

# FANTASY FIGHTS

(COMPETITION)

by

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A few weeks ago on my Setanta boxing show I had ten dvds to give away. So, I decided to make people do a bit of work for their prize and asked the viewers to send in their fantasy fights. I hate competitions where you have to select A, B or C.

The rules were simple - the fights had to involve a minimum of one British boxer. A few minutes later over 100 emails had arrived and by the time that we went off air there were close to 1,000 entrants. It was staggering.

I announced the eight winners (two dvds had been nicked!) a week later and I had to pick from over 4,000 fantasy fights! One geezer in Dublin sent in 81 fights and he never won. I sent him a reply and he sent back 100 more fights! I've asked the woman in charge of the dvds to send him one out of pity!

One of the most popular choices was Mike Tyson against Muhammad Ali. Most people thought that a peak Ali, the Ali from the end of the Sixties, would easily beat a peak Tyson - that is a Tyson before the drugs, the rape charges and the craziness. I think it would be an amazing fight.

Ali remains convinced that he would have won. He told me that one-day at the MGM in Las Vegas about ten years ago. I know, it's a shameless name drop, but it fits with the story.

Ali's business manager, Gene Kilroy, tells a story about the night in 1990 when Buster Douglas chinned Tyson in Japan.

According to Kilroy the count of ten was barely over in Tokyo when his phone went. It was Ali. "Do you still think I would lose?" asked the Greatest.

Another very popular selection was John Conteh, who turned pro at the Playboy club in Park Lane, against Joe Calzaghe. Most people thought that Calzaghe would struggle against a fit and well Conteh. Sadly, we seldom got to see a fit and well Conteh because he was so easily distracted and led astray.

Conteh told me a story once - more name dropping - about when he met Ali. At the time Conteh was competing as a heavy-weight - there was no cruiserweight division and he was struggling to make the light heavy limit - and one-day he was led into Ali's suite. He was introduced as a heavyweight and suddenly Ali sat bolt upright and took a hard look at Conteh.

"You better drop down a weight - you're too pretty to be a heavyweight - damn, you're even prettier than me!" Conteh took Ali's advice and won the light-heavyweight world title a few years later.

Conteh, Calzaghe, Tyson, Ali and about 4,000 others. I've got two copies of the dvd available - I've got no idea where I got them. If you have a fantasy fight send it to [buncey@setanta.com](mailto:buncey@setanta.com) and mark it 'Taxi Fight'.

**Adios.**

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I am going to take a Guess that one of the big subjects you cabbies have been having with us punters is the Jade Goody story. Here is a woman who we came to love and then hate in the Big Brother house, who is not the sharpest tool, or the brightest light, about to die. Never before have we seen this. It is so public. The wedding, the reality show, the interviews, in this column,

the story is everywhere. She says she wants to get as much cash as she can for her children and how we can blame her? But there is something a bit weird about this. Does Jack really love her? Wouldn't she have been just as public if there were no children? I mean its all she knows isn't it? Does Max Clifford take a percentage and are we ready to watch her die on "living TV".

Questions, questions I wrote a blog through my cancer treatment two years ago and drew strength from the responses so I understand a little about being ill and making it public, but I was in control. It was what I wanted and I hope the same is true for Jade.

I believe in silver linings and hope that all women look at this story and make sure that when that letter with the smear test comes through the letter box, they make sure they attend the appointment. If that happens problems would be caught earlier and fewer women will have to endure what must be a terrible ordeal

I had big problems trying to find trousers the other day. No shop seems to do 38 waist and 30 length. I have started my diet and was not happy that, whilst dropping me to the theatre to see La Cage Aux Folles, big Pete decided to offer me Wine Gums.

Come on guys its not on. Help me out.

I know I am on a London station but I imagine by the time you're reading this The Great Manchester United will have won the 2nd of five trophies this year. I don't want to gloat. I am not that kind of guy. I am a kind loving and generous man, which is why I am inviting all London cabbies to join me and know the glory of being a Cockney Red and supporting the greatest team on earth. Its all gone quiet over there.....

Here is one for you film buffs. What is the name of the ship in the film A Mutiny On The Bounty?

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