

SETH MITCHELL: FIGHTING TO RIGHT A WRONG

Seth Mitchell doesn't want to hear talk about revenge, redemption, or getting even. The knockout loss he suffered at the hands of Johnathon Banks in November 2012 was purely a ring education. Mitchell wants the rematch to prove he is the best American Heavyweight. This is Mitchell's opportunity to quiet his doubters and in his own words, *"I believe in myself already. I just want to go out and get this victory, I want to right this wrong, that's basically what I want to do."*

Be Careful what you ask for or second time around is a charm? Prior to getting into the ring with Johnathon Banks at Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall last year, Seth Mitchell was the hottest fighter in the Heavyweight division. The former Big Ten Linebacker from Michigan State was touted as the best American Heavyweight prospect. HBO features and countless mentions in the boxing media, Seth Mitchell was sure to be a star.

Johnathon Banks was the complete opposite, and his fame came at very slow and enduring pace. Banks, after the passing of his mentor Emmanuel Steward, was recently famous for training Wlad Klitschko. Introduced to boxing years ago by the late Emmanuel Steward, a strong mentor relationship followed, and Banks has been a staple in all of the Steward led Klitschko camps. The natural thing to do was elevate Banks to lead trainer of the heavyweight champ. The move proved to be a great success as Klitschko didn't miss a beat delivering a one sided beating to steroids tough Mariusz Wach. Overlooked in the entire scenario, Johnathon Banks has quality Heavyweight fighting skills.

Divine intervention or a good butt whipping? Seth Mitchell is quick to tell you the better man won in the first meeting. What makes Mitchell so endearing to boxing fans is his business-like approach and no excuses attitude: *"a lot of people said Emanuel Steward had a lot to do with the fight and things of that nature. I don't really look too much into that..."* Even greater than his no excuses attitude, Mitchell was the one calling for the rematch. He didn't want a tune up fight. He immediately wanted to get back into the ring with the man that shockingly knocked him out. *"When I went back in the dressing room after the fight, when I talked to Al Haymon I asked him two questions. I asked him how much did this set me back and when can I get a rematch."* In December, Mitchell quickly got back into the gym, and has turned the sick feeling of his first professional loss into a learning experience. Team Mitchell looked at the tape, recognized their areas of weakness, and began turning them into strengths.

While some maybe surprised, Johnathon Banks knew Mitchell would want the rematch: *"As always, my hat continuously pulls off to Seth Mitchell because he always shows a lot of character, which is something I personally admire in fighters because a lot of fighters don't do that. So, I personally just want to take my hat off to him, as always."*

On February 16, 2013 at Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall, Seth Mitchell will have his opportunity to right his wrong. At the end of the night, will Seth Mitchell be a fallen star or can he bring the "Mayhem" right his wrong and prove to the world he is one of America's Best Heavyweights?

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