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LAS VEGAS-You couldn't plan a better moment for a media day.

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Just as Floyd “Money” Mayweather ended his video interviews with a number of TV types, they began heading out of the steamy premises only to be stopped by a sudden downpour from the monsoon weather surrounding the Las Vegas boxing gym. Those trying to depart scampered right back into the cramp and humid gym. The weather was definitely on Mayweather’s side.

Wednesday afternoon saw more than 100 journalists enter the gym that Mayweather built to give the media one last opportunity for photos and video shoots. On Sept. 14, Mayweather (44-0, 26 Kos) fights Saul “Canelo” Alvarez (42-0-1, 30 Kos) at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. Golden Boy Promotions is staging the event and Showtime pay-per-view will show the fight.

Mayweather is a polished veteran when it comes to media days and how to utilize it for not just his own purpose, but to showcase his roster of fighters under the Mayweather Promotions banner.

IBF junior middleweight titlist Ishe Smith was in full speed at the gym going through his workout routine. The Las Vegas resident was the first male fighter to win a world title, not the first fighter. That distinction goes to Melinda Cooper, who won a flyweight world title back in 2006. Smith will be defending against Carlos Molina on Sept. 14.

One of Smith’s sparring partners is DonYil Livingston, a middleweight from Lancaster, Calif. who was invited to the camp. He also sparred with Mayweather during the last few weeks. He had some interesting viewpoints on the Mayweather system.

“You can’t just go in there and spar,” said Livingston. “You got to be a good shape to go in there. It’s a whole different level especially with Mayweather.”

Mayweather has been proving for years that his level of fighting is at a whole different plateau. Only a scant few have been able to win a round against the Las Vegas prizefighter. It’s a reason that most call him the best boxer pound for pound in the world.

Media days are routine for Mayweather, who’s been fighting since 1996 professionally. World titles at junior lightweight, lightweight, welterweight and junior middleweight have been grabbed

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by the defensive boxing genius. Now he's returning back to the 154-pound weight division to see if Alvarez can offer any resistance.

"It's a whole different level in here," said Livingston. "It's a very humbling experience but I'm embracing it."

Mayweather said the same words to the press as if read from a script written back in the 1990s. In a way, it is the same script and has been the same results for 15 years. Fighters have come and gone and despite the ageing process, Mayweather continues to dominate the world boxing scene.

"Everybody has a plan," said Mayweather.

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amayseng says:

floyd looks good.

very sharp and his endurance is always top notch,,

floyd may have numerous altercations of being an idiot out of the ring but the guy knows what hes doing in it

jzzy says:

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this is a win win for both fighters, canelo wont be embarrassed he will simply lose, and

floyd will have convincingly beat a legit canelo with no weight drain and get full credit.....

Radam G says:

Actually Money May is doing Canelo a favor. No way that the red-headed hype should be a light middle. Dude is just a lazy-arse, bad-dieting light welterweight. He is no less than a Mexican Ricky Hatton. And Money May is going to whup this lost twin of Redcoat Ricky's arse.

It doesn't matter! Redcoat of red hair, Money May in the paint all night like a boxing saint ain't in da light. Holla!

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im sorry man, no way canelo can make 147 , let alone safely or healthy

have you ever boxed before? or wrestled?

canelo is at his limit...he lagged and was lethargic in the trout fight...he has to pace himself..

holla at Radam, he will concur with me..

check the interview by the geniq nazim, he even says canelo at 154 fights like a guy barely making weight..

152 will take a bit out of him...

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Canelo is indeed a lazy arse. He is a chubby lubby and should have never been fighting at the weight that he is. He is Redcoat Ricky Hatton Mexico. Canelo is not big framed muscled, but fatty loosey-moosey. Hehehe!

Money May is going to be hurting him with jabs and stabs to the torso. That arse, Money May is going to kayo. Money May is going to be fighter of the year for one of the easiest fight in a century of pugilism. This is the most exaggerated going to be a good fight since James Jeffries versus "Unforgivable Blackness" Jack Johnson. Holla!

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I always boxed recreationally and trained to stay in shape, get in shape and because I love fighting. I was a baseball and basketball player and my dad didn't want me fighting beyond sparring and in the gym because he didn't want me to get hurt and mess up my baseball scholarships. So I never had to personally cut weight. I am a physical therapist now and my education and experience with sports and nutrition tells me Canelo is too husky and stocky to make 147.

Your walking around in shape weight is your best fighting weight, Floyd, Hopkins and such don't dehydrate and cut and physically harm or. Burden themselves.

I've never seen canelo in person but unless he's lifting weights heavy he doesn't look like he could fight 147 let alone 140. He has thick bone density.

Floyd is more wirey.

Canelo a stamina at 147 is not even average for a pro at that weight.

Floyd's stamina is world class.

Now u have canelo dropping 2 more lbs.

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If he is Hasn't changed his diet and cardio he is gonna struggle terribly.

SouthPaul says:

Agreed (Your walking around in shape weight is your best fighting weight).

kidcanvas says:

canelo will be no contest its actually ridiculous to think he has a chance. austin trout beat him really for christ sake... thank god for free links online .. i wouldnt pay for this...