

Fernando Guerrero To Fight Chris Fitzpatrick on April 20

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NEW YORK (April 9, 2012) – Dominican southpaw **Fernando Guerrero** (23-1, 18 KO's) of Salisbury, Md., will make his fifth appearance on

ShoBox: The New Generation

when he faces

Chris "The Irish Ghost" Fitzpatrick

(15-1, 6 KO's) of Las Vegas, Nev., in a 10-round super middleweight fight on

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April 20

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(11 p.m. ET/PT, delayed on the West Coast) from

Beau Rivage Resort & Casino

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The Guerrero vs. Fitzpatrick bout will open a telecast headlined by a 10-round middleweight fight between former undisputed 160-pound world champion **Jermain Taylor** (29-4-1, 18 KO's) and undefeated

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aleb "Golden" Truax

(18-0-1, 10 KO's). The 10-round co-feature will pit former Cuban amateur standout

Erislandy Lara

(15-1-1, 10 KO's) against

Ronald Hearn

(26-2, 20 KO's).

The 5-foot-9, 25-year-old Guerrero is coming off of a fourth-round knockout over **Jason Naugler**

last

Feb. 18 in Cancun, Mexico. It was the second consecutive victory for Guerrero, who was dealt his first professional loss in 22 fights by veteran

Grady Brewer

on June 17, 2011 in a fight that Guerrero dropped down in weight to a career-low of 152 pounds.

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In his last outing on *ShoBox*, Guerrero overcame an eighth-round knockdown to score a unanimous 10-round decision win over **Ishe Smith** on July 16, 2010. His other *ShoBox* victories came against **Michael Walker** (TKO 2) on April 16, 2010, **Jessie Nicklow** (TKO 4) on Dec. 18, 2009 and **Tyrone Watson** (UD 8) on Oct. 3, 2008.

Before turning pro on Dec. 8, 2007, Guerrero was a stand-out amateur, capturing the 2007 United States amateur middleweight championship while winning the vast majority of his 140 bouts, including two triumphs over 2008 U.S. Olympic alternate **Shawn Porter**.

Fitzpatrick will be making his *ShoBox* debut and second start in 2012. A 24-year-old who has campaigned almost exclusively in the South, Fitzpatrick is coming off of a sixth-round technical knockout win over **Kenneth Dunham** in his most recent effort on Feb. 4 in Chapin, S.C.

A native of Cleveland, Fitzpatrick turned pro in February 2008 and was victorious in his first 14 fights before losing a 10-round decision to **Jose Medina** on Oct. 28, 2011, in Albany, N.Y.