

Preview: UFC 63

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My cousin Scott likes nothing better than watching people beat the snot out of each other, in any form. He's our resident boxing and MMA expert, and as always, is here to preview tonight's pay per view UFC 63 event. The headline match is a good one, featuring the dominant Matt Hughes fighting the last guy to beat him, "The Prodigy" B.J. Penn.



The champ couldn't have written a more perfect script.

Saturday night at the Arrowhead Pond in LA was supposed to be a rematch of Welterweight king Matt Hughes and George St. Pierre. An injury forced the challenger St Pierre out of the fight. Who could they find to take his place on a somewhat short notice? The guy Hughes wanted to fight all along. The last guy to defeat Matt Hughes, none other than "The Prodigy" BJ Penn.

It was no secret that Hughes wanted to fight BJ. He was mad when St Pierre was named the number one contender because he already beat him back at UFC 50.

The fight he has been hungry for is the rematch from UFC 46. That was the last time Matt Hughes has been beaten. In his last five fights, Hughes has looked unstoppable.

Here comes the challenger that made him tap out due to a choke in the first round.

What a rematch this is going to be. The awesome wrestling and ground and pound style of Hughes going against the submission grappling tactics of Penn. The power of Matt taking on the unflappable BJ.

Can Matt Hughes be hurt? Nobody knows. The only thing we know is BJ might be in his head a little bit.

This fight is way too close to call, I just can't wait to see it. If BJ can beat Matt again he will be consider an icon of the MMA game. We'll find out Saturday night.

In another must see fight on the card, we have Mike "Quick" Swick taking on David "the Crow" Loiseau. Swick is an up and coming star who first we saw on The Ultimate Fighter Season 1. He has yet to lose in four fights, all wins in the first round. He will be getting his toughest test yet and he battles with a former number one contender. The last time Loiseau was in the Octagon he lost a decision to champ Rich Franklin. This could very well be a fireworks display and both guys have dynamite in their hands and elbows.

Jens Pulver will also be making his long awaited return to the UFC. He has been away for over five years and was always a crowd favorite. This 150 pounder is one bad mother, I am looking forward to him being back to take on Joe Lauzon.

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The complete card looks like this:

Main Card Bouts:

- Matt Hughes (#1 Welterweight in the world)* vs. BJ Penn (#3 Welterweight)*
- David Loiseau vs. Mike Swick
- Jens Pulver vs. Joe Lauzon
- Jason Lambert vs. Rashad Evans
- Melvin Guillard vs. Gabe Ruediger

Preliminary Bouts:

- Tyson Griffin vs. David Lee
- Jorge Gurgel vs. Danny Abaddi
- Roger Huerta vs. Jason Dent
- Mario Neto vs. Eddie Sanchez

What a great night of fighting on Saturday night. As always, I know where I will be for what should be a wonderful UFC card.