Jermaine Taylor vs Jeff Lacy Super Middleweight Fight Preview and Betting Odds

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Super Middleweight's Jermaine Taylor and Jeff Lacy will fight in what is billed as a Super-Middleweight Elimination event about 10 pm ET tonight at Memorial Gymnasium on the campus of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn and televised on regular HBO. Each fighter has held a championship belt at one time but with both coming off career setbacks, winning tonight's 12 round bout is crucial. This fight will determine the direction of Taylor or Lacy's future.

Boxing oddsmakers at leading boxing book, Bodog (Bodoglife.com) have installed Jermaine Taylor as a -550 odds ($550 bet USD to win $100) favorite to win the fight. The betting round total is set at 10 1/2.

The hype surrounding this fight is growing, in large part because this is a fight that is so crucial to the careers of both Taylor and Lacy. Both fighters know a loss will be very difficult to come back from.

"Jermain knows how big this is," Taylor's promoter, Lou DiBella, said. "He's very aware. This is the kind of fight that will escalate him back to the top. He has to win the fight. I do think he's hungry again. He wants this fight."

"Everything is peaking at the right time," Taylor said. "I'm ready. I feel great, and we have a good game plan for Jeff (Lacy). I have the skills to go in there and win, and look good doing it. I'm hungry, and I'm ready to fight."

The undercard at Memorial Gym features heavyweight and welterweight bouts. In the welterweight division, Kermit Cintron is a -265 odds favorite over Lovemore N'dou at +265 with a 9 1/2 round total. The heavyweight matchup lists Chazz Witherspoon a -280 favorite over Adam Richards. Richards underdog odds are at +220. The fight total is set at 7 1/2 rounds.

Online sportsbook Bodog (Bodoglife.com) is offering a generous sign-on bonus that can be used to wager on this big fight. Just log onto Bodog using this link...make a deposit..and take advantage of the extra cash to bet on Taylor vs. Lacy in this Super-Middleweight Fight.