

Cotto, Steward Agree Second Camp Is Stellar

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by *Chris Farina-Top Rank***MIGUEL COTTO & HALL OF FAME TRAINER EMANUEL STEWARD MEDIA WORKOUT QUOTES**

Cotto vs. Mayorga – Saturday, March. 12, at MGM Grand Garden Arena, LIVE on SHOWTIME PPV®

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., (Feb. 22, 2011) – World Boxing Association (WBA) super welterweight champion **Miguel Cotto** and his Hall of Fame trainer **Emanuel Steward** met with the South Florida media on Tuesday to talk about the Pride of Puerto Rico's upcoming matchup with two-division world champion

Ricardo Mayorga

, which will take place on

Saturday, March 12,

at

MGM Grand

in Las Vegas, Nev.

Cotto vs. Mayorga will be produced and distributed LIVE on **SHOWTIME PPV®**, beginning at **9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT**

Cotto and Steward started working together prior to Cotto's win over former WBA super welterweight champion and future rabbi **Yuri Foreman** in June of 2010. Cotto, of Caguas, Puerto Rico, has held a world title every year since 2004 and has won 15 of the 17 world championship bouts he has fought. Mayorga, of Managua, Nicaragua, is known for his reckless abandon and fearlessness inside the ring – a style of fighting that has produced 23 knockouts out of his 29 victories and legions of fans.

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Here's some of what Cotto and Mayorga had to say on Tuesday:

MIGUEL COTTO

"We are having a good training camp. We know that we need to be in great condition to do what we want to do in the ring."

About Mayorga:

"Mayorga is a wild puncher and you have to be very concentrated at all times.

"He's a big puncher and will try to use his power, but we will be ready for whatever he brings that night."

On Steward:

"I feel very good working with him. He wants me to go back to my boxing style and it's working very well.

"This is our second camp together and we are getting to know each other and working much better together this time around."

On fighting in Las Vegas:

"I always enjoy fighting there and I am sure that I will have a lot of support."

EMANUEL STEWARD

"Miguel was always a beautiful boxer and I am trying to get him back to doing that more."

"Mayorga is wild and throws punches from everywhere and that's the biggest challenge for

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Miguel in this fight."

"We are working better this second time around because we know each other better. He is very smart is open to everything I bring to him."

The Cotto vs. Mayorga pay-per-view telecast, beginning at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT, has a suggested retail price of \$49.95. It will be produced and distributed live by SHOWTIME PPV®. The telecast will be available in HD-TV for those viewers who can receive HD. For Cotto vs. Mayorga fight week updates, log on to www.sports.SHO.com or www.toprank.com

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the Roast says:

Mayorga? I dont see the point of this fight. If Cotto needs a tuneup let him call ESPN. PPV? No way.

Radam G says:

I cannot see how loudmouthed Mayorga has a chance. He is the master of acting a clown and at getting the crook up, hook up and book up, then getting beatdown. The sucka has lost four of his last eight bouts and still lands a title shot. But I guess it is better than Jersey Joe Walcott way, way back in da day. That sucka landed so many close-in-time title shots - five - until he won it. Mayorga has said that he will kayo Cotto in the fourth round, but he may not get a chance. In round three, Cotto may just end this dance. Holla!

Isaiah says:

Yeah, why is Mayorga who's lost 4 out of his last 8 fights, getting a shot at a paper title and a guy who's only lost 2 out of his last 5 fights? Well, I suppose it sounds a bit more reasonable when you put it like that. I'm just messing with people who might be super sensitive about this kind of thing. Everybody knows I'm a hardcore Miguel Cotto fan. The thing that will happen to Mayorga will happen again this time just like everytime he steps up, he'll lose. Just ask Cory Spinks, Felix Trinidad, Oscar De La Hoya and Shane Mosley. Miguel Cotto belongs with those names, so add it up. After Mayorga makes it interesting for awhile, Cotto will put a beating on him like those 4 names I mentioned. Did anyone forget Mayorga is the punching bag to boxing royalty? Cotto is a prince who can only lose to a king. Don't get me started on the Margarito loss though. Margarito was at his best, was only king for a moment and will lose the rematch. As for the Manny Pacquiao loss... well come on! It's Manny Pacquiao man! NO ONE else at 140 or 147 can beat the man and that includes the self proclaimed GOAT that we all know whom I'm

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talking about. In fact, I'd bet Cotto would beat Floyd as well.

FighterforJC says:

Mayorga said his best line in years when he said that his pants are taller than Cotto. lol. Mayorga has a chance because of his power. His punch is for real and he has a pretty reliable chin. Cotto is a laid back fighter and though heavy handed, not really a sharp puncher who can shock Mayorga with a single punch. He might, though, considering all the punishment that Mayorga's taken in his career. Still, Cotto is smaller than Mayorga and not exceptionally fast. Cotto also has a suspect chin. Obviously the enormous gap in technical skill between these two can easily negate Mayorga's size and probably strength advantage, but Cotto will be in danger up until he stops Mayorga or the final bell sounds.

donputo69 says:

Why Mayorga?...anyway...who cares....Cotto is gonna knock that clown ass in 6...then bring on margacheato...cant wait for cotto to bust that ass agin...holla back!!!

brownsugar says:

actually I do care... but Donputo69 is spot on...Cotto should have fun while shutting Mayorga down permenantly.

the Roast says:

Nah, B-Sug, Mayorga will never go away. As long as there is a kid out there who needs a name on his record and a guy to say silly shit Mayorga will be there. His fights will get shorter and shorter until he's getting blown out by heavyweights. Glad to see the original TSS Icon DP69 back in the mix. Wooooooooooooo!