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Fight Night at Empire City Casino, Wednesday, March 11th **Historic NY Daily News Golden Gloves Finals & Semi-Finals includes “All Westchester”** **Battle feat. Ivette Delgado of Yonkers vs. Michelle Viglione of Mount Vernon**

Yonkers, New York - The iconic *New York Daily News Golden Gloves* returns to **Empire City Casino** for the fifth consecutive year on **Wednesday, March 11**. The 2015 semi-finals of the fabled amateur boxing tournament will be hosted on the casino's fourth floor. Three championship bouts and a trio of semi-final divisions will highlight the action-packed card.

In the **112-pound Female Championship**, **Ivette Delgado** of **Yonkers** will square off against **Michelle Viglione** of **Mount Vernon** in an “All-Westchester” finale; in the **114-pound Novice Championship**, **Deshane Burgess** (West NYC) takes on **Carlos Vanegas** (West NYC); and in the **176 Female Championship**, **Krystal Dixon** (West NY) faces **Joy Rotstein** (Brooklyn).

Here are the participants in the semi-finals: **106 Female: Ajwani Neena** – NYC, **Brittany Delgado** – Long Island, **Natalie Gonzalez** – West NYC, and **Juliette Lasdisa** – Bronx; **152 Open: Brian Ceballo** – Brooklyn, **Jose Collazo** – Staten Island, **Tyrone James** – Long Island, and **Gledwin Ortiz** – NYC; and in the **165 Open: James Abraham** – NYC, **Chordale Booker** – Brooklyn, **Aaron Katzman** – Upstate NY, and **Ronniel Vargas** – Bronx.

The oldest and most esteemed amateur event in the U.S., celebrating its 88th anniversary this season, has produced generations of legendary boxers including **Sugar Ray Robinson, Emile Griffith, Floyd Patterson, Riddick Bowe, Gerry Cooney, Mark Breland, Jose Torres, and Zab Judah.**

“We are proud that the Daily News Golden Gloves has become part of the great sports tradition at Empire City Casino, and is now in its fifth year,” said president & CEO, **Timothy J. Rooney**. *“Two New York institutions are once again teaming up for what we know will be an exciting event for fight fans.”*

General Admission tickets are **\$25**; senior citizens and college students are **\$15**; and first responders will receive free admission. To receive free or discounted tickets, guests must present valid photo ID. For more information visit <http://www.nydnews.com/gg> or call **Brian Adams** at the *Daily News* at **212-210-1908** or Empire City Casino at **914-968-4200**.

Doors open at **6:30 PM** and first bell is **7:30 PM** sharp. **These in-demand tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis only at the door on fight night.** Tickets and seating are limited.

Yonkers Raceway first opened its doors in 1899, and in over 115 years of its history has been the home to harness racing's Triple Crown events such as the Yonkers Trot, Cane Pace and Messenger Stakes, as well as such premier stakes races as the Art Rooney Pace. Professional boxing had been held in the Old Glory Horse Pavilion, and many major fights shown on closed circuit television. But the *Daily News Golden Gloves*, the most elite Golden Gloves tournament in the country for 88 years, became a “first-time starter” in 2011.

About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway:

Empire City Casino, one of the largest entertainment and gaming destinations in the northeast, features 5,300 of the hottest slots, electronic craps, roulette, baccarat and sic bo; year-round harness racing & International simulcasting; live entertainment including the best party, tribute and Latin bands, comedy, & more. A plethora of dining options will satisfy even the most discerning palate with Italian cuisine at *Nonno's Trattoria*; trackside dining with live betting at *Empire Terrace Restaurant*; and convenient delicious options at the International Food Court or Lil' Cocina. A new \$50 million expansion added *Dan Rooney's*, a high-energy sports bar and *Alley 810*, a craft cocktail lounge rounds out the entertainment options with retro bowling lanes. Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (off I-87 at Central Avenue) Yonkers, NY, Westchester County, open seven days a week from 10:00am to 6:00am. Visit www.empirecitycasino.com or call 914.968.4200 for information.

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