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[QUOTE=The Sweet Science;60914]



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Danggit! How some pugs will exploit others is a D@MN shame. JT no longer has game. He's brain injured. And Sam Soliman oughta' quit. Fighting this type of opponent, he's so full of chicken syet. Shame! Shame! Shame! Shame! Soliman should come to Brooklyn and Danny Jacob. Holla!

### King Beef says:

Man I hope this doesn't happen, Taylor is gonna get seriously hurt if he keeps going

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### **brownsugar says:**

Agree with all comments .... They should call this guy Soliman "The Vulture".

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No glory in beating Taylor.

### **The Good Doctor says:**

[QUOTE=amayseng;61031]What about his wife and family? Someone needs to put a stop to it.[/QUOTE]

I agree but I can see the other side. Some people have families that back them no matter the risk or the cost. This would be especially true if he is the breadwinner in his family. Beautiful on one hand because you have people that will always have your back. Deadly on the other because them being mute can let you go down a deadly road.

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It is confirmed now. J-Ta is getting an IBF world title shot against Sam Soliman. OMFG! The IBF is so dang corrupted. Holla!

### **oubobcat says:**

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Agreed. And in all fairness, he's beaten the stringiest tests out there and by all accounts, he looked sharp in his last outing.

He could win this. If he does, expect to see him in there with Sergio Martinez, who may or not have a tune-up in the interim.

If Martinez is indeed crippled, Taylor has himself a high-profile scalp with the world now as his oyster. You could see him in there with Cotto, Canelo or even feasting on some of the Euros, who I still think he can take.

Then depending on who wins, at some point, you can have a huge unification for all the marbles -- WBC, WBA, IBF, even the fringe WBO -- while freezing out WBA super champ GGG who will probably have moved up to 168 for a mega fight anyway.

Either way, there's a way for Taylor to make money and collect belts while staying out of harms way.

### **oubobcat says:**

I forgot about Martinez. And he is coming back of course. Yeah that would be another fight that would make a lot of sense and extremely easy to make since they are both with Dibella.

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[QUOTE=deepwater2;62240]The dummy shot his cousin. Fight will be canceled.[/QUOTE]

Yeah saw the news this morning. Very sad story and definitely no fight.

**amayseng says:**

Apparently the professional fighter, instead of just punching the guy out, shot an unarmed man multiple times and is facing 2 felonies....wow

**oubobcat says:**

Well, apparently Taylor has been granted a request to travel out of state for the October fight. So remarkably in spite of the events that have transpired there may be a fight against Soliman after all.

**The Shadow says:**

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A jab shot like a laser. A cannon right hand. Combinations unleashed with the rapid firepower of a semi-automatic Uzi.

And the coupe de grace, which he learned from Paulie Malignaggi, the rocket launcher -- I know y'all remember that one -- you know, the one where the left hand is low but the right hand is lower.

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A very chilling portrayal of doom and destruction.

If you keep talking about guns we may have an unexpected visitation by GunHo Zimmerman who was last sited in Ferguson following two teens with his gun drawn before his arrest.

His car was stocked with a surplus of guns and knives.

He must have heard it was "open season" in the dysfunctional city.

Taylor is a better boxer than Soliman ... But Soliman is and old work horse. He will take over the fight against the endurance challenged Taylor by the sixth round.

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Jermain Taylor is shot.

He is not in his prime. JT carries his lazy jab too low and doesn't bring it back quick enough. Sam Solimon has the conditioning and the mental fortitude to carry him the full 12 rounds if need be. He just shut out Sturm in Germany.

JT will get out-hustled and possibly stopped against SS.

[url]<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x995Va5MN1o>

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I agree, RG! Soliman will be out cold, crushingly and disturbingly.

But let's be nice, though. Even though Soliman's old I wouldn't call him disabled quite yet.

As far as Taylor goes, you hit it right on the head, no pun intended. Despite the medical forewarnings and criminal activities suggesting neurotically erratic behavior, I predict his body -- Soliman's, that is -- will be contorted from the rifle-like force of the JT artillery.

Excellent call, Sensei!

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Fully agree, which is why I have picked Soliman to win this fight ever since it was announced. As a long-time fan of Taylor, I'll definitely be rooting for him but I sure as hell am pissed he's

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allowed to resume his career. Both the commission and IBF are corrupt.