

Pacquiao/Hatton Might Be DOA

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It looks like Ricky Hatton will be fighting somebody on May 2 in Wembley Stadium, but it doesn't look like his foe will be Manny Pacquiao.

The LA Times is reporting that Richard Schaefer, the CEO of Golden Boy, who represents Hatton, is disgusted with Pacquiao, and has called the fight off. Hatton could instead tangle with Oscar De La Hoya.

The two camps couldn't decide on an equitable purse split, but it was believed that both sides could be satisfied. Pacquiao's promoter, Bob Arum, felt confident that the deal could get done. Pacquiao stood to make more money than he did for his fight with Oscar De La Hoya. Arum is still hoping that Pacquiao sign the contract and Pacquiao/Hatton can be saved.

Schaefer blasted Pacquiao to the Times:

"I don't know what he's thinking," Schaefer said. "What a waste of time, money and effort. Am I surprised he's changed his mind? No. Frankly, I'm disgusted at the behavior of Manny Pacquiao. He's a spoiled young kid who doesn't know how to behave."

I'm hoping that the envelope is being pushed, and that Golden Boy simply wants to force Pacquiao to do the deal, that this is hardcore posturing. Stay tuned..