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THIS IS A CLASSIC FROM 2011, SADLY TOO MUCH OF IT STILL APPLIES

Floyd Mayweather, Jr. has not become irrelevant, despite his best efforts to do so. What he has

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become is the B side of a fight in which he should be the A side.

While Manny Pacquiao simply keeps training, fighting, cashing large checks and enhancing his worldwide popularity, Mayweather makes what money he can at gambling parlors that have broken richer men than him and more and more sounds like a guy who talks a great fight but no longer wants to be involved in a great fight.

Recently Mayweather went on a rambling dissertation on a Chicago radio station about how he's an American and hence...well, it beats me?

"The thing is this, I'm an America citizen and I represent this country with the red, white and blue," he told ESPN Chicago. "The only thing I want is the people in my country to stand behind me. I'm in my own country and I have a lot of people against me.

"Our country is a great country, it's a clean country, and all I ask him (Pacquiao) to do is take the test. That's it. He takes the test and we got a fight."

Mayweather is referring to random blood testing for performance enhancing drugs, which he's made a requirement for a fight with Pacquiao. It is not an unreasonable request and although he balked at it for a time, Pacquiao claims he's since agreed to do it in the same manner Shane Mosley did when he fought Mayweather. If he has, someone needs to tell Mayweather it's time to go back to work.

The fact that one of the few boxing matches general sports fans actually want to see can't be made points to the reason why the sport has marginalized itself in this country. Hate to say it but if Mayweather and Pacquiao were UFC fighters they would have been inside the Octagon three times by now. That's why UFC is flourishing while boxing's relevance in America is approaching horse racing's.

It doesn't have to be that way nor is it inevitable that boxing here cannot again flourish as it is in Europe and from time to time does in the United States. All the fighters have to do is fight each other, starting with Mayweather and Pacquiao.

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When the interviewer suggested Mayweather-Pacquiao might “save boxing” (which is more than a bit of hyperbole because the sport doesn’t need to be saved, it needs to be managed like a proper business), he said. “My job is to keep my family close and take care of my family. My job is not to fight for everybody else. My job is to fight for Floyd Mayweather.”

Agreed. So fight all ready.

The odd thing about listening to Mayweather when the subject of Manny Pacquiao comes up is eventually he is drawn inexorably – no matter what the real subject of the conversation is – into pointing out that he’s undefeated and Pacquiao is not.

So what? The truest measure of a fighter is not that he’s undefeated. If it was it would make Joe Mesi bigger than Joe Louis.

An unblemished record may mean you’re great or it may mean you did your best to avoid your most dangerous challenger, which Pacquiao surely is for Mayweather. If that’s the case, then what does it mean to be undefeated?

Frankly, for Floyd, it means less every day.

“You guys must realize about Pacquiao, that’s just a media creation,” Mayweather said. “That’s somebody who just came around. For someone to beat me would be abnormal. For someone to beat him is normal because he’s already been beaten three times and knocked out twice. It’s nothing new.”

Sadly, neither are his words. This has become an old song and a boring one. Although he has always had a fair point about the need for more stringent drug testing in a blood sport like boxing, he seems to have won it but still wants to fight over it.

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If he hasn't, than that would be quickly revealed in any negotiation with Pacquiao's promoter, Bob Arum, and turn the eye of suspicion back on the most popular fighter in the world. And that is what Manny Pacquiao is, a fact that surely grates on a former Dancing With The Stars entrant.

As for Pacquiao's record, if it's so normal to beat him then why doesn't Mayweather just agree to go do it himself and be done with it? If he thinks he can add a fourth blemish to Pacquiao's record what's the hold up?

For a time, Floyd Mayweather had a point in his demands and still does if Pacquiao tries to dodge the issue of blood testing for performance enhancing drugs. But absent that issue, the time has come to put up or shut up.

Boxing is a simple sport in some regards. You're either a fighter or you're not.

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deepwater says:

damn right. floyd is ready to die with 50 cent but is afraid of a lil asian guy who might be on some juice. ali would of taken the fight and would tell pacman he better take some more juice because he needs all the help he can get. floyd wants the 0 so he can be top 5 pound for pound of all time, floyd will not make pfp top 10 ,he will be known as the rich guy who avoided the lil asian guy. lew ambers,barney ross,mickey walker,joe gans, carlos ortiz,roberto duran ect ect would of beat \$\$\$\$

amayseng says:

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there is no putting up against a physically deteriorated and war torn cotto who is a mirage from floyd fighting pac.

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the guy just wont take the risk, pac is faster than floyd and has power and better footwork, that is why floyd doesnt want it...and for all those saying jmm is better or exposed pac or pac is no longer on peds grow up, styles make fights and so do match ups...the redskins beat the giants twice this year, the giants won the Superbowl...match ups matter and so does familiarity as jmm has to pac.

what is sad is all these floyd groupies always jumping on his every word, believe all his propaganda and rhetoric, they are so easily manipulated...

reminds of a guy named Hitler and all his blind followers

ali says:

America always wants to shut up successful black men. Smh...

Radam G says:

I've always said that you were blindly xenophobic, SCLA Ali. And that you don't care about reality, but just blackality [sic] and that ebony hue. Money May has an arse thrashing that is due. And you cannot handle it, because you enjoy staying in your little mudhole and letting a non-caring-about-your-arse dude like Money May stand on top of it and urinate and defecate on your head, and tell you that it's really raining and hailing. You will believe that stinky stink, because you will never call a spade a spade when it comes to an African American that talks the bullsh*tology that turns you on. You are down with rhe feel-good moment through talking smack, instead of whup a\$\$ one of a real man gettin' on dat beatdown of a straight-up Mack.

What da double fudge! Where is da G in you, SCLA Ali! You just like sitting in your mudhole chewin' on Fam May's syet and sippin' on Money May's pee pee. Hehehehe!Holla!

ali says:

Triple O.G you have a serious mental problem I hope you try and get some help sometime soon you really need it no bullsh*t.

ultimoshogun says:

Funny how this article singles out Floyd and never mentions Arum. Wasn't it Mayweather who had his jail time postponed to make this fight happen..even calling out Pacman publicly on twitter to make this fight happen? Only to have Arum come along and squash the idea cuz he wanted to build an arena for the fight and May was too soon?

jacubi50 says:

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Leave Arum out of it. Floyd's most recent interview says it all--he babbles like his uncle Roger in repeating the same old shxx over and over again. And Floyd has the audacity to call Manny "not the sharpest knife in the drawer." Why is Floyd, or Borges, circling back to drug testing anyway? IT'S A NON ISSUE. Manny has agreed to random blood testing already, except on the day of the fight. IT'S DONE and JADED. The last time I remember it was Floyd who rejected the 50-50 split and hence there's no fight. Why is Floyd bringing up drug testing. It just never ends with this deusch bag.

ultimoshogun says:

Leave Arum out of it? He's the biggest player in this whole pissing contest. Nothing is gonna happen until he gives the green light.

ali says:

In my Red Foxx voice...U CAN'T LEAVE BOB ARUM OUT OF IT U BIG DUMMY.

amayseng says:

come on ali dont bring race into it, it is 2012. the nba is 80% black, mlb is 60% foreign players, that time has passed for us die hard sports fans, you could be green for all i care.

my point was for floyd that there is nothing to put up because he wont be challenged saturday... pac is his only challenge... and he refuses to make the fight...

amayseng says:

ali if america was against the black man how come tiger woods after banging 499 porn stars throwing his wife and children under the bus leaving his kids forever with that to deal with is CONTINUED TO BE LOVED and praised and held with regard? have you watched a golf tournament ? the announcers continue to kiss his *** and follow him around..he could be in 60th place and they still follow him on the course.....truth

saguirre760 says:

Seriously this topic is old! Only die hard Mayweather fans back him up on this issue. RBT's havent been an issue since the 2nd round of negotiations and he continues to use that as a factor to not fight. Anyways today he basically said "fighting Pacquiao is hazardous to his health", lmao! What a joke, all of the other significant WW of this era have fought Pacquiao, except Mayweather, and they are all alive including Antonio Margarito who took a hellacious beating from Pacquiao!

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even calling out Pacman publicly on twitter to make this fight happen? Mayweather was obviously bluffing! he almost had me believing!

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Arum was BS'ing as well but not half as much as Floyd; not only that Floyd priced himself out!

jinp01 says:

haha!! the unabashed epitome of stooooopid! as they say, stoopid is as stoopid gets!!

This dude gets dumber by the minute, he can't even make sense of what he's saying himself and he expects everyone to follow his logic? His 24/7 series is down the tube coz noone's interested and he can't sell his damn tickets, that's why it's time to pull-out his ace, time to make money off of Pac's name.

jairo_fish_farms says:

This time around, it becomes boring listening to Floyds excuse. It took us at least 3 years to really believe in him but his demands after demands is making a mockery of his well being and his professional career as a pro fighter. I just hope they make it after their fights so that I dont

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agreed, jmm fights in combinations and takes chances unlike floyd, both counter punchers but two different fighters. jmm will lead as well. jmm has had 36 rounds with pac, floyd has 0. zab swept the first 4 rounds against floyd even knocking him down, cotto destroyed zab after adjusting...and floyd will beat cotto easily. there are no triangle theories in boxing....the only information we have which is factual is that pac agreed to all the testing and floyd priced himself out. the oldest trick in the book, if you dont want the fight then financial ruin it...

and the fact that floyd is going back to roids and testing is ridiculous. pac has not tested positive ever and this slander to his achievements is unfair.

pac has agreed to all testing and here floyd is continuing to talk about it, i heard the ticket sales are down and floyd is using pacs name to sell his fight...

if canelo wasnt on the ppv it wouldnt sell well at all

ali says:

Amayseng Tiger don't run his mouth that's why America is still on his bumper. What's wrong with you guys your life is on the line in that squared circle. When Cotto called Margacheato stupid for saying he would die in the ring cuz he has a family to take care of y'all all agreed with him. Now when Mayweather says basically the same thing y'all call him a coward and I call that a major double standard.

deepwater says:

mayweather says he is ready to die with his rat boyfriend 50 cent, but he wont risk his health against a lil asian guy because he might be on the juice? wake up to reality people. floyd is playing games and doesnt want the fight, to be honest both mayweather and pacman are ruining the whole thing. manny should just be full time corrupt politician and mayweather can make rap videos and talk **** to the drive thru chicken guy.fight or get the f outta here already.

amayseng says:

ali for years and years and years even last month at the masters tournament tiger has been seen on tv cussing throwing clubs dropping the F bomb in front of children... going into rages and rants and he is still beloved, praised and held high.....also, i bet you didnt know but tiger is on the list of alleged athletes to be using peds... the same list evander holyfield and numerous

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mlb players are on who have been caught using from a canadian doctor who is being pursued as we speak. tiger had flown him in personally on 3 different occasions. that is fact, and yet he is still loved and adored by whites and america..

floyd is hated because he makes racist videos and has 3 alleged domestic cases...

and to top it off he accuses another fighter whom he wont fight of ped use without any proof....

floyd hurts floyd

deepwater says:

people would still hate floyd whether he was black,white,yellow or purple. why? because he acts like a piece of sh7t. remember each individual is the smallest minority. people who keep screaming rascism are usually the biggest rascist. its the character of the person that is important ,not the appearance of a person.

jzzy says:

Right on Ron ! Money May is truly delusional, for him to pull drug testing out of the hat again, let's remind him an issue long ago resolved, shows he just looking for reasons to avoid Pacman and reveals his deepseated insecurity. I think Cotto sees the yellow streak and could very well derail the Money train and get his rematch with Manny. You're a fighter or you're not, nuff said.

Radam G says:

SCLA Ali, don't try to bob and weave out of your ___ with that xenophobic bullsh*tology of calling a genius mentally ill. That in-da-hood jive-turkey ___ ___ ___ doesn't work in the real world, even in the cyberworld. You love to bullsh*t and vex. How much imaginary pay is Money May paying your arse to be the most vexatious Mayweather's tiny cojones-hugging muthasucka in cyberspace? Hehehehe!

Like I've said, you are not toady, but straight-up parasitic to imaginary hateful of a "black man," who shuckin' and jivin' with power that he's limiting because of a lot of self-induced fantasy that has caused him to be frighten of a Pinoy. [And he should be. Because Da Manny will knock his arse OUT! And PacMomma said to knock yooooou ouuuuuut!]

It's all good, SCLA Ali. It takes all types to shake up the world. Money May just enjoys shaking it up with his sycophants, fanboys, flunkies, floozies, groupies and those ___ ___ ___ in the hood, like you, listening to Money May's piped-piper flute and rolling off those stank cliffs. "Love don't [sic] luv nobodee." Hehehehe! Holla!

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Y'all talked all that **** but never disputed my point...a bunch of fuc*kin hypocrites

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Danggit, SCLA Ali! You must not be one of those "successful black men" that you spit about, because no one is trying to "shut up" your arse up or down. We luv to hear you get on yo' clown! Spit ON, babbeeeeeee! Spit ON! Hehehehe! Or is dat RIGHT ON, brotha! NYET!

BTW, just so that you'll know, there is a drug out called "Propranolol" that will do you a double whammy of good. It will control your racist thoughts and high-blood pressure simultaneously. I syet you not, BIG HOMIE! You may wanna holla at gettin' a serious dose fo' yo' a\$\$, because you're all fudged up and strung out like a wildin' a\$\$-out, backward black sheep trying to eat wolves. WTF! Mother nature abandoned yo' a\$\$.

Mixed you the double fudge up! Hehehe!

You may just want to climb out of that tiny mudhole you're slumming in, SCLA Ali. It has stunted your growth up in the pea brains and down in the tiny cojones. You're just one of many phony homies. Hehehe!

Become REAL, and in real life, you can get a better deal. Later for the Ebonican cats, who have jive F***ED up yo' head. C'mon, SCLA Ali, be like that hair dye and get back the edge. "Can we all get alone." Holla!