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Let's just say for the sake of argument that Floyd Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao actually face each other on May 5th of this year. If they do, and yes, it looks like they won't, it will in fact be Mayweather who again will have called the shots in dictating when the fight will have taken place. And to that I say, "Was there ever a doubt that when Manny and Money got together it would be only if and when Mayweather felt it was the right time for him?" If you think otherwise you've been living in another world.

For the rest of my years, I'll marvel at Floyd Mayweather the manager and thinker more than I ever will him as a fighter. I've seen many fighters his equal or superior to him in the ring, but he's near the top of a very short list of great fighters who knew the business of boxing to the level that he does. Mayweather has used the 24/7 social media like no other athlete alive to manipulate the public. He just Tweeted the other day that he now wants to fight Pacquiao, and the boxing world has been a buzz since. The only thing that would overshadow Mayweather's

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Tweet would be one by Tim Tebow.

Floyd knows boxing history and realizes that a marquee world champion retiring undefeated stands the test of time. It's been almost fifty years since former heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano retired undefeated at 49-0. Rocky is in the debate in every conversation that centers around who was the greatest heavyweight champion in history because he never officially was defeated as a pro. However, had Roland LaStarza been awarded the split decision verdict in their first fight and Rocky retired 48-1, it's doubtful his name would be included amongst the top-10 greatest heavyweights ever.

Being undefeated is why the 1972 Miami Dolphins are talked about every NFL season until every team in the league has lost once. On the morning of Super Bowl XLII the 18-0 New England Patriots were hours away from being anointed the the greatest team in NFL history after they presumably defeated the New York Giants and finished the season 19-0. And for 59 minutes it looked as if it was going to happen. But they lost the game 17-14 and finished 18-1. How many times since February 3rd 2008 have you heard anyone say that the 2007 Patriots were the greatest team in NFL history? I'm betting not once.

Floyd Mayweather has been hellbent on protecting his undefeated record. And he grasped it a few years back that despite being undefeated, his defining legacy would be determined on the outcome of his eventual showdown with Manny Pacquiao. Floyd knows that beating Pacquiao in what will be the only fight of his career that anyone reading this will remember in 10 years along with retiring undefeated will keep his name in the conversation regarding the greatest pound-for-pound fighters in boxing history for the next 50 years.

Something else Mayweather has always known since Pacquiao's accession is, the fight would always be there for him whenever he wanted it. Therefore he could sit on the sideline as the anticipation grew and in the end could jump at it whenever he felt it was the right time. For the better part of the last two years Pacquiao, the smaller man, has been more than willing to meet Mayweather in a legitimate fight without gimmicks and stipulations, only to see Mayweather move the goalpost back and insure the fight wouldn't be made time after time.

Now that Mayweather has gone on the attack and is at least acting with his words like he wants to fight Pacquiao, Manny has to jump at the chance in the eyes of the public. And sadly he and promoter Bob Arum have been played and if they don't it'll look like they harbor the same reservation Mayweather's held for the past two years. The only plus for Pacquiao agreeing to

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the fight at this time is, Mayweather will be laughed at if he still tries to insist that Pacquiao has to be subjected to any type of nuanced drug testing. Floyd has to know that that's off the table forever now and if Manny and Arum cave into those sort of demands they're really dopes.

I don't care what anyone says...it's obvious that Mayweather is at least acting as if he wants the fight because of what transpired in Pacquiao's last bout against Juan Manuel Marquez. Is it a coincidence that since the names Mayweather and Pacquiao have been paired against each other that Mayweather waited for the exact time when Manny's confidence has never been so low to so loudly lobby for the fight? What a willing suspension of disbelief would it take to see it any differently.

The bottom line is Floyd has held his cards close to his vest and is now ready to raise the stakes. The only problem is he may have waited too long to jump up and make the fight. And that's because everyone who saw Pacquiao this past November knows that Marquez out thought and out fought him for the better part of 12-rounds. If there were 15 clean punches landed in that fight, Marquez landed 11 of them. At this time Pacquiao's confidence is down and he may even be second guessing himself inside, if ever so slightly.

Maybe this time Pacquiao and Mayweather will finally get together. But the fight is past the point when it had a chance to be spectacular. Beating Pacquiao now after he was clearly bettered by Marquez in his last fight doesn't look so terrific and breath taking any longer. I will say it until the fight is history, "Mayweather will beat Pacquiao when they meet." He's always had the temperament, size and style to do it. The difference now is he may finally believe it.

Regardless, it's clear for everyone to see that Mayweather became real brave at a time when Pacquiao's never been more vulnerable since he fought Hatton. It was just a matter of Mayweather overcoming the small percentage of doubt that he held that Pacquiao could beat him. Judging by Floyd's words and semi actions, once again he waited for the threat and demand for the fight to be at it's lowest point.

dino da vinci says:

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Im with u on your post the fight would have been bigger a few years ago when a lot of ppl thought the was a toss up...but now that Pac has not been as dominant as he was a few years ago more ppl or leaning towards Mayweather.

Money Jay says:

Ali, has anyone ever considered that maybe the reason Pac doesn't look so impressive anymore, is because he may have been actually using PED's? I mean he used to be the size of a 10 yr old boy, and then all the sudden he's taking punches from Cotto and Margarito? I mean he basically popped Margarito's eye out, lol. Even the though the fight probably would've been bigger 2yrs ago, whenever this fight happens it will still be epic, and the biggest sporting event of the year....

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But that's my point. They stage the World Cup every four years. :-)

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maromero says:

The fight was going to be greatly anticipated because of the good matchmaking coming from Bob Arum. Too bad Arum underestimated Marquez and now we all think Manny is not as good as we once thought. I like both fighters and I give Manny a decent chance to win but I believe that Floyd will outclass Manny.

ali says:

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U make a valid point I've always wondered how he could move so far up and still be able to hurt guys with ease and also be able to take there punches as well...I even look at the Marquez fight in there previous 2 fights he was able to hurt him but in there 3rd fight when he hit Marquez flush he was able to hurt or drop him..im just saying

Radam G says:

Ali, I see that you have a new groupie mate. That makes you so happy. You guys can talk all the bulljive that you like. But Money May knows that if he fights Da Manny, Money May gets kayoed EARLY! And yes! He will forever scream PEDs, race-card bullspit and all other types of bullsh*t to satisfy you suckas following his jazz off the cliff. Bunch of Pied Piper faders/followers. Just get reality.

Deep inside you are hoping that the Money May charade goes on forever so you can forever say that he coulda, woulda, shoulda beat Da Manny. Holla!

saynsomn says:

Written like a true Pac Man fan.

Radam G says:

When James ["The Mandingo Warrior"> Kirkland was 16, he weight 100 pounds and got beat by a same 100-pound ["Filipino Flash"> Nonito Donairey Jr in the U.S. National Junior Olympics.

(How much in da double fudge does JK weight today? If Ebonicans want to believe that Da Manny is on steriods, I guess it must be against the law of nature and of African Americans for a Filipino to grow, but perfectly all right for an African American Texan to grow like a buffalo weed. OOPS! I musta' fo'got! It is steriods in the Texas beef steaks and in the cow sh*t that fertilizes the crops. And Texas oil is in the water. And the peace pipe smoke of the angry Pecos and

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Comache Indians has fudged up the air.) OMFG! Keep me a _____ break!

Uncle Roger knows the game and is just bullspittin' and the word that rhymes with it. But he is surely shaking up the naive, the know nothings, arch-haters and Lil' Floyd groupies and nuthuggers. Wow! Uncle Roger is so right when he says that "most people don't kno' syet 'bout boksin!"

And the late, great music man Tiny Tim was about the banana-ism of da game and people going apesh*t about everything about it. Holla!

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teaser says:

I agree with the Radman.....but I can't say i have his confidence on the outcome of THE FIGHTbut i do know he won't be making excuses if Manny losesbut i can see here even when the Mayweather fans are feeling confident they still have to keep that "steroid card " in their pocket in for an excuse if things don't go their way in THE FIGHT....I am an Pacman fan but i was also an Ali fan before and after the first Frazier fight...and i just love watching that battle !!! ..or my man Duran /Leonard I ...and the respect i gained for Leonard after that fight ... I think he would have never beat Hearns in the showdown if not for what he went though with Duran in that first fight ... Get my drift?....maybe it will be short and shocking like a Tyson / Spinks or a long and beautiful performance like Whitaker / Chavez just let it happen ..no excuses

mortcola says:

PEDs don't improve boxing skill. Marquez did so well against Pac because he consistently made small single and double beat slides to his left, making Pac reach and slap with his hook and whiff with his left, to which Pac didn't adjust. Pac did not land cleanly in this fight. All the PED talk is for the mentally deficient and boxing ignorant, people who fill the empty spaces in their lives with imaginary scandals. (Emoticon selected by my daughter, who asked why I am typing so many words and wanted to add a smiley face because it looks like me).

dino da vinci says:

@mort. Yes, I noticed the resemblance. Here's what my kids would most likely select:

Mort, you make a lot of astute observations. Is there a big name trainer working with you? You're a New Yorker, yes?