an ese???? You then said, my bad, I meant pachucos!!! And at that moment he started hollering I'm JAck JOhnson, bitches, I knock mf'ers out for a living and I smash white asssssssssssss for a hobby!!!!! All hell then breaks loose with that Tommy gun. I just remember ScAli's Hyundai Excel was on the side of the freeway...riddled with bullet holes. I woke up after that.

Radam G says:

Hehehehehe! SouthPaul, you are wildin!' OMFG! I had that same dream. But it ended ____ ____ ___ ____ ___! Hahaha! Just jivin' and high fivin!' Holla!

the Roast says:

I saw that info about Ms. S too Dino. I never heard of theat tennis player either. Apparently Maria likes tall, dark, second rate athletes. The Roast in none of these things. I guess she was filmed on the streets of Milan hanging with this dude and her entourage. I was on the streets of Milan hanging with my boys Gianfranco Rossi and Nino LaRocca on the way to the club that same night. Never saw Maria. Ships in the night? Maybe some other time...

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Maybe it was Russ Francis, Stanley Morgan or Steve Grogan. Nah, those guys werent wide. If it was Steve Grogan it would tie it all together nicely what with all the times Dent sacked Grogan and Tony Eason in Super Bowl XX.