

Daniel Geale vs. Darren Barker

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The Revel Casino-Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey is the site for Saturday's bout between Daniel Geale and Darren Barker. Geale will be defending his IBF middleweight title for the fifth time in this fight that can be seen on HBO. Let's look at what should be an excellent contest.

Darren Barker comes into this fight with a record of 25-1 with 16 knockouts while Geale is 29-1 with 15 knockouts. Geale is considered one of the best boxers in the world at 160 pounds and he is almost a 2-1 favorite in boxing betting odds to win this fight on Saturday against Barker. It will be the United States debut for Geale on Saturday. "I'm extremely excited to be making my U.S. debut. I think it's the next logical step for me right now. I know how talented I am and I know how great I can be but sometimes winning fights isn't enough." Geale said, "You have to be prepared to go the extra mile. Fighting in the U.S. has been on my radar for the past year or two, and now I get to fight in front of the great U.S. fans on the greatest boxing network in the United States against a truly worthy opponent."

Barker has been beaten only once in his career as he was stopped by Sergio Martinez back in 2011. Barker believes that he is much better prepared this time for a big fight saying, "I've been through so much it makes me believe it's my time and I'll prove that on fight night. I want to do it so badly and it's final piece of the jigsaw if you like. I've worked too hard not to beat him and I feel like I've got the advantage in every department. It's about getting it right on the night and bringing that belt home with me."

Boxing Betting Prediction

This has the potential to be an excellent fight as both fighters are coming into this one in good form. Barker does seem to be very confident but Geale is simply the better fighter and should come out on top in this one.

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As long as the winner of this fight faces GGG or QUILLIN then progress will have been made...its time to boil down this stock of middleweight-Alphabet soup and unify.

I wish Kelley P were still in the mix but it looks like it will be quite some time before Ohio gets represented in the champions slot again.

I'll probably watch if nothing else is on but its not something I'm particularly looking forward to. Hopefully Geale wins.