Shootboxing kicked off its 2011 season last night with "Act 1." The main event was a rematch between two Shootboxing legends in the way of Hiroki Shishido and Bovy Sor. Udomson. Bovy took a KO win over Shishido in 2009, so on the 19th Shishido was looking for some revenge. Shishido was coming off of two losses and a win here was a big deal for him, as he took all five rounds against Bovy to seal the victory and kick off 2011 the right way. After the bout, Bovy claimed that 2011 would be his last year competing, and that he wants to finish out his career in Shootboxing.

The semi-main event saw more MMA crossover for Shootboxing, as Kuniyoshi Hironaka tried his hand at Shootboxing against Satoru Suzuki. Suzuki made short work of Hironaka, knocking him out with a big right hook in the first round to end it. Hironaka fights for Cage Force and was able to at least score a takedown during the bout, but there is no ground work in Shootboxing, so when it was time to get back up to their feet it was curtains for the grappler against the former boxing champion. This win was important for the former boxer, whose kickboxing career was not exactly on the right track before.

There was more MMA crossover for the show, as SRC fighter Shigeki Osawa made his way to the Shootboxing ring to take on Hiroaki Suzuki. You might remember Suzuki from his previous Shootboxing bout against Mitsuhiro Ishida, and this fight saw more of the same as Osawa is a wrestler and was able to score some points with his grappling, but the hands and feet of Suzuki were too much for him to compete with. Osawa proved he was tough, though, and held on for the full five rounds to drop the decision.

So now we look forward to April 23, where Shootboxing has announced that the next card will be a big one. There are three fighters announced for the card, including Shootboxing Japan Super Bantamweight Champion Ryuya Kusakabe, Girl's S-Cup Champion RENA and 3-time S-Cup Champion Andy Souwer will all be in action. The inclusion of Souwer and RENA on one card is huge, showing that Shootboxing doesn't plan on winding down any time soon. [source]