Shootboxing has made a handful of fight announcements in the past few days as their **2011 act.1** show on **February 19** begins to take shape. Already announced was a main event rematch between Shootboxing's top Japanese star **HIROKI SHISHIDO** and **BOVY SOR. UDOMSON** that promises to be a fun fight. Over the past week, 3 new fights have been added to the show:

SHIGEKI OSAWA vs. HIROAKI SUZUKI

Osawa (*pictured, in white*) is an interesting addition to Shootboxing's roster. An MMA fighter with a strong wrestling background, Osawa's professional career has largely been in SRC, where he's had a number of wins under MMA rules. He's also an accomplished wrestler and is looking to represent Japan at the 2012 Olympics in London. He's a potentially great signing for Shootboxing, as Japanese fans love a national sports star, and could really take some interest in Osawa. Normally an MMA fighter with a wrestling background doesn't have much of a chance in a stand-up organization, but this is Shootboxing, and Osawa's wrestling skills could help him earn a Toby Imada style victory via takedowns. Shootboxing is pushing the idea that there is a "new style" in the organization with an emphasis on throws and takedowns, and there's no doubt Osawa is there to help encourage that style. He's got a very tough debut opponent though, as Hiroaki Suzuki is one of the best young stars in Shootboxing and is the marquee fighter of their 65kg division. He's coming in off an S-Cup win over Mitsuhiro Ishida – another debuting MMA fighter with a wrestling background. Suzuki shut him down and knocked him out, and will look to do the same here.

Osawa had this to say about the fight and his lofty goals, courtesy of Nightmare of Battle :

"I thought striking was the core of SB but at the S-cup, applying takedowns cleverly while also exchanging strikes, MMA fighter Imada left a deep impression on me. But if it's me I'm confident

that I can do even more awesome takedowns and fire up the arena, and since I'm doing this I want to aim for the Shoot Boxing belt as well. My goal is to have reached the top of both SB and MMA when I win the gold medal in London."

KUNIYOSHI HIRONAKA vs. TBA

Hironaka is another MMA fighter, although he has competed in Shootboxing before, KO-ing Shinichiro Kuroki at Ishin 1 last February. Hironaka is the Cage Force Lightweight champion, and has fought in both Dream and the UFC. He holds a 2002 win over Strikeforce champion Nick Diaz. No word yet on his opponent.

AI TAKAHASHI vs. ZAZA SOR AREE

Shootboxing's #2 in the women's division, Ai Takahashi returns to action here. Last year, Takahashi made it to the finals at the Girls' S-Cup where she was finally defeated by RENA after two extension rounds in an excellent fight. She's one of the women out there who can give RENA a real challenge, and it seems likely those two will clash again this year. Zaza Sor Aree is a Muay Thai fighter, who also competed at last year's S-Cup where she was choked out by American Kate Martinez in the quarter-finals. I'll be interested to see her back, but I don't see her defeating Takahashi here.

Those four fights likely make up the top portion of the card, and make a great night of fights so far.

One final Shootboxing note – this weekend is the first event in the **2011 Young Ceaser's Cup**. Hopefully we will have results from that show up on Monday.