



Oscar Escandon Training Camp Quotes & Photos



Top Featherweight Challenger Battles Featherweight Champion Gary Russell Jr. in Main Event Showdown Saturday, May 20 from MGM National Harbor in Maryland on SHOWTIME®

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NATIONAL HARBOR, MD. (May 15, 2017) - Top 126-pound challenger **Oscar Escandon** shares his thoughts on training camp and more ahead of his first world title opportunity against WBC Featherweight Champion **Gary Russell Jr.** Saturday, May 20 on SHOWTIME from MGM National Harbor in Maryland.

Coverage on SHOWTIME begins at 6 p.m. ET/3 p.m. PT and features super middleweight contenders **Andre Dirrell** and **Jose Uzcategui** battling for the IBF Super Middleweight World Championship plus two-division world champion **Rances Barthelemy** taking on **Kiryl Relikh** in a 140-pound world title eliminator. In the telecast opener, from Copper Box Arena in London, **Gervonta Davis** puts his IBF Jr. Lightweight Title on the line against **Liam Walsh**.

Tickets for the live event at MGM National Harbor, promoted by TGB Promotions, are priced at \$200, \$150, \$100 and \$50, and are now on sale. To purchase tickets go to <http://mgmnationalharbor.com/>.

Here is what Escandon had to say from Las Vegas before he wraps camp and heads east to headline at MGM National Harbor in Maryland:

On his recent training camp:

"Training camp started off in Gilroy, California where we got a lot of good sparring in the Bay Area. But then we moved camp to Las Vegas where we are training in high elevation. We are running up at Mt. Charleston where the elevation is 8400 feet. All in all, it has been a fantastic camp."

On fighting in his first main event on SHOWTIME:

"It's a dream come true to be fighting on SHOWTIME, especially in the main event for a world title. I believe the fans watching will enjoy my fighting style. I always bring excitement to the ring. This will be a fan-friendly fight to watch."

On facing his opponent, champion Gary Russell Jr:

"Gary Russell Jr. is one of the best fighters in the division. I know it's not going to be an easy task to defeat him but I'm confident in my ability to come out victorious. I will dig deep and impose my will on him."

On training with head coach Ruben Guerrero:

"Together Ruben and I get along very well. He's always there for me when I need him. We are doing everything to get better and we'll be ready to go. We have a nice game plan that we will display on fight night."

On what a victory will do for his career:

"This is the biggest fight of my career and a win will lead to bigger and better things, like unification bouts. To capture the WBC world title will be an honor for my team and my people of Colombia. I need to win this fight and capture that WBC title. I can see myself in major fights with a victory."

ABOUT RUSSELL JR. vs. ESCANDON

Gary Russell Jr. vs. Oscar Escandon is a featherweight world championship showdown that headlines SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING on Saturday, May 20 from MGM National Harbor in Maryland. Televised coverage begins on SHOWTIME at 6 p.m. ET/3 p.m. PT and features super middleweight contenders Andre Dirrell and Jose Uzcategui in a matchup for the Interim IBF Super Middleweight World Championship plus two-division world champion Rances Barthelemy in a WBA 140-pound world title eliminator against Kiryl Relikh. In the telecast opener, from Copper Box Arena in London, Gervonta Davis puts his IBF Jr. Lightweight Title on the line against Liam Walsh.

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