

Mayweather-Pacquiao A Reality If Manny Beats Rios

Written by Frank Lotierzo

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On 05/09/12 in [an article](#) titled "Mayweather's Just Starving The Public, Money-Manny Will Definitely Happen," I said: "Rest assured boxing fans....we will get to see the biggest fight of this era. Don't fret for a moment, you'll get to see the top pound-for-pound fighter in boxing, Floyd Mayweather, fight the number two pound-for-pound fighter in boxing, Manny Pacquiao. The only way that Mayweather-Pacquiao doesn't happen will be if Pacquiao loses in the interim, because we know Mayweather won't be defeated before they fight."

Well, Pacquiao has lost twice since then. Once on the the scorecards to Timothy Bradley (June 2012) and then he was stopped by Juan Manuel Marquez (December 2012) in his last fight. When I wrote that Mayweather-Pacquiao would definitely happen, Mayweather had just defeated Miguel Cotto in his last fight and looked terrific. Since then he's won a lopsided decision over the under-sized Robert Guerrero and in his last fight this past weekend he looked great in beating the slightly over-hyped but undefeated Saul "Canelo" Alvarez. With Mayweathers' recent showing versus Alvarez distancing himself from those in the running to next fight him, such as Danny Garcia, Amir Khan, Timothy Bradley, Devon Alexander, Brandon Rios and Manny Pacquiao, there's only one fighter amongst them who could generate monumental fan interest for a fight versus Floyd, and that is Pacquiao.

Taking nothing away from Garcia, Khan, Bradley, Alexander and Rios, but none of them could ignite the public's interest the way Pacquiao would - especially if he stops Rios this coming November, or beats him decisively the way he did Miguel Cotto in November 2009. However, getting by Rios will be a very tall order for Pacquiao if he's not willing to do the training needed in order to beat a young guy full of enthusiasm and determination with a great work rate like Rios. On the other hand, if Manny skimps in his training in any way, this is a fight that might not go his way. This is exactly why we won't know who's next for Mayweather until after Pacquiao fights Rios on November 23rd. Remember, Floyd stressed at the post fight press conference after beating Alvarez that he's going on vacation with his family and isn't gonna think about boxing. So suffice it to say, Mayweather isn't even thinking about who's next for at least the next six or seven weeks. Besides, he's already thought about it and knows what his best move is once he sees what happens between Pacquiao and Rios. Since Pacquiao's disputed decision loss to Bradley and then getting caught and stopped by Marquez in a fight he was in total

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control of, Mayweather has leap-frogged Manny as to who the number one fighter in boxing is, both as a draw and fighter. And after the way he looked versus Alvarez, he added another layer of proof confirming he's the man in the sport of professional boxing. But that's not good enough for Mayweather the fighter and competitor.

Floyd hasn't forgotten that Pacquiao beat him out for fighter of the decade. Also, no fighter has been thrown in his face as Pacquiao has, nor has Floyd been accused of ducking anyone like he has Manny, for the better part of three years, circa 2009-2012.

Floyd is well aware that a majority of boxing fans, those who are not Mayweather fans first, believe that he is the reason why a fight with Pacquiao never happened. They also believe that Mayweather's insistence on Olympic style drug testing before the fight was just subterfuge and a way of delaying the fight. This theory is something I fully endorse.

Amazingly both Bradley and Marquez lived to tell about their fights with the supposedly, allegedly roided up Pacquiao. Sure, I've always felt that Mayweather had the size, style and strength to beat Pacquiao, and would've had they fought at anytime during their careers. However, I do believe Floyd had some trepidation about fighting Manny and wasn't as certain of victory the way he was going into his other previous bouts. I believe this is no longer an issue at all.

Pacquiao has been Mayweather's rival for five years. The two of them have dominated the junior welterweight and welterweight divisions since 2007, and haven't yet met. Both of their careers will be complete if they never meet. They've both compiled strong Hall of Fame resumes. But they're also too competitive to let the rivalry die without tangling at least once, not to mention the tens of millions they'd both make if they fought.

At this time Mayweather can and will dictate the terms of the fight if it happens. Actually, he's never held all the cards over Pacquiao like he does now. On top of that, Floyd looks stronger, physically, than he's ever looked and Manny was KO'd in a devastating fashion nine months ago and hasn't looked like the supernova he did during 2009/2010. In spite of all that Mayweather has accomplished as a fighter and regardless of what he says, he wants Paquiao's name under his win column before he retires. No, he doesn't need it, but he's driven by want at this stage of his career much more than need. As wonderful as Mayweather has been and as terrifically as he's managed his career in and out of the ring, he knows the thought is still out there that a lot of what he'll be remembered for is not giving the public the fight they really

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wanted from him, a showdown with Pacquiao, if he retires having never fought him. He also knows most fans are naive and it doesn't matter when he gives it to them as long as he does.

Whatever reservations Mayweather had about fighting Pacquiao before are no longer there. His love of dead presidents and a lasting legacy are still in play. Floyd harbors no self doubt about how a fight between he and Pacquiao would turn out. It's also the biggest fight in boxing, still, provided Pacquiao gets by Rios and looks reinvigorated in the process. Then again, all Manny really has to do is win and the fight will once again be the talk in most boxing circles. And the fact that it's too late and well past the sell by date won't matter a bit. Due to the way the boxing media has foolishly pushed on the public that Mayweather-Pacquiao is Ali-Frazier reincarnated, all Pacquiao has to do is win to stimulate the debate to a fever pitch again. Ever since Pacquiao was stopped by Marquez, boxing fans and writers have written Mayweather-Pacquiao off. I say it happens because Mayweather wants it. Pacquiao has always wanted it but because he wouldn't be bullied by "The Money Team" at the bargaining table, it never happened. I have no doubt that Mayweather will again force Manny to jump through hoops to try and make the fight a reality this time. Only this time I think they'll make it happen. Call it a hunch.

If you're one of those fans dying to see Mayweather-Pacquiao, keep your fingers crossed that Pacquiao beats Rios this coming November. And it would really help if he looked spectacular doing it. Yes, Mayweather-Pacquiao is a fight that is alive and in the making until one of them retires before it happens.

As of 2013 that hasn't happened.

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Hop says:

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amayseng says:

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funny pic hop

floyd wont fight pac though...

one he doesnt want to risk it,

two, he refuses to add any money to the bobfather

Hop says:

[QUOTE=amayseng;37115]Floyd wont fight Pac[/QUOTE]

You know what, A-May? I think that [B][I][SIZE=3]if[/SIZE][/I]/B] ...

- Manny handles Rios impressively
- public pressure mounts to a great enough PSI
- there is no other potential fight out there that could make anywhere near the [B][COLOR="#008000">[SIZE=3]\$\$\$\$[/SIZE]/[/COLOR]/B] that May-Pac would

... we might finally get our wish.

(Could be wrong. Just a hunch.)

amayseng says:

pac is gonna beat rios to a pulp

it is gonna be a severe beating..

not only does pac have a lot of fire within himself, dont let his nice guy act fool you, pac views Roach as a

father figure, he really does, and rios sent out a video years ago mocking roaches disability..

pac is gonna beat rios half to death..

and when he does floyd wont want none...

just like after the hatton decapitation and cotto thrashing..

pac is the only fighter who has more speed, quickness, power and better agility and footwork than floyd..

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and floyd knows it..

plus a southpaw

Hop says:

Can't go along with [U]all[/U] that you say, A-May, but [U]have[/U] always been a big Pacquiao fan and supporter -- even when others were bailing on him and some were even giddy with glee at [I]first[/I] the [B]AWFUL[/B] Bradley robbery and [I]second[/I] the JMM KO. BTW, as I'm sure you also know, Manny was looking quite good in his last fight, and I truly believe that Marquez's minutes were numbered. He (Manny) was winning the fight and on the verge of taking command. He just got a wee bit too aggressive and careless and got caught with a great counter punch by a great counter puncher. But those who hate Manny (and would be honored to lick Mayweather's toe jam off his feet) rejoiced and mocked endlessly. The second the Pac-Man/Hatton fight was over I typed on the forum I was on "Bring on Mayweather", and I still want to see it.

Radam G says:

Da Manny is gonna put it on Bam Bam. But from Money May, he will not get any YAM YAM! So fights are never made. Give shady, seedy game a bad grade. Holla!

brownsugar says:

It'll happen... The irrepressible Mayweather ego won't let him perform unless he gets a world stage at top dollar. He'll fight Paq before he fights another guy with limited appeal like Guerrero.

TotoyBato says:

TBE Mayweather can erase all doubt when he beats Pacquiao.

Hop says:

[QUOTE=TotoyBato;37134]TBE Mayweather can erase all doubt when he beats Pacquiao.[/QUOTE]

Well, I guess you could say he could erase what doubt there exists at large about who would win [B][I]today[/I]/[B]. But unfortunately as we all know, the real window for this match up -- the time when it would have been EPIC was that period from the fall of '09 to, say, the summer of '11. So the score that could be settled [B]now[/B] is only a secondary one (unless [U]Pacquiao[/U] were to win). But yeah, I still would very much like to see the fight, and personally think there is no better opponent for Mayweather out there -- both boxing-wise & financially. I have not wavered since 2009 in picking Floyd to win, but let's get it on and see.

vjoe says:

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at a catchweight :^) !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Good Doctor says:

I don't think it ever happens. I don't think that Mayweather wants to fight Pac but its for a different reason, GREED. Now some say that his greed may be coming from the fear of losing the 0, or taking a beating or whatever but I still think the root of it is still that Money wants way too much of the pie. Should he have the largest piece of the pie? Absolutely, he is the bigger draw. However he made a lot of people fall for the banana in the tail pipe with that I called Manny and offered him 30 mil guaranteed BS. From the estimates thrown around on that fight (which are always low), giving Manny 30 mil guaranteed would have been at best a 70-30 split. That's flat greedy. 65-35, maybe, 60-40 I'm good, 55-45 cool but no way should Floyd take 70%+ of the money.

I hope that I am wrong because I would LOVE to see them fight. I will again say for the record that I think Floyd beats him 7-5 maybe 8-4.

brownsugar says:

Funny thing is.... Some say the thrill is gone because Paq's prime years are gone or that he's damaged goods. But Paq is 33 and according to the press Floyd is ascending into legendary status at the age of 37. The laws of nature can't work in reverse here?...how can the younger Paq be the wounded duck in this scenario?

Hop says:

@ Good Doctor:

I believe it was actually [B]40[/B] million that Mayweather (allegedly) offered Pacquiao. I understand your reasons (and possibly Manny's) for refusing this arrangement, and yet I think I ultimately come down on the side of it being a decent deal that Pac-Man should seriously consider accepting. Yes, Mayweather will clear much more than Pac, but I believe at this point he should. Plus, I know I sound old fashioned, but 40 mill is an [B]obscene[/B] mountain of money -- for anyone, anywhere, any time! It starts to just become absurd, really. The point above all should be [U]beating[/U] Floyd. And btw, if he does, he can write his ticket and terms for the rematch and ask for Mayweather's firstborn child if he wants to. There are [B]40,000,000[/B] reasons why it's worth just signing this contract if you ask me.

Grimm says:

I may forever disqualify myself as a somewhat knowledgeable person, but I believe the reason Mayweather will hesitate - and he will - is the simple fact that Manny still is a threat. Even the slower, less dynamic and multi-angle-version of Pac-Man anno 2013 possesses more weapons than any other contemporary fighter to take Floyd to the trenches.

The Pac-Man that overwhelmed Marquez - before the knockout - is the Pac-Man that will catch

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up, get tagged, and yet swarm Floyd with punches in bunches at a speed and with a level of power he has never experienced. Mayweather may very well cope with it - but he's not sure, and that alone is a risk-ratio-reward-red alert.

amayseng says:

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Hop he offered pac that deal before the bradley robbery and jmm KO....

that was a b.s. deal, floyd is full of it at times....

then it should have been a 50-50 fight..

today, still world wide pac is a bigger draw.....

whatever, it will never happen, pac has too much offensively for floyd...

Radam G says:

I'm rolling with Grimm and A-Seng. Money May can fight hyped-up softies and make super umpteen millions. Why would he fight Da Manny, and just get a 100mil and an arse-breakin' and whuippin?' Da game is prizefighting, not pridefighting and not what-the-fans-or-promoters-want fighting.

Three more bumfights, Money May makes about \$270mil. Now why would he -- a BIG-MOOLAH prizefighter -- pridefight or fanfight Da Manny FOR a \$100mil and a breakdown/beatdown. Money May is no CLOWN! If you think that McCall broke down against Lennox Lewis, you haven't seen jack in the way Money May would be frustrated in dat squared jungle and BTFD by Da Manny!

I must and will admit that Da Manny was CLOWNED for fighting Marquez a fourth time, especially the FOURTH TIME and knew that Marquez had been touched and fed by a FALLEN Angel [Heredia] who was an arch peddler of "dat syet" that Pops Joy May calls boxing illegal PEDs and roids. Holla!

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That's simply hilarious RG especially since Bradley used his limited foot work to good effect against Paq... Sure.... Bradley lost the War....But Bradley won a few battles in that fight... One of them being the battle for lateral movement. And Marquez did the same when he shift punch countered Manny's lunge.

I don't think Floyd is too far behind either of those guys in the foot work department.

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Your point is well taken and I agree with everything you said. The problem is you are using a logical thought process in a situation where logic does not prevail. At the time Floyd offered Manny that amount it was 1a-Floyd, 1b Manny. You are right 40 million is just ridiculous amounts of cash that even the wealthiest of the wealthy may never see. However, in boxing the fighters are always concerned about the other guys number no matter how much they make. It

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makes no sense but it is the case. In addition, who can blame Manny for wanting what he was or very close to being his worth. You also must remember that Manny proposed a 40/40 winner gets the other 20 and Floyd balked.

Hop says:

@ Grimm: Good post. Whether or not (or should I say [I]'weather'[/I] or not - ha!) Floyd is inwardly insecure about fighting Pacquiao, I don't know -- but I have always thought that was a possibility, based on certain words & actions. On the other hand I generally shy away from what so many obviously live for, and that is 'reading between the lines' (a fighter's facial expression, his body language, whether they stuttered during an answer, what mood they seemed to be in, etc.). Personally I believe that kind of mind reading has been 100% off as often as it has been on-target. In other words, I think it's a salacious waste of time. [B]However[/B], I [U]do[/U] believe, with you, that Pacquiao is one of the very few potential threats to Floyd's "0" in the game today (some would argue the [I]only[/I] one). In the fall of 2009, I would have given him ... oh, a [B]38%[/B] chance of winning, say; today I'd put it at less than [B]25%[/B]. But what does Hop know? Many times nothing.

@ A-May: [I]"Then (i.e. pre-Bradley) it should have been a 50-50 fight."[/I] I wouldn't quite agree, but certainly his bargaining power would've been much stronger than today. Also, I don't believe Manny is a bigger [B]money-making[/B] draw than Floyd today (maybe raw numbers of fans?), but I could be wrong.

@ Radam: If FM is as unsporting as you suggest, I hope his ego gets the better of him if nothing else. Furthermore, I hope the landscape actually ends up such that the real 'money track' goes through names like those I dreamed up in a previous thread -- at least [I]some[/I] of them!

[U]Reminder[/U]:

[U]Spring, '14[/U]: [B][COLOR="#0000FF">[SIZE=3]Manny Pacquiao[/SIZE]/[/COLOR]/[/B] (if he handles Rios)

[U]Fall, '14[/U]: [B][COLOR="#008000">[SIZE=3]Sergio Martinez[/SIZE]/[/COLOR]/[/B] (rested and recovered)

[U]Spring, '15[/U]: [B][COLOR="#FF0000">[SIZE=3]Gennady Golovkin[/SIZE]/[/COLOR]/[/B] (he & his trainer have said they want Floyd)

[U]Fall, '15[/U]: [B][COLOR="#800080">[SIZE=3]Adrien Broner[/SIZE]/[/COLOR]/[/B] (beefed up and provided he has gotten past Maidana & others)

[U]Spring, '16[/U]: [B][COLOR="#000000">[SIZE=3]TBA[/SIZE]/[/COLOR]/[/B] (possibles: Danny Garcia, Erislandy Lara, Keith Thurman, Errol Spence, or a rematch of any of the above fighters if the initial fight with Mayweather was epic enough)

Hop says:

@ Good Doctor: I appreciate your perspective. I might also add that we don't even know that Mayweather's 'offer' was in earnest, of course. There are many ways to twist words, to find out

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Radam G says:

Money May ego is fine. This is why he will always shine. He is the uttermost prizefighter without ever having to put up with the danger. Holla!

Radam G says:

It was no shift-punch counter by Hulkquez. It was a timing step-on-one foot and clock the incoming missile with an overhand right.

Bambi Bradley ran, not an ounce of latter movement. Besides Da Manny had the bambi out on his feet and let him get away, because Da Manny was confused with a new kindness in dat squared jungle because of some meddling born-again Christains.

Now Da Manny is back to being a warring Catholic crusader. He will now kill, rape, pillage all arses. You will see it in Macau. Holla!

amayseng says:

Hop ,
PAC was coming off smashing dlh, knocking hatton into outer space , destroying cotto, I think he battered a bigger margacheato and PAC was fighter if the decade while Floyd was inactive fighting at times.

PAC should have held the leverage there is no way he would have take the lower sum especially with letting Floyd getting all the back end revenue.

That's just dumb business.

Floyd didn't want the fight.

He priced himself out.

That's the easiest way out if a fight.

I like both fighters. Very much so.

Like radam said, PAC isn't worth

An *** whoopin when he can take easier fights that add up.

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Hop says:

@ R:

- Yes, maybe you've described Marquez's punch better than I.
- I like Manny's "new kindness". Don't believe it was a detriment.

Radam G says:

Kindness in boxing is for losers. You will get ROBBED. You can be kind between rounds and outside the squared jungle. Da MEAN Manny is BACK! He is URGING to ATTACK! He is beating down every sucka on Da Manny's comeback TRACK! Holla!

Hop says:

A-May, here's my quick response to your post (thanks for it, btw):

- Was Pac officially awarded [I]"Fighter of the Decade"?[/I] I think it's a great point/question: Who most deserves that title?
- I think it's very possible that Floyd indeed did [U]not[/U] want to fight MP, but I simply [U]don't[/U] [U]know[/U] that (and w/all due respect, I don't think you do either). I think it's also possible that Manny was using PED's (I very much hope [U]not[/U]).
- I also like both fighters very much. Most people seem to feel the need to choose one as their demi-god and see those who like the 'rival-god' as enemies to be destroyed!

Cheers.

Radam G says:

Da Manny was not ever using illegal PEDs. All fighters use legal PEDs and legal roids. VADA CEO Dr. Maggie Goodman, who was working for the NSAC would have caught him, as she did Money May. Holla!

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Floyd offered Paq 40mill. Paq never made more than 25 mil on his best day and still has to pay Bob.

Of coarse Paq figuring to be a big if not a bigger commercial draw than Floyd refused because he realizes the full \$200 mil potential of the fight. Seemed like a decent move vat the time.

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Even so it was a better deal than Paq ever had up until that point of his career.

Its easy to look at the situation in retrospect and call him a fool or a financial Wizard. Flip a coin ...take your pick.

Its all water under the bridge now.

To answer the question of this being a valid claim.....Floyd offered a guarantee to wire him the money.

If Paq had accepted he would have had the opportunity to test the validity of the offer.

Since he didn't ...only Floyd and Fiddy Sense (sic) know.

Hop says:

Right on, Brownsugar.

The Shadow says:

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Yes, I heard it. It's on Youtube. The offer was legit because they (read. 50 Cent) had raised the cash to do it. He was going to wire \$20m right away and the remaining \$20m in 72 hours, which would not only be the largest guarantee in history, it would also mark the biggest cash advance as checks are usually paid on the night of the fight.

(Manny is famous for taking advances from Bob Arum, which are then subtracted from his purses. He's a generous man who's a little too frivolous with his kindness in a lot of ways.)

He was likely going to get a symbolic amount on fight night, \$5m or something, so Manny was going to make a killing. But Floyd was going to make more. So when they spoke, Manny said 50/50 or no deal and got off the phone.

It wasn't a bluff, either, because they didn't go public with it. If I recall, Michael Koncz did (don't quote me on that, though).

This account has been confirmed by four different sources publicly as well as four-five additional credible sources in Las Vegas.

At the end of the day, the Pacquiao camp was offended by the offer because they considered themselves equal to Floyd. Moreover, this makes even more sense since they wouldn't get a cut of the seedy money -- only the seed money.

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Perhaps most importantly, \$40m is not enough to pay Pacquiao AND get Arum the cut he's become accustomed to.

It's all a power/money ploy.

Hop says:

Ok, thanks, Shadow. Was just wondering if Manny himself has ever spoken on (or been asked about) it.

amayseng says:

@B-Sug, any validity at Curtis coming out in interviews stating Floyd was always hesitant to fight PAC?

Or is it Curtis just being shady?

I don't think Floyd is afraid of any fighter.

However I do think he feels PAC is a threat.

He even told PAC on the phone "what if I lose I have nothing to fall back on but boxing". Or something along the line.

brownsugar says:

Its good to know that Manny still has his highly enthusiast supporters. And that good. Its guys like you who will help make this fight a reality.

And since Paq can no longer use PED's(as it was suspected) because of his faith and/ or notoriety... The fight can now be played on an even playing field.

Hopefully a solid win over Rios will ignite a passionate outcry for the fight of the century.

But keep in mind that Floyd can't simultaneously be the boxing savant who dwarfs all competitors in skill and the coward who's afraid to fight Paq because he lacks the skill.

Those two concepts are incompatible with each other.... Just be carefull what you wish for.

The Shadow says:

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RG, what did she find in his system? Is it disclosed publicly?

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Of coarse Paq figuring to be a big if not a bigger commercial draw than Floyd refused because he realizes the full \$200 mil potential of the fight. Seemed like a decent move vat the time. Even so it was a better deal than Paq ever had up until that point of his career.

Its easy to look at the situation in retrospect and call him a fool or a financial Wizard. Flip a coin ...take your pick.

Its all water under the bridge now.

To answer the question of this being a valid claim.....Floyd offered a guarantee to wire him the money.

If Paq had accepted he would have had the opportunity to test the validity of the offer. Since he didn't ...only Floyd and Fiddy Sense (sic) know.[/QUOTE]

Ouch! You beat me to it! Just wrote a bunch similar to that LOL. Anyways, I know for a fact the offer was legit. I've spoken to people involved with the negotiations.

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The Shadow says:

[QUOTE=Hop;37198]Ok, thanks, Shadow. Was just wondering if Manny himself has ever spoken on (or been asked about) it.[/QUOTE]

Yes, I've heard him address it once where he laughed it off. Michael Koncz spoke about it, though.

brownsugar says:

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However I do think he feels PAC is a threat.

He even told PAC on the phone "what if I lose I have nothing to fall back on but boxing". Or something along the line.[/QUOTE]

Fiddy has proven himself to be somewhat of a snake. He thought he could maneuver himself into position to broker the Pac fight. Anything he said in regards to Floyd not wanting the fight was sheer manipulation.

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Curtis is ruthless, bro. I interviewed him in Vegas after Cotto. Take what he says with a grain of salt. He said it on First Take while promoting a Top Rank event. Although Floyd was hesitant to do it because he doesn't feel he should do what others want him to do.

I understand Floyd in a way. But at the same time, a guy like Roy Jones took a smaller piece of the pie just to get his hands on Montell Griffin again so he could smoke him.

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That was righteous...Shadow.
Good to know there are some insiders around clear the air.

amayseng says:

Who started this thread anyways?

When Floyd vs PAC comes up

We become puppets and dance

We are helpless diehard fans no doubt.

brownsugar says:

Maybe but its fun. Lol....blame Hop....and RG.

The Shadow says:

I'm making a bold prediction:

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Floyd Mayweather vs. Manny Pacquiao at the MGM Grand, May 2, 2015. [/B]

The timing fits perfectly, contracts align and Manny will be free.

Assuming Pacquiao has a few good performances and doesn't sign with Al Haymon in the meantime, of course.

In that case, it'll happen next year.

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How? Never said he wasn't guaranteed \$25m or made more than that. I'm sure he did. I said the \$40m would be the biggest guarantee in history.

Him receiving advances from Arum and having big expenses are well-reported facts.

And I'm sure he rakes in more money from foreign revenues that aren't reported.

The Shadow says:

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LOL understood.

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I don't think anyone's denying that. I personally keep saying Amir Khan's the next global cash cow due to commercial interest from UAE plus the 1.6 bn muslims worldwide.

Whether he can or can't offer him anything isn't really the point. He did and Manny declined. Fair enough.

Perhaps Andre Ward should read that and humble himself at the table when dealing with guys like Froch that bring international muscle/moolah:

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"So that being said, I'm open to the discussion, but they just need to understand that when they come to the negotiating table who is on the A-side of things, and who is on the B-side."[/I]

Radam G says:

An example is that Money May got not any of the PPV money of Mexico. But Canelo did. Hulkquez will get PPV moolah from Mexico, but Big Foot is gonna bambi run and hurt his big-@ss size 13 doggs again and will not get one Mexican peso of Mexico's PPV payouts. Holla!

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amayseng says:

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There was no PPV in Mexico for that fight. In fact, the bout was viewed by almost 8/10 households. But I assume you mean TV money. Yes, Canelo probably kept that. And Marquez/Beltran probably will, too.

Mexican PPV is domestic as Hispanics make out anywhere from 40%-60% (if I'm not mistaken) of the PPV audience.

I looked up what the normal size foot relative to height was. Holy ish! Dudes with size 13 boots are around 6-3. LOL!

The Shadow says:

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We were simply discussing whether the offer was real and what the motivation was. I never agreed or disagreed to it. I said it was offered, it was declined and both sides moved on.

I'm simply presenting the facts, not my opinion on "woulda, coulda, shoulda."

As for your question, I can't answer that. That's for Manny Pacquiao to decide as a businessman. Which he did. Which is cool.

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That's business. As a business man, your objective is to keep revenues high and expenses low -- especially with his deal structure.

At the same time, Manny was well within his rights to say "thanks, but no thanks" also.

RG, they all work optical illusions. Floyd is just now learning how to keep up. Arum is the master.

[url]<http://www.boxingscene.com/bob-arum-tells-floyd-mayweather-schaefer-go-hell--24279>

The Shadow says:

And of course he's been hanging out with Copperfield. They share the same bill. LOL

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1) Nice to hear from you, CC. Yours was a new name for me. Hope you keep chiming in.

2) Both Sergio [U]&[/U] Manny would be on my short list of preferred opponents for Floyd (you may have seen my 'ultimate' schedule). With either/both of those, however (unlike possibles like Broner, Garcia, Golovkin, Spence, Lara, Thurman, etc.) [B][SIZE=3]the sooner the better[/SIZE][[/B], right?

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Agreed.