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As if by law, no HBO super fight goes by without receiving the "Face Off With Max Kellerman" treatment. It has become a customary pre fight ritual.

In the latest installment, Max Kellerman, Miguel Cotto, and more importantly Floyd Mayweather, do their best in trying to promote the fight. As usual, Mayweather is in top form - his promotional skills, along with his boxing skills, have made him boxing's highest earner. Kellerman and Cotto also provide intrigue by giving the viewers belief that Cotto may be the exception to Mayweather's undefeated rule. The truth is, this is not really an even contest. And

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all three participants of the latest Face Off likely know this. Despite HBO's best efforts to make you believe otherwise, the fact that the Face Off is a promotional tool, I offer, is the reason that Mayweather and Cotto don't say what is really on their minds.

With this in mind then, can you imagine if HBO changed their formula? And instead of a face off, we got an interrogation, with both fighters rigged up to a lie detector test? Now that would be compelling TV!

For fun then, here is how I think a transcript may look, if Cotto, and in particular Mayweather, were incapable of telling a lie in order to promote their fight.

Kellerman: How do you beat Floyd Mayweather?

Cotto: I really don't know. I defeated Zab Judah and Shane Mosley, two fighters with very fast hands, so I'm hoping that may help me in this fight. Maybe Floyd will suddenly grow old over night?

Kellerman: Floyd, how is Cotto going to fight you, do you think?

Mayweather: It's like this Max. I don't think, I know. I've studied hours and hours of Miguel. Because my boxing IQ is so high, I will have an answer for everything he can do in there, which by the way, isn't a whole lot. That's why team Mayweather picked Cotto for the fight in the first place. Big money for me, with little risk of defeat.

Kellerman: So why is he going to be the 43rd?

Mayweather: It's real simple Max. Miguel is a converted southpaw, a lead handed attacker. Have you ever saw my defense penetrated with a lead left hook? Neither have I. Look, it's like this...Cotto is going to come at me looking to land his left hook. I'm going to take that shot away, and put it in the back pocket along with Mosley's left hook, De La Hoya's left hook and Ortiz' right hook. You see Max, these one dimensional attackers with a primary offensive weapon are real easy for me to take care of. My defense is designed for these types of fighters. Once I take their best asset away, it's game over for them. And that's when my straight right hand comes into play. I'm gonna move away from his left hand and land my straight right all night long. Notice Max, Miguel seldom throws his right hand.

Cotto: He's right Max, I don't have much use for my right hand on offense. It just doesn't seem natural.

Mayweather: Not only that Miguel, but your footwork! Because you are a converted southpaw, your movement is awkward. Your legs are not in sync with your upper body. You don't seem to know which way to turn. That's what cost you against Pacquiao, not those few extra pounds you had to lose.

Kellerman: By moving up to junior middleweight then Floyd, you will be facing the best Miguel Cotto, right?

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Mayweather: Absolutely not. My speed advantage will be even greater up at that weight. You see, while my technical skills are better than his, my speed is far greater than his. I'm gonna beat him to the punch every single time. Miguel, you only let your shots go when you are standing flat footed, right?

Cotto: Right.

Mayweather: There you go Max, as you can see, I've done my homework. I'll be keying off his feet all night long.

Kellerman: Miguel, it's difficult seeing you outboxing Floyd. Do you feel we will have to see more of the old Miguel? More of that hard left hook to the body?

Miguel: Exactly Max, although you have just told Floyd my strategy.

Mayweather: Don't worry about it Miguel, I had that bad boy scouted back in 2007. You rarely use it these days and if you decide to bring it on May 5th, that's all good. Like I've said before, Floyd Mayweather has you well scouted. Like all my opponents, they are carefully chosen as a result of an obvious trait I can expose. You are no different. I know exactly what makes you perform at your best in the ring, and what makes you perform at your worst in the ring. Guess what Max, I'm here to bring out the worst in Miguel Cotto.

Cotto: But my victory over Margarito proves I have improved. I can now box and move, can I not?

Mayweather: You can not. Sorry Miguel. Your victory over Margarito proved two things in my eyes. Firstly, Margarito was loaded up to the eyeballs in plaster of paris in your first fight, I suspect. I mean, your face, it was nearly as bashed as when Pacquiao messed it up real bad. Secondly, in your two fights with Margarito, I notice you don't seem to fight well backing up.

Cotto: I don't feel comfortable backing up, no. Margarito has exposed me not once, but twice in this area. Luckily for me in the second fight, Margarito's eye got worse. It's a good thing you don't have the power to back me up then.

Mayweather: That's what they all say, Miguel. Because my shots are so fast and accurate, it comes as a shock to be on the receiving end of such clean blows. By the middle rounds, you will be backing up, getting systematically walked down. Luckily for you, you seem like a real nice guy and I don't take too many risks on offense. I respect your left hook Miguel, and that's why I'm not willing to press for the knockout. If you landed it, who knows? I'm not willing to risk my undefeated record, which is my meal ticket by the way, just to give the fans what they want.

Kellerman: Predictions guys?

Cotto: I'm going to start off boxing, only to be outboxed. I'm going to try and close the distance and land my left hook, only for that to be taken away. Then? I don't know what happens.

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Mayweather: Straight right hand city for twelve rounds, is what happens Miguel. It's like this, like I told him Max, he does seem like a great guy, I do like his watch and he is bringing a lot of money to the pot. I will back him up by the middle rounds, but I promise...pinky swear, I won't knock him out. We all know that ain't my style these days anyway.

Kellerman: Any final words?

Cotto: Thank you Floyd, you are giving me the biggest payday of my career. And now I realize I don't have much of a shot in this fight.

Mayweather: Tune in for yet another Mayweather fight seen as a risk. I'd like to thank Miguel, you have helped me create the illusion that this is a close and competitive fight. The reality is we are not gonna give the fans what they want to see. Which is to see me defeated. Do I respect you? Absolutely. Do you have a chance of defeating me? Absolutely not. Not in 2007, not now.

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deepwater says:

No lie, this author of the article has no chance to become a decent writer. hey how bout you write an article saying the bum that just fought pavlik had no chance,or sergio martinez fighting a hand picked bum with no chance. cotto has honor, he will try his best and it might be good enough, but f it just cancel the fight because this clown author says that kellerman,and cotto know its a sham. free speech entitles you to your opinion but free speech lets me point out this is garbage and instead of being an article,it should be in some comment section somewhere.

mortcola says:

I had a real laugh. I didn't read the part where this was imaginary - I read Cotto saying he hoped Mayweather would grow old overnight, and then Floyd admitted they only took the fight because it was low-risk, high-reward. I got a headache, said WTF, and went and read the beginning. Thanks for the laugh. But, sorry, it ends there. Mayweather is obviously the favorite. But this comedy piece caricatures each boxer, and doesn't take seriously the legit tools and real vulnerabilities of each fighter. Amusing fluff, that's all.

amayseng says:

this is an excellent article, deepwater it is a bit sarcastic to make a point.

cotto has no chance. not once did he actually look confident in the face off...

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why didnt he come out and say i see flaws in floyd, his agility is not there, his footing was off last fight, he isnt a hard hitter....????????????

floyd knows what he is getting into, when does he not?

any fighter with speed and agility knows they would rather fight a slightly bigger opponent who is slower than a guy his size who is comparable in speed.

going up 2 lbs wont affect floyd, hell he walks around at 152 not 142

Grimm says:

Funny piece! Thanks for the laughs.

Now, the thing with Money May is that with his back-heel slightly pointing upwards - the prerequisite for his excellent right counter - the other side of the story is his front foot is flat on the canvas, like a brake for forward motion. Not a brake for one step, or even two steps - but more than that, he won't come far, and never does, really. Of course he can overcome it, but he ain't exactly the type who rapidly cuts the distance visavi a fleeing opponent...and therefor Cottos semi-good boxing while moving backwards doesn't have to be such a big factor.

For Miguel, it's all about refining those improvements made under Benitez while with a cold mind wreak havoc upon the master technician. Kinda like snap the fly and taking away Money Mays right by going for his shoulder with those devastating left hooks. Cotto utilizes lateral movement and pivots well - a Benitez trademark. You bet he'll spin all the way to force Money May to readjust, reposition, all the way to making it hard for him to plant his potshots.

Sure, the odds are for Money May, who, admittedly, is one heck of a good boxer. But I wouldn't bet too many cents. I do not have a dream, but I have a smell - and it's the smell of an upset...if Cotto winning ever was an upset. Anyway, just gotta love the man. A true class act, thru and thru.

ultimoshogun says:

No way Cotto is coming into this fight thinking he has zero chance at winning. This time he won't be in there with a guy who absorbs his best shots and keeps coming forward on the attack or have to keep up with Pacman's machine gun style offense. Just knowing he won't have to fight at a blistering pace should fuel his confidence somewhat....the tactical part of it is a different story however. Good points, Grimm, I remember Cotto stopping that Gianluca Branco guy with vicious left hooks to the shoulder.

Radam G says:

Well! This is one time that I don't feel the desire for being funny. First! The overall purse that Miguel Cotto got against Da Manny won't be matched in this bout. Second! The kind of home-viewed PPVs that Cotto-Pacquiao drew won't come anywhere near to matching. GBP

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would do decent at the Big-Screen PPV of \$25 a pop, then just fake many as the home-viewed ones. Third! This darn bout has not even sold out at the gate yet. Wazzup wif dat? Fourth! Money May is gettin' on his Maydini. Dude is playing more magic jive than a combined Houdini, Bundini and David Copperfield. This Money May bandwagon really needs to yield. Fifth! Safety-first Money May will not beat the heck out of Cotto. Money May doesn't have Da Manny's mojo.

Wow! boxing critics never fudging LEARN! In the sweet science of "the threatre of the unexpected," you never count a pugilist out. YUP! I've been told how every critic and his stank ho were mocking Carmen Basilio before his bout with whoop-a-woman's-a\$\$ Sugar Ray Robinson. YUP! And I've been told how the critics and dey stank hos were gettin' their laugh on at Rock Marciano before the bout with Jersey Joe Walcott. And I saw how the critics and dey stank hos were cracking up about how fast that Sammy "The Nigerian Nightmeal [I mean mare]" Peters will be at the buffet getting on his eat, after kayoing no-chance-in-hell-to-win Doc itali K -- coming off a four-year layoff.

None the above matters. I just like posting syet! Hehehehe! But I double doubt that Money May stop Cotto. Money May may scratch out a comfortable decision. And all of the _____ will say that Money May is looking the best ever, and will easily outclass Da Manny and deserves to be P4P number one for as long as he wants. Holla!

SouthPaul says:

Fun read. I definitely subscribe to the[B] IT'S WHAT YOU DON'T SAY THAT SAYS THE MOST[/B]. Mayweather was very chill and subdue which spoke very loudly. Piece of cake type bout is what I heard as well.

Miguel was Miguel. His lack of displaying any real enthusiasm can easily be seen as lack of confidence. Its just how he carries himself. Wash, rinse, repeat type cat.

maromero says:

i was rewatching the Ortiz vs Floyd fight earlier and Victor was surprising Floyd a few times. I know that Cotto has a low chance of winning this fight but he has the potential to do a decent job compared to every fighter since Judah last fought Mayweather. I question Cotto's spirit, I know that the Margarito fight left permanent damage no matter that he got his revenge. His defense has always been penetrated by good fighters and Floyd will inflict serious swelling.

OneTonMan says:

Quote: "The truth is, this is not really an even contest."

If that's the truth, why let the fight happen?

Problem is, too many boxing writers know too much and end up eating crow.

I "think" Mayweather will have the worst beating in his last 5 fights.

If only I can place a bet with this writer....

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Matthew says:

Sounds like a pretty accurate description of how this fight will go. I can't see any way that Cotto wins this fight, unless he lands a lottery punch. A Mayweather win would have meant a lot more in 2008, when Cotto wasn't damaged goods, but the beatings he took at the hands of Margarito (legal or not, we'll probably never know) and Pacquiao have left him a diminished fighter. While I think Mayweather has shown some signs of slippage, he still has more than enough to win a one-sided decision. If Mayweather were a good finisher and not so risk-averse, I think he could stop Cotto late, but that's unlikely to happen.

Money Jay says:

Haha...this article was funny as shyt! "Straight right hand city for 12 rounds" LMAO! Cotto is going to get his face painted all night long. #lightwork

Real Talk says:

Comical, but I give Cotto a chance in this bout cuz he's no slouch. BIG UPS....to all my haters!!!!
LOL Dueces

brownsugar says:

[SIZE=3][B]The Mayweather gym is fast becoming the place to be for aspiring world champs and those who want to excell in the sport of boxing....[/B]/[SIZE]

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[SIZE=3][B]The roster of standout boxers who train and visit the renown Mayweather gym boasts a who's who of elite contenders from all over the world,.. on any given day it's a place where you can find potential P4P champs and future hall of famers. [/B]/[SIZE]

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[SIZE=3][B]Where else can you find a Gym that hosts the likes of Ismayal Sillahk, Gamboa, J'Leon Love, Andre Dirrell, Badou Jack, in addition to some of the biggest names from Europe and beyond? [/B]/[SIZE]

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[SIZE=3][B]The Gym maintains a sweltering 110+ degrees while world class trainers, Celebrities, Boxers and gymrats pack the place daily to raise the competitive atmosphere and contribute to the back and forth banter between sparring mates.... It keeps the participants far more self-conscious about how they look..... and motivated to perform at their absolute best when they know they can potentially read about a bad day of sparring on the internet the next day. [/B]/[SIZE]

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[SIZE=3][B]Like the master of a DoJo, Mayweather presides over his gym like a Pugilistic Priest, bestowing tips, guidance.. praise and encouragement to those seeking to rise to his level of financial security outside of the ring,... and Floyds level of precise execution inside of the ring. [/B]/[SIZE]

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[SIZE=3][B]It's an atmosphere like no other where ego's get checked daily and everybody has

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earn their respect on a daily basis.. and not even Floyd is exempt from that requirement.

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[SIZE=3][B]Insiders say mayweather works out regardless of the time,.... sometimes initiating... impromptu workouts that can begin at midnight and last till the break of dawn. [/B]/[SIZE]

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[SIZE=3][B]The reason why people are saying Cotto has no chance is because he had two bad defeats... but those defeats have not robbed Cotto of his will to win or his pride. [/B]/[SIZE]

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[SIZE=3][B]Cotto is not coming to lay down on May5th,....[/B]/[SIZE]

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[SIZE=3][B]he may not have much to say on camera, but he will speak with his fists like he always has on the day of reckoning. [/B]/[SIZE]

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[SIZE=3][B]The real reason Cotto is the underdog is because of Mayweathers dedication to is craft. [/B]/[SIZE]

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[SIZE=3][B]In his desert sanctuary Floyd has created an oasis consisting of one of the richest, most rewarding training regimes known in the sport of boxing. A Gym that's rapidly become both a Mecca and a magnet to some of the best fighters of this generation...[/B]/[SIZE]

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[SIZE=3][B]Going to Vegas young man???.... Gotta stop at the Mayweather gym!!! [/B]/[SIZE]

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[SIZE=3][B]Reports from gym insiders are saying that Floyd is ready today. Barring any overtraining or injuries, I predict Mayweather will look nearly as good as he's ever looked when he was campaigning at 130 -140lbs. [/B]/[SIZE]

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[SIZE=3][B]Which is why this is one fight I can't wait to see. [/B]/[SIZE]

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[SIZE=3][B]So don't disrespect Cotto by saying he's a has-been, shot, over-the-hill, damaged-goods,.... etc...etc...[/B]/[SIZE]

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[B][SIZE=3]Cotto deserves better from the fans he's given his lifes blood to entertain. [/SIZE]/[B]

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[SIZE=3][B]Cotto can still hurt anyfighter from 147 to 160 if he can land his best shots... [/B]/[SIZE]

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[SIZE=3][B]The reason I believe Cotto will lose is not because of what's been taken away from him during his long and highly decorated career....[/B]/[SIZE]

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[SIZE=3][B]The reason I believe Cotto will lose is because of the hard work and dedication Mayweather brings to his craft. [/B]/[SIZE]

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[B][SIZE=3]if Cotto can somehow pull out the victory against these gargantuan odds,.. it will be the most coveted, crowning achievement of his career. [/SIZE][B]
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Real Talk says:

B-Sug's got my vote for quote of note. Do we even have those anymore??? #IJS

ultimoshogun says:

I have changed my tune regarding Cotto's chances for winning this fight. I initially felt he had somewhat of a chance with the right gameplan but recently I read an article stating that Cotto's camp was working on speed, counter punching and intended to "defeat Mayweather at his own game." To me this implies they intend to box Floyd instead of applying relentless pressure, which I felt gave him the best chance to win. If this really is their gameplan then Cotto is gonna get owned just like Mosley and Marquez did.

brownsugar says:

You may not have noticed Real Talk....but your quotes have appeared on the front page a coupla times. Check the bottom of the page every once in a while.

dino da vinci says:

I swear I must be watching a different sport than the rest of you. I'm expecting a highly entertaining bout with Cotto having his share of "moments". Peeps, you're writing off Cotto much too quickly. That said, he happens to be fighting the P-4-P King, so I won't give you the "you heard it here first" speal, but to assume this is a no contest is, well, very (Very) wrong.