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**PROVIDENCE, R.I. (June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014)** – As promised, **Rich Gingras** □ left no doubt in his second attempt at a regional title.

Facing the savvy veteran **Jaime Velazquez** of Central Falls, R.I., Friday in the main event of CES Boxing's "Unstoppable" professional boxing card at Twin River Casino, Gingras captured the vacant New England Light Heavyweight Title via fourth-round knockout, sending Velazquez crashing to the canvas with an overhand right at the 1-minute, 41-second mark.

For Gingras (14-4-1, 9 KOs), it was sweet redemption after fighting to a draw against Providence's **Vladine Biosse** last summer for the N.E. Super Middleweight Title. In the weeks leading up to the fight, Gingras promised to bring the belt home and not leave the decision in someone else's hands.

After three hard-fought, back-and-forth rounds, Gingras finished Velazquez for good with back-to-back overhand rights, the second catching Velazquez flush on the temple. Velazquez got off to a good start, landing uppercuts at will until Gingras readjusted his footwork and tightened up his defense. From there, it was all Gingras, who proved to be the stronger, more aggressive fighter in the end.

Velazquez has now lost back-to-back fights since returning to boxing in February while Gingras won for the first time since May of 2013 when he beat Rhode Island's **Joe Gardner**.

In the middleweight co-feature, **Thomas Falowo** (12-2, 8 KOs) of Pawtucket, R.I., made quick work of 24-fight veteran **Jose Ramirez** (11-14) of Albuquerque, N.M., stopping Ramirez with a right cross to the chin at the 1:51 mark of the opening round. Ramirez let his guard down as he moved forward and Falowo simply caught him while on his back foot, sending Ramirez crashing to the canvas. Ramirez tried to get up, but lost his balance on the way up and did not beat the count, resulting in a knockout for Falowo.

Since losing to Chris Chatman in July, Falowo has now won back-to-back fights, including a disqualification win over **Jaison Palomeque** in February.

Six days after fighting on the amateur portion of a CES pro-am card in Connecticut, promising Worcester, Mass., middleweight **Khiary Gray-Pitts** (1-0, 1 KO) made his long-awaited professional debut Friday, stopping well-traveled veteran **On'rey Towns** (0-5) in the third round of their scheduled four-round bout.

Pitts' speed was too much for Towns to handle, and once Pitts established his footwork and began to cut off the ring, he finished Towns for good with a hard left hook just 27 seconds into the third round. A former New England Golden Gloves champion, Pitts finished his amateur career last weekend with a win over **Ray Oliveira Jr.**

Heavyweight **Donnie Palmer** (5-0-1, 5 KOs) kept his perfect record intact in the opening bout, stopping Kansas City's **John Orr** (1-4) at the 2:06 mark of the second round. Facing a taller opponent, Orr did his best to fight on the inside, but the 6-foot-10 Palmer kept his opponent at bay with short, effective punches and eventually landed the finishing blow with an overhand right, sending Orr tumbling to the canvas after a back-and-forth opening round.

Fighting for the second time in six days, Willimantic, Conn., light heavyweight **Kevin Cobbs**



## **MARCUS BROWNE VS. YUSAF MACK**

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**LAS VEGAS** (June 6, 2014) - Three of boxing's hottest prospects will be featured at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. on **Friday , June 27**, as ***ShoBox: The New Generation*** on

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presents an exciting tripleheader that will help prove whether these young stars are ready for prime time.

In the main event, Maryland's **Dominic Wade** battles New York's **Nick Brinson** in a clash of middleweights. Plus, two 2012 U.S. Olympians attempt to remain unbeaten as welterweight southpaw **Erro**

**I Spence Jr**

. meets Pennsylvania's

**Ronald Cruz**

and light heavyweight

**"Sir" Marcus Browne**

squares off with veteran

**Yusaf Mack**

. All three bouts are scheduled for 10 rounds.

Heading out west to the Fight Capital of the World for the first time as a professional, 24-year-old Largo, Md.'s **Dominic Wade** (15-0, 11 KOs) has had numerous dominant performances on the East Coast, thrilling many fans along the way. Coming off a second-round technical knockout over Marcus Upshaw in April, Wade is more than ready for his headlining spot on SHOWTIME.

Albany, N.Y.'s **Nick Brinson** ( 16-1-2, 6 KOs) is a veteran of nearly six years, and with a 9-0-1 record in his last 10 fights, the 26-year-old is approaching the biggest bout of his career at precisely the right time. A New York State and WBC International Silver Champion who owns a 2013 win over Jorge Melendez, Brinson believes that he has the tools to pin the first loss on Wade's perfect record.

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A stellar amateur who represented the United States in the 2012 Olympics, **Errol Spence Jr.** (12-0, 10 KOs) appears to be on his way to even more success as a professional, as the powerful southpaw from Desoto, Texas has finished seven of his 12 wins in the first round. Included on this list are respected foes like Brandon Hoskins and Raymond Charles, but the 24-year-old has also shown the ability to go the distance, evidenced by his eight-round unanimous decision win over 15-0-1 Emmanuel Lartey.

Born in Manati, Puerto Rico and now fighting out of Bethlehem, Pa., the popular **Ronald Cruz** (20-3, 15 KOs) has built quite a following with his hard-nosed style in the ring. A former WBC Continental Americas champion who has defeated Prenice Brewer, Jeremy Bryan and Hector Munoz, the 27-year-old is coming off of a tough decision loss to former world champion Kermit Cintron this past March, but his effort in defeat gained him even more credibility.

The fighting pride of Staten Island, N.Y., 2012 United States Olympian "**Sir**" **Marcus Browne** (10-0, 7 KOs) has soared up the light heavyweight ladder since his professional debut in 2012, and after wins over veteran competitors like Kevin Engel and Otis Griffin, the talented 23-year-old is ready for a step up against the well-regarded Yusaf Mack on June 27.

A proud member of Philadelphia's fighting fraternity, 34-year-old **Yusaf Mack** ( 31-7-2, 17 KOs) still has the fire to battle the best and he expects to give Browne a rude welcome to big-time boxing. Hoping to snap a three-fight losing streak, the former USBA, NABF and NABA champion knows that a win will put him back on the right track for a world title.

**Wade vs. Brinson** is a 10-round middleweight bout presented by Golden Boy Promotions and sponsored by Corona. Doors open at 2 p.m. PT on fight night with the first bell sounding at 2:30 p.m. PT and the first televised bout starting at 6:30 p.m. PT. The **ShoBox: The New Generation** telecast will air live on SHOWTIME beginning at 9:30 p.m. ET/PT (delayed on the West Coast), immediately following the premiere of ALL ACCESS: Canelo vs. Lara.

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