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<http://www.boxingchannel.tv/full-preview-of-mayweather-vs-guerrero-with-al-bernsteins-keys-to-victory>

Bernstein tells us that Guerrero hopped up two weight divisions to beat welterweight Selcuk Aydin, and then Andre Berto. The Hall of Fame analyst said Guerrero was "rough" against Berto. Bernstein referenced Floyd's age, 36, and questioned whether a long layoff will bother the pound for pound ace.

Ghost must push Floyd to the ropes, where he can mug him, Bernstein said. But he shouldn't smother himself, and he should use his lefty stance to his advantage, as Victor Ortiz did not. Floyd, now an older fighter, must keep things in center ring, where he can more easily throw combos. He must be active with his right hand to get the W.

Bernstein also touched on Guerrero's arrests in NY and wondered whether that could be a fatal distraction. "He has tremendous resolve when he needs it," Bernstein said, but could this all be too much for him? Floyd wants to make a bang in his Showtime debut, Bernstein said, and he expects it to be a "historic night in boxing."

Readers...your turn. What are the keys to victory for Mayweather and Guerrero, as you see them? Your two cents, in our fabled Forum, please.

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ultimoshogun says:

I pretty much see it like Al Bernstein....Guerrero must not let Floyd dictate the pace of the fight, or give him space to box...Floyd's the best in the business when he's given room to fight his style. Guerrero needs to press the pace and try to corner him or trap him against the ropes and then proceed to "mug" him once he's trapped. Easier said than done though.

Radam G says:

The Cali Ghost is going to get slaughtered. Money May is going leave him in the dust , and dat @ss bust. There are many keys to beating Money May, but he has changed the lock. And the humbug holy-ghost Robert Guerrera is one-in-trouble cock! Holla!

Carmine Cas says:

I agree somewhat with Al Bernstein. Guerrero needs to utilize his left, he can try to box Floyd but he shouldn't stand in front of him. He needs to use misdirection and feints to elicit a reaction from Floyd; he's a counter puncher so he can't come straight forward (counter the counterpuncher). Pump out the right jab a few times and step with the left aim for the top of the head. Floyd can only turn so many times before he gets hit with the left. He likes to bend to his right to avoid the left that's when the ghost can hit him with a left hook/uppercut. Ponce De Leon-Broner should be a good reference.

Def go to the body as well, take him off his rhythm. Make him utilize those 36 year old legs. When Mayweather starts to adapt to the attack and open up then brawl go "toe-to-toe". Get him on the ropes and "mug" him but don't stay too long and straight shots only. Floyd's bread and butter has been laying on the ropes while his opponent's wide punches roll off his body and they punch themselves out. When Guerrero gets Mayweather on the ropes he needs to be smart and attack at angles and feint, do not just stand in front of him. If anything throw a combination then hold and lean on mayweather to tire him out. Box dirty, take what the ref gives you; give floyd a taste of his own medicine shove the right forearm in his face and wack him with the left. Dig to the body and the hips, shoulder to the face, etc

The misconception to solving the complex puzzle of Floyd Mayweather has been to pressure him and beat him up on the ropes. I disagree, I feel that the straight left is the key. Oscar was winning the first half of the fight with the jab then he gassed out, Cotto had some success until he suffered the same fate. Philly Shell is vulnerable to the opposite punch. Not only will throwing the left generate success for Guerrero it will also serve as defense as well. Floyd will have to turn (roll his shoulders) to evade the punch, his left hand is already out of the equation bc it at his hip turning with his body. His right hand is protecting his chin or covering the left side of his face to catch the punch. Yes he can come back and counter with it but if the left is thrown multiple times he'll be on the defensive attempting to slip the punch. He will get hit maybe not by

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the 1st punch but by the second or third, by that time mayweather will be dipping to his right and he'll be open to hit. I posted something similar in the past, the kryptonite for the orthodox Philly shell is the left hand vice versa for south paw Philly shell (look at the success Garcia had with the right). Guerrero must employ this strategy and mix it up with some inside fighting.

amayseng says:

Carmine is correct.

I say the ghost needs to get Floyd leaning and bending to Floyd's right then

the ghost needs to step to his own right and just bang the body with 3 punches with proper spacing

not to smother himself then to pivot out right staying away from Floyd's right hand.

Bail after this to not allow Floyd to come back at all with anything and if the ghost doesn't land even one of those punches

he will be winning the rounds due to activity and ring control.

Don't expect to land and hurt Mayweather

Have the mentality that you will control the pace and space and win on activity alone.

Bang that body and the sides.

Talk to the ref before the fight and tell them Floyd's bending over puts himself with his back to the ghost.

deepwater says:

My war-plan = 1) Floyd is gonna move more in this fight than the Cotto fight. Floyd is gonna move back one or two gallops at a time. Robert should not follow Floyd. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW FLOYD WHEN HE STEPS BACK.** Instead Robert should stand his ground and motion for Floyd to come exchange. It will highlight Floyd safety instead of exchanges. Judges like ring general ship and effective aggression. If Floyd steps back, mention Floyd to come back and do not follow him. The judges will see that Robert is pressing the action.

2) When Floyd exchanges toe to toe he uses his elbow to push off. When Floyd puts the elbow by Robert's face Robert must punch Floyd in the throat and/or armpit. Every single time Floyd uses his elbow Robert must punch Floyd in the throat and armpit. The elbow is illegal and Robert gets a free chance to do damage (uppercuts to the armpit causes a lot of trouble. The arm/chest becomes dead and damaged if you hit it enough.

3) Jab to the body at least 10 times a round. It might score it might not but the punch is designed to throw off Floyd rhythm and the jab to the body is easy to land no matter how fast

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Great analysis for a the Cali Ghost Guerrero's win, Deepwater. But the Cali Ghost Dad is going to have his humbug son doing a lot of machismo jive. And the son is going to add in some Jesusitimo -- ulimate Jesus's warrior mythology. The bout is far from a holy war, but Fam Guerrero's heads are screwed on wrong. And in the hurt bitnezz, religious biasness does not belong.

Even When Jesus Was Gettin' Beatdown by Romans, Big Daddy G Didn't Show Up. He Came Not To Lil' Jesus's Arse Thrashing. So Lil' J Holla Out: "Father! Has Thou Forsaken Me?"

A highly likely thing that will happen in this bout, is that in round eight or nine, the Cali Ghost Dad Ruby -- so rednosed from crying and hollering for him -- will stop it. And the son Bobby will shoutout: "Papa, don't do that sh*t! Don't forsake me! Don't hang me on the cross."

Boxing is "The threatre of the unexpected." So this time around, you may just see humbuggerly at it best, or worst -- depending on your side of the fence. There will be joy and peace between son Money May and Pops Joy May, but a rumble right in dat squared jungle between the religious refugees, son Cali Ghost and Cali Ghost Dad. Hehehehe! The game is so full of ____
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Good points there DW. I have often thought that (not following and signalling to Floyd, not to run) is a good tactic.

Also, feints, feints and more feints. The right hook is also an oft forgotten punch that Floyd is vulnerable to. Particularly when thrown with the wrist not horizontal, and such that the bicep controls the power; like Tyson used to. Then, it can come quickly and unexpectedly, behind a little jab; or just as a quick snappy (close range, infighting) lead, or counter.

I used to have a lot of success with that punch.

Grimm says:

Since who wins isn't always about who really wins, Guerreros key is to continue do what he's doing: sowing enough seeds of doubt about the outcome in the judges minds for them to perhaps see what they should see/what they don't see. Like with Pacquiao after his no 3 with Marquez, there is a consensus that Mayweather - last time out - didn't look quite as sharp as before, and that time is closing in. If if Guerrero can benefit from that perception...

(Nah. Here's the script: Floyd beats Robert. Floyd then beats Khan. Floyd then takes on Canelo, who beats Floyd by way of massive attack upon those by then tired legs.)