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Like any top-tier trainer, Freddie Roach threw himself under, if not a bus, then a minivan, when he told TSS that he thinks maybe overtraining was the reason we didn't see "A-game" Manny Pacquiao against Juan Manuel Marquez on Nov. 12.

In a Wednesday phoner with Roach, TSS asked Dedham Freddie to give Manny a grade for his showing, and who the Congressman wants to target next.

"I give him a B minus," the former fighter, who was mentored by Hall of Fame trainer Eddie

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Futch, said. "He wasn't really himself, he had a bad night. I don't know why, but he maybe overtrained for the fight. Maybe we started him too soon. He helped Jorge Linares get ready, and we thought that was a good idea at the time. Maybe he was overtrained, and left a little in the gym."

Again, see how the trainer didn't even imply subtly that Manny's so-so showing was a result of anything the boxer did or didn't do? It's a Roach trait which is one reason why his gym is a magnet, and draws fighters from coast to coast: guys know he won't degrade them to burnish his rep.

Roach also told me he was going to talk to Pacquiao hopefully Wednesday night, and see who he wants to fight next. I wrote about that part of the conversation, which had Roach pulling for a Floyd Mayweather fight, over another tangle with the Kryptonite Kid, Marquez, [here](#) .

Roach was asked if Marquez had improved since their 2008 bout, or if Manny has perhaps slipped physically, or perhaps mentally, in the desire department. "He had a great camp, one of best," Roach said, adding that he didn't think Marquez had improved, but just fought a focused, smart fight tactically. "Maybe we need another fight with (advisor) Michael Koncz, maybe we need that. We've always had distractions," he added with a chuckle.

Did he want to add anything in summation for the fans?

"Manny Pacquiao had a rough night, but he will be back," Roach said. "I want that Mayweather fight as badly as you do, and I hope it happens."

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Radam G says:

Tell 'em "Always ready" Freddie! Nobody is scared of Money May. OOPS! I musta' fo'got!

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Maybe his babies' momma is a bit frighten of gettin' an arse beatdown by him. But Da Manny will take the test, and double thrash Money May's sneak-using-steroids a\$\$.

There is a BIG reason why Money May takes so long between fights. So that the use of roids won't light up pass the limit. We know what time it is. But Da Manny will still whup da arse of a roid-cheating trickser. WOW! Da sucka is on E-side Meth. But Da Manny will still embarrass him. Hehehehe! Holla!

TerryIgnacio says:

I agree with Roach: Manny did seem to have an off night. For sure they'll be analyzing what went wrong. So whoever Manny fights next, whether Mayweather (not likely) or Marquez (more probable), expect to see the Pacman we have been used to seeing.

astro1 says:

Pacman fought at 143, Timothy Brdley fought at 140, maybe we could see that next. Just sayin'

the Roast says:

Let's just sign the papers and get to the superfight this spring. Manny Pacquiao vs Floyd Mayweather. Enough is enough. We all know that just because fighter A beat fighter B he can beat fighter C. We know this. Let's just make the fight and see who wins. I want it. We all want it. Dont give me that bullshit that now its tainted or it's too late or whatever. They still have time for three fights if the first one is good. The time is now!!!!

dino da vinci says:

"It's a Roach trait which is one reason why his gym is a magnet, and draws fighters from coast to coast: Guys know he won't degrade to burnish his rep."

Why would he?

He is the premiere trainer in the world today. There are other trainers in his league, but when you factor in the fact that he's also a master strategist, (I believe boxing's best at this time) he's on an island. How much of that came from Eddie Futch, I don't know, but it couldn't of hurt.

TerryIgnacio says:

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Yes, we need to see the superfight. Good for the fans and promoters, and of course, for manny and floyd. Three fights possible, or look at it as a best of three.

amayseng says:

this is just ridiculous, i mean did hagler and hearsns wait 3 years to fight? what about duran and leonard?

what if ali and frazier never fought, not even once?

what a bunch of crap this has turned into.

i mean are you kidding me?

what if green bay packers and the steelers last year after winning each division decided they didnt want to play against each other in the superbowl?

this is why ufc prospers and boxing suffers..

can dana white take over boxing please?

TerryIgnacio says:

[I]Roach: "Manny Pacquiao had a rough night, but he will be back."[/I]

Even though it was a win, it was a controversial one, and did nothing to settle the controversy over who was the better fighter. I remember another fight which was also a "rough night": Pacquiao-Morales I. Manny lost, but this prompted changes in training which transformed him into an all-around fighter. Roach probably figures that a similar transformation will result after the last fight.

MisterLee says:

Radam how is manny going to beat mayweather if he got his clock cleaned by a 38 year old marquez at the same weight mayweather fought him at? you are truly sounding desperate. manny still has yet to agree to full random drug testing during negotiations. lack of gutting off the ring, poor jab, lunging off balance on his left hand. his power did not bother JMM either, yet he's going to beat up mayweather who's even harder to hit and faster on the counter. oh yeah and he's younger than JMM and hasn't been in nearly as many wars.

the Roast says:

Very good points Caveman but you know what Radam will say, "Da Manny will knock Floyd da double fudge out" or something close to that. Radam worships at the throne of da Manny and has lost his objectivity. Manny walks on water and is the best fighter of all time. And you know this MAN!

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Radam G says:

Fighter A fighting against fighter B has doo doo to with A or B beating or fighting C. Besides, it is all about the stage, not da age. [As the great bosking guru Manny Steward said, "Marquez could be fifty years old, and he'd still give Manny problems.]

Never mind da chit chatter! Bullsh*tology and hoping won't matter. Make da FIGHT!!! Da Manny will whup Money May's arse all NIGHT!!! Later for fortune-tellers! To know nothings, haters, busters, the naive, bandwagon jumpers, booty bumpers and fist pumbers, faders, fans, fanfaronades and fakers, they are great sellers.

I hope the dance between Da Manny and Money May TAKE PLACE! I cannot wait because most _____ oughta put on some fantasy LACE! Money is gonna be in a living hell. Da Manny is gonna burn Money May like Money May has fallen into a Texas oil well. Many undefeated men with better skills have always suffer a defeat. Ear witnesses say that Sugar Ray Robinson was the P4P greatest of all times, but by a pugilist -- Jake LaMotta -- with lesser skills, the undefeated, ITL SRR was beat. And, on itself, history loves to repeat. And, again and again, knock an arrogant, most-jokers-and-dey-poppa-are-on-his-nuts fool off his high, loseless [sic] seat. Holla!

Radam G says:

@the Roast, you got it wrong, my friend, you got it wrong. I'm solo strong!!! And been on the mountain top of successes and victories my whole, complete, life long!!! No one can play for me the same old bullsh*t song.

IT'S PINOY TIME! Da Manny is a DIME! Money May is now three pennies and a fake nickle. And he and his May fam, fans, fanfaronades, nuthuggers and groupies are so darn fickle. Da powers dat can -- making dat fight, will outta sight. And, _____ will be RIGHT! Holla!

Radam G says:

BTW, the Roast, whatever happened to your interview series? Do an Xclusive [sic] on mortcola or MisterLee or somebodeee. Holla!

the Roast says:

Radam, pre-production talks for my next interview have begun with the King of controversy, Fighter4JC. If terms and conditions can be met, we may have a go by the end of the year.

MisterLee says:

Radam what does marquez do that mayweather cannot do better? manny has no idea what to do when someone simply circles to his right hand and shoots their own right hand down the middle when he rushes.

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FighterforJC says:

[QUOTE=MisterLee;10718]Radam what does marquez do that mayweather cannot do better? many has no idea what to do when someone simply circles to his right hand and shoots their own right hand down the middle when he rushes.[/QUOTE]

It's a different style altogether and you know it. I know that Mayweather fans want to award Mayweather the victory over Pacquiao by default and they don't want to see the actual fight take place. It's not the first time anyone has ever stepped to Pacquiao's right. The difference is the specific angles and the exact physical space that JMM occupies.

The secret of the sweet science lies in "shapes." The great fighters occupy the right space at the right time, most of the time. What dictates a match up are the fighters' physical configurations. It's not just the basic height/reach, but everything related. You can have dozens of configurations for a fighter listed at 6/0 160lbs with a 75-inch reach. There are countless factors such as torso width, torso length, torso-leg ratio, shoulder width, neck height, arm length, forearm to bicep ratio, etc, etc, etc. The point of the sweet science is to get in the position where you have the best leverage and angle for your punches while at the same time naturally obstructing the optimum path of your opponent's punches so that he'll be forced to alter the trajectory and intended point of impact of his punches in a way that makes them less effective. Depending on the matchup, it could take more or less work for one fighter to achieve that position. In JMM's case, the structure and architecture of his body is the PERFECT neutralizer for Pacquiao's as it takes SIGNIFICANTLY less work for JMM to obtain the said position.

Mayweather, not so much.

Radam G says:

If you have ever been in dat squared jungle and at the top of the mountain, you'd know. And not need to ask. Money May and Marquez are totally two different types of fighters. It is just that fans and those not in know who don't know and can see for blindly looking.

Somebody other than me, please help him to see? I'm much too "clownish!" Money May and Marquez are like night and day, just as Roberto Duran and Thomas Hearn was like night and day. But night could beat "The Blade," but day would get da double fudge KAYOED!

Da Manny will have a D time with da crybaby bytch Marquez every day of the week. But Da Manny would kick Money May's shoulder-rolling arse every month of the year. Holla!

MisterLee says:

@Radam, If many will really beat up mayweather any day of the week, he'd go ahead and take that easy fight for a big paycheck instead of taking on a 4th fight with JMM that he could easily lose like he lost his last one. also with your barkley/hearns argument, hearns was kicking the crap out of barkley before barkley got in a hail mary right hand that put hearns down and

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eventually out. pacquiao has no such hail mary punch since he KO'd ricky hatton (face first brawler).

@FighterforJC: yes i hear you on the argument that the body type of a fighter dictates how well he can hit an opponent and how much he can keep himself from being hit. but remember that Marco Antonio Barrera is much more similar physically with marquez than mayweather is, and MAB got busted up by manny when they first met.

now another thing that dictates hitting and not getting hit is footwork. you'd be hard pressed to find a fighter today with better control of distance with his feet (and also his hands) than mayweather. Shane mosley showed that you can neutralize a lot of pacquiao's offense simply by circling to his right hand.

mayweather has a longer measured arm length than pacquiao, while JMM's was shorter. if anything mayweather appears to have longer legs than pacquiao, which means he'd have an easier time reaching manny while manny cannot reach mayweather when they both step with their punches.

Mayweather has shown he is better at eluding and blocking punches than JMM, and better at tying his man up to control him. manny has shown that he can be countered and that he freezes his combinations if he gets tagged and moves straight back. the fact is mayweather has more length, has better control of space, and has better hand and footspeed than marquez as well as timing. sure we'd still have to see it to prove it, but logic and history doesn't suggest much else.

the Roast says:

They dont want to hear it Caveman but tell 'em anyway!

Radam G says:

CHECK your FACTS! Money May is still ducking Da Manny. See Money May is a REALITY and an ACTUALITY. And he knows that Da Manny is the same, not lame, and have too much game. Game knows GAME! WOW! Cyberspace fans are _____! You guys make the talking heads look arch-master geniuses. Holla!

Radam G says:

Everybodee and dey momma in da know in real boksing know. Bandwagon jumpers are always come-lately fist pumpers and bootah bumpers. And can always talk jive until and if da Judgement comes. Holla!

MisterLee says:

from Frank Z (author of the previous comment under this alias).

so my facts are that mayweather's team has been very loud about him wanting to fight on may 5th, yet manny almost immediately after marquez 3 seems like he's going with marquez 4. yep

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sounds like mayweather's the ducker to me, like when he was talking to marquez the day before he fought mosley about negotiations for marquez 3, and like when mosley seemed confident that his fight with pacquiao was close to done soon after pacquiao beat margarito, how the clottey fight was wrapped up days after maywaether negotiations fell apart. yep mayweather is clearly the sole ducker here.

Radam G says:

A brain is a terrible thing to waste. One may not believe what he sees. But the signals to his brains, he sees and believes and thinks. Twisting and dodging___ - _____ CLASSICAL L way! Holla!

Radam G says:

WOW! In the age of zoom info, it is amazing that people are still hearing it so late. But it is not my job to show them the way. I'm a darn prophet. NYET! Everyone and his cousin, who are in true boksing, already know the latest that Money May said about being an A-side fighter not having to fight a B-side one. Frank Z was a cloning, dishonest, fibbing SOB! IP trackers are not bias. GPS is in full effect. Frank Z is invited to holler back at this new Universe any time. But da agitating bytch won't cloning. Holla!

TerryIgnacio says:

[QUOTE=Editor Mike;10607]



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That's one reason why I like Roach: he doesn't degrade his fighters "to burnish his rep." When he gave Manny a B minus, he is being honest and knows that he is also responsible for that low grade. I remember after the Morales loss he said that it was his fault. Now he admits that he doesn't know why Manny was not his usual self, but thinks that they probably started him too soon. His comments are not self-serving.

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Predictions for a fight, on the other hand, is a different matter. He would make crazy predictions at times to psych out his opponents, like when he said it was to be a one-round knockout for Cotto. It should be pointed out however that he really believed that Marquez would be gone within six rounds, and so he said publicly that he was way off for that one.

Doolurbsils says:

Way before there were

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