

Jones and Olson clash at PFC 9: THE RETURN

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LEMOORE, Calif. - It should be a clash of styles both fighting and personalities when Fresno's **Casey "The Underdog" Olson** and Sacramento's Tito Jones take the ring on July 18 at the Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino in Lemoore for Palace Fighting Championship 9.

The Fresno mixed martial artist brings a 7-2 record to the table and is known for his powerful wrestling background and brutal ground-and-pound.

Meanwhile, Jones (4-1) will probably be the more athletic and energetic fighter in the ring.

Whatever style prevails, PFC President Christian Printup believes it just might be one of the best featherweight fights the PFC has ever put together.

"I think it will be one of the most anticipated featherweight fights we've ever had," Printup said. "I think it's one of the best match ups we could possibly have made and whoever wins this fight moves up the ladder and one step closer to a title shot."

Olson has competed in the PFC four times, winning three of his last four fights. He most recently made his 145-pound debut, dropping from 155 to defeat Lemoore's Sergio Quinones (2-2) on May 8.

"The transition was not as bad as I thought it would be. But I worked very hard to get there. I did everything right, training, diet, resting my body etc... I felt good," Olson said.

"I don't know anything about Tito. I know he trains with Urijah [Faber], so he has the best in the world at our weight class going with him every day. His standup seems to be pretty good."

Pretty good might be an understatement, as Jones delivered one of the best knockouts in PFC history at PFC 7.5 in April, flattening Bakersfield's Fernando Arreola (3-5-1) with a head kick.

"I know that Casey Olson is a good wrestler, but we will be engaged in much more than a wrestling match and you don't win a fight by pinning someone. I know he is a hard worker and so am I; that makes me look forward to this match. I can't wait," Jones said.

"No disrespect to Casey, but this is just how I see every fight in my head... annihilation."

This showdown is sure to shake up the 145-pound division, which also features PFC World Featherweight champ Fresno's Jorge Evangelista (7-2-1) and former champs Dos Palos' Art Arciniega (6-2) and game veteran Oroville's Shawn Bias (12-6).

"I think the division is an awesome division in the PFC, since being here in Cali and knowing about the PFC, the landscape at 145 pounds has changed several times, which means there is stiff and tough competition," Jones said. "Also now that the PFC is bringing guys in from everywhere you have to always be on your toes, there's no time to relax or become content because you never know what or who is around the next corner."

Olson also has a take on the division.

"It's an awesome division. It just keeps getting tougher and tougher. Every fight now is a war. I'm excited to see what's going to happen," Olson said. "You know, I never think about what's next for me. The title shot will come when it's supposed to come. Jorge Evangelista is a good friend of mine and a training partner when I'm in Fresno, so I

The image is a promotional poster for PFC 9: THE RETURN. At the top, there is a banner for 'SHERDOG' with sub-headers for NEWS, INSIDER, VIDEOS, AUDIO, and PICTURES. Below that, it says 'TACHI PALACE HOTEL & CASINO PRESENTS' and 'Comcast SportsNet'. The main title is 'PFC 9 PALACE FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIP THE RETURN FRIDAY, JULY 18'. The central image shows two fighters: Tito Jones on the left in a black t-shirt with 'TITO JONES' on it, and Casey Olson on the right, shirtless, with 'CASEY OLSON' on his black shorts. They are separated by a 'VS' sign. At the bottom, there is a 'TICKETS ON SALE NOW!' banner with logos for 'TICKETS.COM', '1-800-225-2277', 'YOUTH', 'bb advertising', and 'McPHEE ANALYTICS'.

don't plan on fighting him unless we have to. My title shot will come sooner or later. I'm not worried about it. As long as I can put on a good fight for the fans and keep winning, that's all I care about for now."

Tickets will go on sale Saturday June 7 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased at tickets.com or charge by phone at 1-800-225-2277. Tickets can also be purchased at the Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino Gift Shop.

Weigh ins will be held on Thursday, July 17 at 4:00 p.m. at the Den Sports Bar located on the third floor of the Palace. Fans are encouraged to attend.

On Friday doors open at 5:30 p.m. and fights start at 6:30. The fights will be held out doors for the first time in PFC history.

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