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When this fight was first announced I pretty much scratched my head. Calzaghe just came off a win over Bernard Hopkins in his first fight in the United States. He could have hand picked any fighter in the world to cement his legacy and truly be considered an elite fighter.

Calzaghe and his team decided on Roy Jones Jr.? The Roy Jones Jr.?

It is no secret here at TheClevelandFan that Roy Jones Jr. is my favorite fighter of all time. He dominated the world of boxing for easily twelve years. Roy beat every person in his way including many of the biggest stars. People say he fought nobodies, but to steal a line from his CD, he just made them look like nobodies.

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Jones is going on forty years old and the speed he possessed isn't what it used to be. Or is it? We just saw an even older Bernard Hopkins, who lost to Jones, put on a clinic against Kelly Pavlik who was seventeen years younger than him. When Roy is focused, there might not be anyone who can beat him.

Joe Calzaghe loves to throw punches. His output is generally one hundred to one hundred and twenty per round. That is what sets him apart from anyone he fights. He doesn't possess one punch knockout power but throwing and landing that many shots will take its toll on anyone.

Tonight's matchup to me is going to be very interesting. Calzaghe said he might retire after a win over Jones. His style is a very aggressive one and usually pretty entertaining. If both fighters come in willing to mix it up, we might be in for a pretty good treat.

Roy Jones Jr. for the longest time was one of the best defensive fighters I have seen. Two brutal knockouts changed that. Now that he's older and fighting a guy who doesn't possess that kind of power, he might be willing to take a few more chances.

Joe Calzaghe is a very good fighter. Due to some of his opposition, we might not really know just how good he is. Fight fans still might not know after tonight when he steps in with a so-called washed up fighter in Roy Jones Jr.

I love Roy Jones Jr. and would never pick against him. I think he will win tonight and be the first guy to beat Joe Calzaghe. A lot of fans also think that this fight will be boring. I'm not one of those fans.

One thing I know for sure, Roy Jones Jr. will always make me watch his fights. He was simply amazing for a long long time. I will be tuning in tonight to see if he can entertain me one more time.