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jzzy says:

Canelo appears to be unfazed by the hype, If we believe that he can make 152 easily then this will be a barnburner because Mayweather cannot punch, he's more of a slapper. Canelo's youth and strength will prevail[QUOTE=Editor Mike;35854]



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NO! But a Trainer [Genie] Naazim and ex-boxer/pops of the famous singing family Jackson Joe Jackson is saying that a close bout will go to Canelo. Trainers on the fringe are going as far as to say that Money May is getting ROBBED if he doesn't put Canelo to sleep.

I just cannot see Sin City letting judges rob it cash cow. Holla!

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Nazim did say that if it was close it could be ruled a draw or decision for Canelo, because he is young and has a lot of potential in the future aka the next cash cow. Mayweather does bring in a lot of money to the Las Vegas economy when he fights so it's hard to tell. People who say Floyd doesn't hit hard don't know what they are talking about. Amayseng hit the nail on the head, Floyd isn't looking to make you miss or open up, pot shot and move out. And of course his hands are brittle, but he has buzzing power to keep most foes at bay. And Canelo's chin is granite? Lol says who? Canelo does hit harder, and since he's bigger than Floyd he should lean

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Typical alibi. "Torn rotator cuff" has never stop a true warrior from winning. I can name dozen. But I will name two. Larry Holmes, with a torn rotator cuff, jab and stab Ken Norton to win. The late, great Vernon "The Viper" Forrest won the title with a torn rotator and defend it before doctor realize that dude was jacking arse with A TORN ROTATOR and no excuses. REAL MAN and fighters suck jive up and FIGHT and never excuse it away years later.

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Great analysis. Very true.

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The Jab of Oscar vs Floyd is a myth, revisionist history at its finest. There was no jab. Here's a great breakdown explaining it: [url]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OwtkRqIUQQI

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I don't mean to be rude here, Half-Man, but the notion that I'm a stubborn, young guy lacking an eagerness to learn is silly (euphemized because I like you). So let me debunk that notion right away.

As far as cutting weight is concerned, I'm not wrong. I respect your knowledge on the matter and I'm sure you're an expert in your lane. But what you bring up is apples and oranges.

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I'm talking artificial, manipulated weight loss. Broner is just as ripped and bigger than Floyd. He got to 130 until recently. Floyd Sr. even supports what I just said about Floyd's fighting weight. How do I know? I heard it coming from his mouth? What do I base my statements on? Remarks from experts that track, measure and professionally monitor weight cutting in combat sports athletes.

I get what you're saying, though.

As for your patronizing remarks about my lack of willingness to learn: First, I have master's degrees in three subjects, including one of the Crimson kind. Not that doesn't mean all that much because it doesn't. (You can buy those things nowadays haha.)

But what it does mean is that I do have knowledge about certain things and I certainly have an eagerness to learn. So saying I don't is really, really idiotic.

And basing my purported lack thereof on stuff passed on to me from people who do this professionally just demonstrates something else entirely. Which has nothing to do with me.

Carmine Cas says:

That was a good video, Oscar still did land his jab though, not as much as I initially thought. His shoulder might have prevented it, but all one needs to do is look at the Cotto fight, Miguel had a lot of success with the left jab