

Mayweather-Guerrero: The One Potential Drama-Less Floyd Fight That Can Be Celebrated

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Well, the year 2012 is coming to an end and true to tradition, Floyd Mayweather 43-0 (26) has only fought once. That was in May against Miguel Cotto.

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As 2013 approaches we can rest assured that Floyd will fight at least once during that calendar year. As to who his opponent is, it almost doesn't matter because Mayweather is so terrific at marketing and hyping a pedestrian fight that regardless of the opponent it'll be a moderate to big draw. What we know for sure is Floyd's opponent won't be Manny Pacquiao unless he beats Juan Manuel Marquez this coming Saturday night and looks horrible or on life support in the process.

It's sad in a way that as terrific as Mayweather has been inside the ring that he's gouged the boxing public and the only fight of his they ever clamored for he didn't deliver. And even if he does eventually fight Pacquiao, which I believe he will, it's going on three years too late and Manny isn't nearly the hurricane he once was.

Back to 2013. It's a guarantee that Floyd will fight at least once in 2013 and regardless of who it's against, we know that he'll win the fight. So if there's no drama as to what the result will be and it'll basically just be a replay of boxing fans watching the same movie they've already seen with the same ending, let's change the opponent and story line. How about if Mayweather affords the luxury of a monumental payday to a fighter who has no doubt earned it and will put the money to good use.

So many fighters from flyweight to heavyweight over the last 20 years have either received title shots or big money fights that they didn't deserve or multiple shots after porous efforts in previous ones. So let's hope that while we're pretty sure of the outcome, the opportunity is afforded to a workman-like fighter who never cut corners and delivered the best fights he possibly he could every time he fought regardless of who the opponent was.

I hope that Mayweather's first (sole?) opponent in 2013 is welterweight Robert Guerrero 31-1-1 (18). Guerrero is an upper-tier world class fighter with a cast iron chin who fights from bell-to-bell every time out. He has never ducked any fighters who were a perceived threat to him and in his last fight against Andre Berto, he over delivered in every aspect a fighter could. Unless you hold it against him that he was a little inept defensively. Then again, that's partly what made the fight so action packed.

Fighters like Robert Guerrero are a rare breed today. Because he does what he's supposed to and never takes the easy way out, but isn't perfect, he doesn't garner the coverage and media attention he should. He doesn't dazzle with speed and athleticism like Roy Jones used to or the way Adrian Broner does today and he doesn't score highlight reel knockouts like Thomas

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Hearns and Mike Tyson used to. He just as Joe Frazier loved to say "gets the job done." And that's not exciting to many boxing observers or should I say not like it used to be.

Guerrero has been a pro for almost 12 years and never has realized the lottery payday that all fighters dream of and work towards. He seems to live under his means, is a model father and husband and has stood by his beautiful wife's side during her bouts with cancer. Yes, the check from a bout with Mayweather would be well deserved and appreciated in the Guerrero house hold.

In addition to the reasons why Robert deserves the bout and all that comes with it against Mayweather, he would bust his ass preparing for it and force Floyd to work every second of every minute of the fight. I'm sure like most boxing fans and writers Robert knows his skill-set isn't on Mayweather's level, but that isn't something that would keep him up late at night and worrying about either.

Robert will torture himself getting ready for a fight with Floyd Mayweather and is convinced that his toughness, will and roughhousing tactics may be enough to unsettle Mayweather and if Floyd perhaps took him too lightly based on what he's seen on film, just maybe he could get lucky and pull off what would be a Herculean upset.

When all is said and done I don't think Guerrero can beat Mayweather. At the same time there's not many fighters between 140 and 160 who would be a favorite over Mayweather today. And the ones who would have a chance to beat him, Floyd wouldn't fight. So if it's a forgone conclusion that regardless of who Mayweather fights next that he's going to win, I want to see the opponent be someone who deserves the fight and will do everything in his power to try and win it. Robert Guerrero is that fighter and he'll put all the things that accompany fighting Mayweather to good use, win or lose.

Most of Mayweather's fights as of late have been pretty drama-free and I expect Mayweather-Guerrero to be the same. But it would be fun watching Mayweather praise Guerrero before the fight is signed and then excoriate him in the media leading up to the fight only to praise him after it.

Yes, Mayweather could hype a fight with Robert Guerrero because there's so many angles for

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him to work. He could wear both the black and white hats in the progress of marketing the bout and make it work. Although there would be no intrigue about the outcome, it's still a fight that would entertain and draw fans to watch it. I'd love to see the hardworking Guerrero rewarded for a decade of high quality service. He won't come close to winning, but he won't embarrass himself for a second.

Lastly, if we all know Mayweather isn't going to lose before he retires, I'd enjoy it more seeing him facing a real fighter who's earned the opportunity instead of some air-brushed media creation who really has no shot but will be front page news for his 15 minutes of fame.

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kidcanvas says:

dont underestimate guerrero , his style ,if he picks and gets the right ref will beat mayweather i believe with little trouble...

Radam G says:

The Cali Ghost would be evaporated by Money May. Holla!

SouthPaul says:

Good read but Frank always loses me when he tarts suggesting Mayweather being afraid of Pacquiao and somehow it's been a plan to let Manny erode. I don't subscribe to that notion then or now. Its a power struggle, Frank. Its a you can't tell me what to do issue. This is a man who once had a control freak for a father. So the more you lean on Floyd, the less likely chances he'll conform. That, coupled with the animosity and contempt he has for Bob Arum. Lil' Floyd still dwelling over the promotional banner Arum refused to hang side of the hotel (MGM ?) . Lmao.

Kid canvas

Welcome aboard. You lost me with the Guerrero beats Floyd easy. Seriously? Double lmao. I'm with Radam, The Ghost will be evaporated, which is partly he'll be next in line. You the same Canvaskid who use to post on the HBO forum back in the day?

pikon says:

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he's gouged the boxing public and will do it again and again because there are suckers born every minute...

Carmine Cas says:

When this fight was originally going to be signed almost 2 years ago a lot of people in the boxing community were picking Guerrero to upset Mayweather. If they do fight I don't think we see the same Guerrero we have in his last two fights. Coming straight forward pressuring Floyd is not the answer, he will evaporate if that is the case. I think we see a Guerrero who tries to box and use that left hand coupled with some pressuring on the inside it would be a good fight. Not constantly trying to bulldoze Floyd into the ropes, that will not work.

amayseng says:

i agree with carmine.

the berto fight was a test for the ghosts endurance, not to be a bulldozer but to be busy every second of every round..

constant controlled aggression against floyd to out point him through activity and landed punches as opposed to his fewer accurate punching is the way to go.

add in a southpaw, with an iron chin, excellent fundamentals and skills and some buzzing power with a body attack who can step right and land the right body

hook and you have a ghost who has a chance to get floyd at this age....

maybe...

Radam G says:

The Cali Ghost benefitted because Berto didn't turn his punches over, and hit more with the inside of the gloved hands than with the knuckles.

Money May would bust up Guerrero's face in a round or two, and that ghostly mug would be so badly contorted that the bout would be halted.

The Cali Ghost's chances of beating Money is super slim and absolutely NONE. And super slim has already scattered. It ain't helping no ghost, and will be double da fudge up by the Pops Joy May's bootlegged-taught Philly-shell style of Money May. Holla!

amayseng says:

i agree radam with floyd winning, but would like to see the ghost get the payday and opportunity...

Carvalho says:

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It would be a Corrales-type fight. Only that Corrales was better than Guerrero and Mayweather then worse than Mayweather now.

brownsugar says:

Mayweather is so skilled,.. that even though he's lost 25 - 35% of his ability he still has enough skills left on reserve to give anybody a good fight...

That being said. If he takes the fight against Guerrero,.. it would be a life or death encounter.

Mayweather would have to train and fight like never before to beat the Ghost.

Guerrero isn't a speed demon but he isn't slow either... he stuck to Berto with the speed of a High Powered Magnet... and Berto took his thumping because he knows he can't float around the ring like the truly elite boxers can.

Floyd couldn't relax along the ropes against Guerrero, just letting him get off like he's playing with his little brother (the way he did with Cotto) Floyd would have to fight much harder... and I'm not sure he still has it in him... even the best fade away at some time or another.

Make it happen... I'd love to see the outcome.

brownsugar says:

while I'm on the subject.. Guerrero beats Paq man... you heard it hear first.

amayseng says:

i think both floyd and pac beat the ghost at this point, floyd with accuracy and pac with too much power which would eventually be the ghosts undoing...

the thing about the ghost is he wont fight either like he did berto, he is very very smart in the ring and can adjust and fight differently depending on his opponents..

i just think those two are still too good for everyone else..... of course jmm makes pacs life miserable as did castillo making floyds....

Radam G says:

Money May will bust the Cali Ghost's face up in two rounds and his @ss up in two more. Thus, Money May wins in four rounds.

Da Manny would kayo the Cali (Golden) Ghost in the second round. Holla!