

Povetkin-Whyte Promises Fireworks!

Welcome back, everyone! We haven't posted any predictions because we have not seen a lot of value lately. That changed today as the Alexander Povetkin and Dillian Whyte matchup should provide plenty of entertainment today!

Their first bout took place in August where Dillian Whyte dominated the first four rounds and put Povetkin on the canvass twice. The Russian survived and pulled out a knockout with a vicious uppercut in the fifth round to end the bout by knocking Whyte out cold. The fight was devastating to Whyte, as he was ranked number one by the WBC and expected he would get a shot at the belt held by Tyson Fury eventually. Those hopes were at minimum postponed by the defeat.

Whyte immediately invoked the rematch clause from the first bout contract and the rematch was scheduled for November, then Povetkin caught COVID-19 and the fight was postponed until January where it was rescheduled again when Povetkin had not fully recovered.

We finally have the rematch in Gibraltar today, and there's value there. Whyte is currently a -350 to -400 favorite, depending on where you shop. If you believe Povetkin will pull another upset, you can get him at +300. The standard total on rounds is 7.5.

It is hard to believe this fight will go long. Both of these fighters have shown they can be hurt and can hurt the other. Povetkin was getting beaten up in the first fight until he pulled the rabbit out of a hat. That has to impact his preparation for this fight. Add to that that he has been dealing with COVID-19 for an extended period of time begs the question of how much he has truly recovered. We've watched athletes struggle for fewer days, but Povetkin, at more advanced age of 41, could still be suffering from symptoms.

That being said, Povetkin should still possess the power that got him the win in the last fight and will be looking for another opportunity to flash the uppercut. Whyte on the other hand will likely push his advantage if he hurts Povetkin and try to end the fight early as well. The biggest issue with the fight going long is if both fighters decide to be more cautious after both tasted the canvas last go around.

The Pick: Under 7.5 rounds (-110) at William Hill 1.1 units to win 1 unit