

TAYLOR: There Is Nothing Special About Abraham

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BERLIN (October 14, 2009) - Jermain Taylor today dismissed Arthur Abraham's talents at a packed press conference at the o2 World Arena in Berlin. More than 14.000 fans will be in attendance when the two former champions open the Super Six World Boxing Classic in Germany's capital on Saturday night (SHOWTIME®, 8 p.m. ET/PT, tape delayed).

Taylor added fuel to the fire today when he publicly questioned his opponent's class. Asked how he would rank Abraham, he replied: "There is nothing special about him. He has some power and I know he will be prepared to do battle, (but he is) just a normal fighter. I would not rank him at the top with some of the other fighters I have fought."

Abraham refused to return the verbal jab. "He can say what he likes. I am sure he will have a different opinion once I have caught him for the first time. I really look forward to Saturday. This is a special fight, the first of many big fights in the Super Six tournament. I am ready and prepared and cannot wait to get in the ring with Taylor."

Here are all the quotes from today's press conference.

JERMAIN TAYLOR

"I have been in Berlin for about a week and a lot of people have come up to me on the street and let me know they will be cheering for me. I don't think he is going to have 50,000 people hoping he wins. There a lot who want him to lose. I don't think that everybody likes him."

"I'm ready to do battle and win by any means necessary. Every fighter has to be ready to do battle and go to war. I'm expecting a war and I'm prepared for it."

"Whoever wins this tournament I think would have to be considered the best Super Middleweight. You have six very talented Super Middleweights and I don't see how the winner could not be seen as the best."

ARTHUR ABRAHAM

"I want to be a star in America and the Super Six tournament will help me to accomplish my goals. I am thrilled to get started."

"I have been a happy man each and every day because I don't have to make weight any more. For me that used to be the biggest problem – much bigger than the actual fight. But since I don't have to lose much weight this time, I am very relaxed, happy and in a great mood."