

## Somebody's Getting Spanked Outside Mannheim

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TENSE LATITUDES- Dereck Chisora is currently around a six to one underdog against Wladimir Klitschko according to some of the UK based challengers homeland internet wagering sites.

The odds are better that somebody is going to get spanked inside the strands at SAP arena, approximately five kilometers from the snow globe central Mannheim, Germany Christmas Market. Its most likely that Saturdays spankee will be Chisora, 14-0 (9), from London by way of Zimbabwe, courtesy of consensus heavyweight champion Klitschko, 55-3 (49).

Its not a great idea to get either Klitschko or trainer Emanuel Steward upset, but to get them both angry is downright foolhardy.

Chisora did exactly that with his prefight posturing, going into personal territory with insults that put early game faces on both Klitschko and his mentor.

As a person, he is full of garbage, snarled Klitschko at the final press conference after Chisora taunted Klitschko about boxing style, toughness and Chisoras girlfriends superior looks.

Chisora brought Klitschkos sweetheart Hayden Panettiere into the picture and sealed his role as a villain insulting Steward. Not that Miss H hasnt been cuddled up in enough fight night photographs with Wlad to qualify as part of his fair-game team already, but Chisora seemed to deliberately cross a line after Klitschko called him out for a recent assault charge involving Chisoras girlfriend.

His girlfriend is three feet tall, slammed Chisora, My girlfriend standing there and his, its totally different.

Panettiere is almost adopted boxing royalty in Germany, so the insults got plenty of promotional play.

Chisora held on to his big opportunity when a UK court adjudicated him with a conviction that carried no jail time. There rarely is an excuse for manhandling a female, so serious karma may come into play. The case involved an alleged spanking. Not to make light of the situation, but his formal slap on the wrist may have been justified if reports were accurate about an unbrutal incident. Upon limited observation Chisora doesnt come off as a total thug as much as a hardguy who hasnt been confronted with superior firepower.

That figures to change Saturday night, big time. Chisora better hope his karma is better than it appears.

The man that hits the woman is the loser, said Klitschko sternly with a mocking tone. There is

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no excuse whatsoever. You call yourself a rebel? This is great. I will show you the road to redemption.

Klitschko does not seem to be residing in any glass houses. It seems he plans to throw boulders Saturday night. So far Chisora responds as if he's got the stones to take them.

At least Chisora seems to be ready to make it interesting, for as long as it lasts. A reasonable over/under proposition would probably be around five full rounds. Take the under.

I want him to bring the best fight he's ever got, invites Chisora. I'm bringing my A game.

Even if Chisora gets creamed by the first overhand right Klitschko lands, Chisora has accomplished a lot more than contenders like WBA titlist David Haye, Alexander Povetkin or former titlist Nikolai Valuev. It looks like Chisora will actually jump at the title shot like an old time contender and trade punches with the world's best heavyweight the first chance he gets.

Boxing comes down to ready or not. Chisora is ready. The others are not.

Povetkin fights on Marco Huck's undercard in another week. Valuev recovers from surgery. Haye has his own private limbo.

In his last fight on September 18th, Chisora scored a TKO 9 over Sam Sexton and improved on a previous decision in the rematch. A week prior to that, Klitschko scored a TKO 10 over Sam Peter, also improving on a previous decision. The only thing comparable in terms of recent opposition is the name Sam. As it turns out the lights.

You get experience (you need) by doing the task, said Chisora trainer Don Charles. Ironically, he was outlining Klitschko's seemingly insurmountable advantage.

I've seen so many one-sided Klitschko blowouts lately that I almost expect the exact same grind again. Since Chisora hasn't faced anywhere near the level of opposition, I'm figuring it shouldn't take Klitschko more than ten minutes for disposal. I'd love to be surprised.

Unless Klitschko is slipping, forgets how to use a 7 inch reach advantage or suddenly looks a lot more vulnerable than he has for over two years, this fight should be the kind of whomping that keeps critics from making a peep about quality of opposition.

Depending on how close Steward is to the domestic scene, he might suggest to Panettiere that she suggest to Klitschko that Chisora is due a lesson, and that Wlad should get him out of there quick.

34 year old Klitschko has attempted to play the rowdy, aggressive brawler but it didn't seem to fit his personality as much as it does this time. That spells trouble for 26 year old Chisora.

I don't need to motivate him far this at all, says Steward with something like amusement.

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On the other hand, both Klitschko and Steward may be eying the end of Wlads fine run. We still say that the brothers should have a huge charity co-bill retirement party in around two years. The K2 brain trust might not want to do anything that might keep the shy Haye, Povetkin, or Valuev, probably the biggest immediate paydays available, too reluctant.

It will look very bad if Klitschko looks shy against Chisora in any manner. He's supposed to win big.

Sooner or later somebody is going to get inside Klitschkos jab and give him a very tough night.

Later.