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RETAINING THE BELT6/1 BET FOR
THE NEW CHAMPION

FISTS OF STONE



CONTENDERS KNOCKED OUT STONE-COLD BY JOEY MCGREGOR AS HE RETAINS THE BARE-KNUCKLE MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

The crowd at the arena witnessed a theatre of sweat, blood, and broken noses as the New London's Fights Federation crowned its middleweight king. Joey "Stone Fist" McGregor, the local undisputed boxing urban legend, added another successful chapter to his legacy and proved to be the toughest nail within the tournament held in the "three wins during one night" formula. McGregor bagged three knockout victories, albeit the final fight was far from a Sunday stroll in the park.

The defending champion tasted the canvas himself in the second round after a successfully landed clean right hook from a young

prospect, Oliver "The Wonder Kid" Hemsley. However, McGregor secured his fifth in two years and second in a row middleweight title by landing a devastating uppercut in the fourth round. "This damn kid has tremendous talent. But his dreams of becoming the next champion have to wait since daddy still knows how to knockout greenhorns", McGregor tells us. He adds that his 38 years of age make him start to think about retirement. "Many folks whom I trained with are gone. We basically throw hammers on our heads. Health deteriorates with each year you're actively fighting and that's only if you're lucky. But I guess it's the price of being a kind of entertainer".

The question of the need for keeping them entertained in such a manner remains, as bare-knuckle fighting has been a vivid topic of public discourse. Fight arenas spawned in New London not long after the city's establishment more than 30 years ago. It was believed at the time that nothing relieves society tensions better than watching a few rounds of an all-out slugfest. But as soon as the interest among participants rose, severe injuries and deaths started to happen. Also in front of the audience, including youngsters that sneak into the arena to watch gladiators of our time. Kids, who like McGregor back in the day dream of becoming famed

champions and devote themselves to training.

Nowadays, medical treatment for fighters is of a higher quality. But while fatal cases aren't as frequent, cracked eye socket bones, concussions, brain hematoma, or brain swelling are still an everyday reality in the fighter's community and make some people question such amusement.

Despite that, the arena is expected to be packed up during upcoming tournaments, when William "Six-Pounder" MacMahon and Jacob "The Jaw" Shields will be defending their titles respectively within the bantamweight and the welterweight divisions.