

Quinton 'Rampage' Jackson Tells **INSIDE MMA** He Still Wants To Fight

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LOS ANGELES, Oct. 25, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Tonight on **AXS TV'S INSIDE MMA**, series hosts Ken
ny Rice
and
Bas Rutten
presented this week's top news and highlights, including exclusive interviews with Quinton
"Rampage" Jackson, whose upcoming bout with
Tito Ortiz
was cancelled today, and
Gilbert Melendez
, winner of what UFC announcer
Joe Rogan
called "the greatest fight I've ever seen." The episode also featured an in-depth look at the
controversial subject of weight cutting through the eyes of UFC fighter
Tim Boetsch
as he dropped 30 pounds before UFC 166.

Following today's news that Tito Ortiz will miss his upcoming Bellator fight due to a neck injury
he sustained while training, **INSIDE MMA** talked to his
planned opponent Quinton "Rampage" Jackson about the news.

Said Jackson about his fight being canceled:

*"If I'm going to keep it real, I would have said look, throw another opponent at me and still keep
the pay-per-view because I've trained really hard for this. I had my knees fixed, I fixed my injury
and I came back. Throw somebody in there like Kimbo Slice, Houston Alexander, anybody*

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that's in Bellator. Somebody different like

Tyrone Spong

. I don't know, throw anybody in there, I'm ready for anybody. Throw in

Chuck Liddell

out of retirement. Put the pay-per-view on! I'm ready to go."

Said Jackson about Ortiz' injury:

"I texted Tito to make sure he was okay and he said he's okay and he's out for three months. That's a real serious injury, to your neck, and I hope Tito a speedy recovery. "

Watch Jackson's exclusive interview here: <http://bit.ly/1gOoO98>

Last Saturday, Gilbert Melendez showed off his striking prowess as he defeated Diego Sanchez

at

UFC 166. Tonight, he joined Rice and Rutten live from his gym in

San Francisco

and talked about wanting a UFC Lightweight title shot and said what he expects to see from

Anthony Pettis

versus

Josh Thompson

Said Melendez:

"I really think I'm the uncrowned champ right now and I'm definitely going to be campaigning hard for it. It's one of those things that I also believe will be good for business. The fans wanna see it, I want it bad. I think we are big names, I think it's gonna be great for pay-per-view. We are two guys who like to fight and if I can get your support and everyone out there's support and who wants to see it. I want the winner of that title fight."

Watch the full interview clip here: <http://bit.ly/HmrHxj>

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Often discussed, but never seen up close, the process of cutting weight has always been a controversial subject in the sport of mixed martial arts. In a rare piece, middleweight fighter Tim Boetsch

gave

INSIDE MMA

's

Ron Kruck

exclusive access into his camp as he dropped from 216 pounds to the 186 pound limit to fight in the middleweight class at UFC 166.

Watch here as Boetsch does his final cut the day of his weigh-in: <http://bit.ly/1duvGGk>

ABOUT INSIDE MMA

Inside MMA is mixed martial arts' longest running and only independent weekly television news show. Every Friday LIVE at 9 p.m. ET/ 6 p.m. PT, Kenny Rice and four-time world champion Bas Rutten

interview MMA's top names and break down highlights from the biggest fights while

Ron Kruck

provides on-site coverage from major events and in-depth reporting on the most interesting stories in the sport.

ABOUT AXS TV

Bringing music back to television, AXS TV, launched in July of 2012 by visionary entrepreneur Mark Cuban

, has created a one-of-a-kind, live television environment for entertainment and other cutting-edge trends. AXS TV delivers relevant, unpredictable and irreverent programming offering an unparalleled experience to a nationwide audience by presenting unfiltered, uncensored and uncut access to entertainers and their performances. Sports programming is led by over 40 hours of live mixed martial arts broadcasts on "AXS TV Fights" and the longest running weekly MMA news show on television, "Inside MMA." The network is available in the United States

via AT&T U-verse, Charter, Comcast/Xfinity, DIRECTV, DISH Network, Suddenlink, Verizon

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FiOS, and other TV providers. It is also distributed in Canada and the Caribbean

. The network is spearheaded by a partnership including Mark Cuban

, AEG, Ryan Seacrest Media, Creative Artists Agency (CAA) and CBS. For more information, visit the website,

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