

Anger Management II: Chisora-Haye Signed

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LONDON EYE OF THE STORM - Will it be class or glass if and when Dereck Chisora and David Haye square off, now scheduled for West Ham's Upton Park on July 14th?

Let's hope it's not a case of the fight or the fighters unraveling, because beneath all the raucous trappings, Chisora - Haye is potentially one of the the best bouts in the current heavyweight landscape. It's easy to imagine the UK lads performing at a crowd rocking level above Robert Helenius versus Tyson Fury, Ruslan Chagaev - Chris Arreola or even, in another galaxy, Klitschko versus Klitschko.

Both Haye, 25-2 (23),and Chisora, 15-3 (9),have prominent personalities and physiques.This fight will not be a hard sell. It will rightfully be the main event while sharing a spotlight with another high profile meeting of mauling mammoths, Alexander Povetkin against Hasim Rahman.

The biggest problem with the fight probably won't have anything to do with misbehavior or injury, but whether or not the announced primary promoter, Frank Warren, will be able to come to completely comfortable terms with the principals, mainly Hayemaker Inc.

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A pretty good picture of what to expect during this promotion was on display at Tuesday's press conference. While separated by a wire fence type barrier the gentlemen shared a now typical exchange the sounds like an early lounge act.

"The last time I saw Haye he pulled a knife on me," said Chisora.

"I was eating a steak," said Haye.

One group that finds the entire proposal unacceptable, and has undertaken efforts to stop the fight from occurring, at least on UK soil, is the British Boxing Board of Control. The Board released a statement that anyone involved with the bout would have their licences suspended.

That sounds a bit prudish at this point. Let the fellows settle it in the ring, and demand an equal percentage from each purse be donated to a couple of varied worthy causes. There will probably be more bumps in the road to fruition before the actual bell sounds.

Also, there is by no means any guarantee a case resulting from the Munich fiasco is completely closed in Germany. Warren might think about having the fighters make some sort of conciliatory gesture toward the Munich authorities, apologizing for how things got out of control in the heat of a moment that will be resolved properly within the strands. Oh, and by the way officer, we'd like to invite you and some of your fine investigators to London so you can see how cooler heads behave.

Since the besieged but still colorful Sun newspaper claims official sponsorship, it may get hard to distinguish rumor from rumble. There will be plenty of splashy potential coverage on issues like who gets what corner, the order of introductions and ring walks, and stuff like the selection of gloves. It wouldn't be the worst sight to have Page 3 girls carry the round cards.

31 year old Haye was reluctant to engage with either Wladimir Klitschko or Nikolai Valuev, and while the trash talker seems less aggressive when actually stood up to, he showed, with creative use of a juice bottle and camera stand that he is not sheepish when it comes to a real street fight. Maybe, it being London and all, they could get Jagger and Richard to play "Street Fighting Man" for a theme song.

28 year old Chisora proved his mettle fighting solid competition and proved the even a losing effort can appropriately mean more than steamrolling futile foes.

From a more serious angle, the bout does contain legitimate factors regarding prominence in the heavyweight division. On their good nights, both Haye and Chisora possess the punch and the pugnacity to remain legitimate contenders in the big boy rankings.

There will be more in-depth analysis at a later point, but for now I'll just say it's not hard to picture either guy winning. Haye seems to have the smarts and skills, Chisora seems to have the brawn and the balls.

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Of course, in the era of the brothers Klitschko, being a legitimate contender basically means someone who can lumber past the rest of the thundering herd. It does not necessarily imply that said contender could win half a round against either Vitali or Wladimir.

It's already been proven neither Haye or Chisora was anywhere near a match for a Klitschko. Still, a strong showing by either The Hayemaker or Del Boy could lead to a lucrative K2 rematch. Each man has that strong a "personality", a crucial commodity in times when the Klitschko are almost desperate for opponents worthy of large scale attention.

There's no doubt that these days the talk overshadows the walk throughout many endeavors. There's a real possibility Haye and Chisora have already had their primary YouTube moment. There is also a great chance that both Haye and Chisora show up and let it all hang out.

If they fight as crazed inside the ring as they did inside the Munich media center, we could get another behemoth brawl a la George Foreman- Ron Lyle.

Chisora's attitude looks like a conking catalyst for Haye to resort to the less civilized type conduct he says he pursued during younger days.

As for the title holding Kbro's, there's a good chance the siblings would make the trip to London just out of curiosity, in addition to a bit of the self-promotional style Haye introduced them to. Public curiosity alone should propel the fight to a sellout of around 40,000. Maybe a football game will break out.

You'll probably be able to get wagering lines on situations like that with all the bookies and on-line betting advertised in the UK. This contest opens a wild world of opportunities for abstract betting lines, the like of which have never been seen, even in Sparks, Nevada.

The odds of a meltdown are more likely than those of a knockdown.

Will Chisora go for the toe or will it be toe to toe trading?

That and an occasionally stinky pile of questions arise from this matchmaker's massively marketable mayhem. Whether you like titanic tilts or train wrecks, this could be a dream fight.

It could get even more interesting.

It could get even more weird.

"He glassed me!"

"My toe hurts!"

It will probably not get dull.

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Radam G says:

Money changes everything. The Brits' suspension of Chisora didn't last pass one pound or a euro. These clowns are going to get PAID. Fans and fanfaronades are already going ape-sh*t for this bout. Holla!

amayseng says:

well i would rather see them fight than talk and run their mouths the next 2 years..

deepwater says:

the number one rule in pro boxing= money talks. I look forward to this scrap. more exciting then the klitcos.

deepwater says:

Haye showed a nice street fighting style when he punched that bum in the face with the beer bottle and he had every right to do it. he knocked that bum trainer in the head too.lol. good job haye.