JONES V CORMIER 2

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“Great fighters have never existed in a vacuum”- as said by Joe Rogan in a promo for UFC 214’s main event – Jones vs Cormier 2. This sentence makes a recurrent ring in everybody’s mind as we are only a few hours away from UFC 214. This is quite true when you think about it. No great fighters or legends ever existed alone unchallenged,they always had to be tested against great fighters to prove that they are really legends. It’s really interesting to discuss about the fight just few hours away from kicking off the main event.

Jones Vs Cormier 2 is perhaps the most awaited fight in Combat Sports of 2017 outside of Mayweather vs McGregor. This rematch was supposed to happen a long time ago but time and again this rematch was delayed due to mishaps which were mostly on parts of the former champ-Jon Jones. This fight is not only one of the most awaited ones but also really controversially coated ones with Jon Jones being suspended twice by the UFC on a hit and run incident and a substance abuse violation caught by the USADA. The fight was also delayed when Daniel Cormier the current champ, was injured during UFC 197 where Jon Jones fought Ovince Saint Preux instead. During the absence of Jon Jones from the division , Daniel Cormier totally dominated the Light Heavyweight Division of the UFC by defeating a prominent Light Heavyweight Anthony Johnson. From there on DC went on to defend his belt against some of the most greatest Light Heavyweights the word had ever seen, with names like Alexander Gustaffson, Anderson Silva and fighting Anthony Johnson for the second time in the latter’s retirement fight. All this while the former champ was forced to sit back and watch from the sidelines as the belt that was once around his waist was now around a man he had once defeated. Outside of Jon Jones , DC became the most well known and greatest fighter of the Light Heavyweight Division with Jon Jones handing DC his last loss in MMA. Fans always wanted to see this rematch just to see who the greatest Light Heavyweight of all time is truly!

Stylistically speaking there would be a huge influence of the Wrestling Community on this matchup with DC being a former Olympian in Wrestling and Jon Jones with a Freestyle Wrestling background and a Submission Grappling win over Dan Henderson who is also a former Olympian. Jon Jones has a huge edge over Daniel Cormier in the reach department. Both guys have great standup with Jon Jones Muay Thai and DC coming out of the AKA training camp. This time Daniel Cormier has made a small investment in his training by outsourcing two of his training partners-Frank Munoz, the WAKO K1 European Champion and Jacob Kasper, a Duke University All American. Both these partners closely resemble Jon Jones’s style of Striking and Wrestling. One thing is for sure! Both the fighters are training really hard and are treating this as the biggest fight of their career up till now.

From Jones v Cormier 1 and all the press conferences,faceoffs and interviews up until now ; one thing is clear, both these fighters genuinely hate each other. The last match they had did not had a good ending clearly with Jon Jones making gestures and hurtful comments at DC after winning and the latter crying backstage. Nobody really can surely choose a side in this matchup as both of these Titans of the sport go on to battle each other in the ultimate proving ground-The Octagon!