

Nakatani, rising star in Japanese boxing, determined to knock out Inoue

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SAGAMIHARA, Japan — One is known as “The Monster,” the other “Big Bang.”

The bout between champion boxers Naoya Inoue (30-0-0, 27 KOs) and Junto Nakatani (31-0-0, 24 KOs) is already being billed as Japan’s “fight of the century.” And the date hasn’t even been set.

Sports pundits are hailing what’s happening these days as the golden age of Japanese boxing. And this is a nation that has produced its share of Hall of Famers.

For a period last year, all four division bantamweight champions were Japanese. The Ring magazine’s latest Top Ten pound-for-pound ranking has three Japanese fighters, including Inoue and Nakatani.

Both Nakatani and Inoue have at least one fight before their dream match. But no one is expecting either of them to lose.

“That’s the way boxing works. Inoue has a story, and I have a story. When these stories clash, people are moved and gain courage. That’s where it is fun,” Nakatani said in an interview with The Associated Press at M.T Boxing Gym southwest of Tokyo.

“For me, boxing is what you show in the ring all that you worked for and built every day. It’s a place where you express the life you have lived,” he said.

Nakatani smiles often, exuding a kindness that strikes a contrast to his almost scientific brutality in the ring.

If you ever get angry, you will lose, he said. One must keep control, as boxing is a contest of minds and strategies, doing exactly what your opponent does not want you to do.

Earlier this year, Inoue, the first Japanese fighter to be No. 1 in the pound-for-pound rankings, which evaluates boxers taking their weight and size into account, defended his super bantamweight title against Ramon Cardenas at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas.

Inoue gave his fans a fright by getting knocked down in the second round but came back to soundly stop the fight in the eighth.

It was Inoue’s second fight in Las Vegas, with his debut coming four years ago in a seventh-round knockout of Australian Jason Moloney.

Inoue, one of only three male boxers in the four-belt era to unify at two weight classes, is scheduled for a September showdown in Tokyo against Murodjon Akhmadaliev of Uzbekistan. Nakatani’s next opponent isn’t decided yet. But speculation is rife it might be Cardenas, allowing fans to analyze how Nakatani fares compared to Inoue.

The buzz is spreading to a fan base previously not associated with boxing in Japan, like women and children.

These are fighters who draw long lines for their T-shirts and other merchandising, inspire manga, or Japanese comics, and pop up on hair product ads.

Boxing fever was hot with the packed crowd of 10,000 at the Ariake Coliseum for the WBC and IBF bantamweight unification title match between Nakatani and Ryosuke Nishida last month.

People are still talking about the fight, in which Nakatani came on fierce from the first round. Nishida’s eye became swollen, his shoulder was dislocated, and the fight was stopped after the sixth round.

Nakatani said he won’t be taking the same strategy



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Junto Nakatani trains at a gym in Sagami-hara City, Kanagawa Prefecture on Tuesday.



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SALE NO. 1 ADS TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC V. EDWARD LEE PEYTON; LINDA PEYTON; ALICE FAYE PEYTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALICE FAYE PEYTON; DARLENE ANNETTE PEYTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DARLENE ANNETTE PEYTON; REX TAX LIENS, LLC; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; COUNTRYSIDE TAX SERVICE, LLC; CITY OF SHELBYVILLE, KENTUCKY; AND COUNTY OF SHELBY, KENTUCKY, ET. AL., Civil Action No. 24-CI-00022, 317 Memorial Drive, Shelbyville, Kentucky, Shelby County (for more specific and detailed description, refer to Deed Book 216, Page 106, in the Shelby County Clerk’s Office. Parcel No: S3-05-011). Plaintiff’s Attorney: Michael P. Bartlett

SALE NO. 2 ADS TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC V. UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LINDA L. STOOPS; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES & LEGATEES OF LINDA STOOPS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES & LEGATEES OF LINDA STOOPS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TINA TURNER; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES & LEGATEES OF TINA TURNER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES & LEGATEES OF TINA TURNER; CHRISTOPHER TURNER; MARK TURNER; KIM TURNER; ROY BARNES; TIFFANY BARNES; AND COUNTY OF SHELBY, KENTUCKY, ET. AL., Civil Action No. 24-CI-00097, 1742 Lakeside Drive, Shelbyville, Kentucky, Shelby County (for more specific and detailed description, refer do Deed Book 379, Page 726, in the Shelby County Clerk’s Office. Parcel No: S2-03-002). Plaintiff’s Attorney: Michael P. Bartlett

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FSA is looking for temporary office assistance to help deliver “The American Relief Act of 2025,” which was signed into law on Dec. 21, 2024 and provided the U.S. Department of Agriculture with more than \$30 billion to deliver disaster recovery assistance for farmers and livestock producers. This position will help support the implementation of the Emergency Livestock Relief Program and the Supplemental Disaster Relief Program which will provide assistance to producers for necessary expenses due to losses due to weather related events in 2023 and 2024. Resumes can be submitted to the Shelby County office at: 65 Brighton Blvd, Ste 1, Shelbyville, KY 40065 or by email to Kara.McIntosh@usda.gov through the close of business on Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

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CASE NUMBER 25-P 00181

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CASE NUMBER 25-P-00182

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