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LAS VEGAS-A bloodied Floyd Mayweather rallied to take the final rounds and wrest the WBA junior middleweight title from Puerto Rico's Miguel Cotto in a rather surprising slugfest on Saturday at the MGM Grand. In the co-main event Mexico's Saul "Canelo" Alvarez was the solid victor over Sugar Shane Mosley.

Cotto (37-3, 30 KOs) was aggressive and came with a solid game plan to keep Mayweather (43-0, 26 KOs) busy and unable to use his famous defense. It was seldom a defensive struggle as both fought inside for most of the 12 round fight at the MGM Grand.

Though many did not like the scores, the fight itself was an entertaining affair.

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After Cotto seemed to be out working Mayweather for three rounds, the Las Vegas prizefighter finally seemed to wake up with five consecutive right hands. Then a combination seemed to rock Cotto but he withstood the barrage.

Mayweather had that look of surprise, but once he realized that Cotto was not going to slow down, the speedy prizefighter began to become more respectful of the Puerto Rican's abilities. Plus, that sledgehammer left hand was taking a toll on Mayweather's nose. For the first time in recent memory Mayweather looked battered.

"We wanted to give them what they wanted to see," Mayweather said after. "It was exciting. Miguel Cotto was a tough competitor. He's not a pushover."

Most of the latter part of the match was fought inside with both firing aggressive combinations. Cotto mixed left hooks to the body and head and some ramrod left jabs. Mayweather fired his right leads and in the last three rounds found a right hand-left uppercut combination very effective. In the final round he hurt Cotto with it but the Puerto Rican survived the onslaught.

All three judges scored it for Mayweather but the scores were pretty surprising, 118-110 Robert Hoyle, 117-111 by Patricia Jarmon and Dave Moretti.

"The judges said I lost the fight I can't do anything else. I brought my best and I did my best. I'm happy with my fight and with my performance. I can't ask for anything else," Cotto said.

Mayweather is the new WBA junior middleweight titleholder.

Alvarez

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Alvarez answered the questions on whether he deserved a world title with a persistent battering of Pomona's legendary Mosley to retain the WBC junior middleweight belt. Youth and strength were the Mexican fighter's advantages and he took full advantage.

After a tentative first round Alvarez began to land left hooks and uppercuts. Then came the right hands until the fifth round when Mosley took a stand. But Alvarez won that round too. Mosley just couldn't overcome the youth advantage but he did stay on his feet. It wasn't easy.

Mosley couldn't see the right hand and by the sixth round the left side of his face was swollen from the repeated blows absorbed. Alvarez then began to dig to the body and it looked like he could knock down Mosley but he survived and rallied a bit.

Alvarez looked the better fighter clean and simple. No controversy.

"It was a good experience. I'm going to get much better," said Alvarez (40-0-1) who hails from Guadalajara, Mexico.

Mosley was both gracious and honest about Alvarez and his own performance.

"His defense was really good. He was really fast," commented Mosley. "His body shots were good and his punches were pretty sharp...I might have to stick to promoting."

Alvarez felt his victory substantiates his ability.

"I want Mayweather, Cotto, whatever. I'm ready," Alvarez said.

Other bouts

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Rising contender Jessie Vargas (19-0, 9 KOs) beat former world champion Steve "Two Pounds" Forbes (35-11, 11 KOs) by unanimous decision after 10 rounds of a welterweight match. It was a very technical fight as Vargas used his height, reach and steady jab to out point Forbes who formerly held a junior lightweight world title. Forbes, one of the real technically proficient boxers today, just couldn't overcome the physical advantages Vargas possesses. The scores were 100-90, 97-93 and 98-92 for Vargas.

It was the old gunslinger over the young gunslinger as Carlos Quintana (29-3, 23 KOs) knocked out DeAndre Latimore (23-4, 17 KOs) with a 12-punch barrage ending with a left cross. Latimore never could figure out his fellow southpaw's movements and paid for it at 2:19 of round six. Quintana could be Alvarez's next opponent.

San Diego's junior welterweight Antonio Orozco (14-0, 10 KOs) didn't waste time against Florida's Dillet Frederick (8-6-3, 5 KOs). From the opening bell until 1:45 of round three Orozco rained body shots and left hooks like there was an expiration date on punches. The red tag fire sale ended with Orozco snapping Frederick's head back like one of those Dodger bobble head dolls. Referee Kenny Bayless ended the match despite the Floridian never tasting the canvas. It was a good stoppage.

Omar Figueroa (16-0-1, 13 KOs) slammed a left hook to Robbie "Pea Shooter" Cannon's jaw at 2:08 of round two for a knockout win. In the first round Figueroa connected with a left hook to Cannon's liver and he dropped after a 20-second delay for a knock down. Cannon (12-7-2, 6 KOs) tried to protect his body from another body shot but fell for a feint to the body and left the head unprotected. Figueroa, who hails from Weslaco Texas, but trains in Indio, California, punished him for the mistake in the lightweight bout.

A battle of undefeated welterweights ended in Keith Thurman's favor by technical knockout at 25 seconds of round three against Missouri's Brandon Hoskins (16-1-1, 8 KOs). Florida's Thurman (17-0, 16 KOs) had too much speed for Hoskins to handle but he tried. A knockdown from a left hook in round two forced Hoskins to increase his own tempo, but Thurman teed off and referee Russell Mora stopped the fight.

Puerto Rico's Braulio Santos (6-0, 5 KOs) remained undefeated but San Bernardino's Juan Sandoval (5-9-1, 3 KOs) snapped the knockout streak of the Boricua. All three judges scored it

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59-55 for Santos who used his speed to gain points but couldn't figure out Sandoval's attack in the six round featherweight match. Sandoval's body attack kept Santos from going all out.

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amayseng says:

floyd clearly won but struggled a bit. pacman beats floyd different ways. ill get to those.

cotto is very basic. he does not use a consistent jab. never a double jab. and he stands there with his hands still, no head movement no slipping or dodging as floyd arced that right hand around the glove all night... that was sad.

also cotto came out and won the first half of round 6 very convincingly then stopped fighting and just bounced around...wtf???????

pac wont stand in the pocket to be grabbed and held all night like floyd did tonight...

pac is faster and quicker than floyd, has better power and footwork as well at this point. pac throws hellacious combinations and uses angles, cotto uses none.

pac will win either on activity by out scoring floyd while hes passive...

or knockout, that left hand will definitely find floyd a lot and will rock him

floyd at 35 wont be able to keep up with pacs machine gun offense..

Grimm says:

Amen. Cotto did his best, but I kept thinking about how Pacquiao would be Mayweathers nightmare.

the Roast says:

I'm not convinced that Pacman beats Floyd just because Cotto gave him a tough fight. If Pac and Floyd ever do fight, and that's a big if, they would both land punches to the other's chin. It might come down to who takes the better shot. It would not be a one sided fight by any means. They both could win, it's a toss up. That's why we all want to see it. Don't know if we ever will see the fight though, time is running out. Great fight last night. I don't regret spending \$70.

Grimm says:

I think P beats F because of what I saw - and have seen - of F when occasionally pressed and stressed by Cotto, nothing else. But, quite right, we'll never know for sure - unless...and so on.

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Yeah, it was a pretty good night of fighting...I had my wife leave bed about 5.30 a.m. to join me for the first time, and she didn't regret it. Guess that's one way of measuring it.

Radam G says:

Shame ON, Money May! Talkin' about leftovers! Da Moolamuthasucka barely got pass one of Da Manny's leftovers. What Money ought to do, is to go jail and get out, and MAN up, and become one of Da Manny's leftover. Da Manny kayos Money May every day of the week and seven times on Saturday night. Holla!

mortcola says:

When Cotto jabbed, he dominated. When Cotto exchanged, he matched or got the best of PBF. He did neither consistently, though he made a good effort. He fell into the trap of allowing Floyd to feint and potshot - not easy to avoid, but he had the formula - jab strongly, move on toes, and throw to arms and body - thus losing his momentum and his shot at a win. So many stagnant clinches, long breaks from digging rib shots and throwing strong straight jabs - with that formula, the scoring would have been closer, and he would have had a better shot at inflicting even more facial damage than he did. Now - since styles make fights, this does not mean that Pac will have an easy time of it. What it does say is that a good, varied attack behind a strong jab puts one right in close to even with PBF - straightforward intelligent boxing with some pop behind it. Pac's weaknesses and strengths are very different than Cotto's - the lefty stance, the speed and unusual angles, the snappy footwork, the sheer pain of those sharp punches, can throw Floyd off his game far more readily than the straightforward boxing-punching that Cotto did. However, Pac's relatively weak defensive headwork would also make him more vulnerable than Cotto if Floyd's sharpshooting succeeds in blunting his offensive momentum. And don't tell me about Marquez - he threw Pac off his game by constantly changing angles using his feet, NOT Mayweather's strength, as his footwork is rather ordinary at this stage of the game. Many combinations of scenarios lead to very different outcomes in a Pac-PBF fight - none is predictable, because Pac's unorthodox attack and particular weaknesses are wildcards, while Cotto was technically very predictable.

amayseng says:

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teaser says:

sign of a great fighter is the ability to "change gears" and take it to another levelFloyd showed thatManny does the same thing (although not so much in his last fight against marquez) ...so does Martinez...and Ray Leonard had that ability...they just turn it on...hopefully

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You're right - except that Pac's footwork and headwork are part of his offensive attack, and if Floyd can blunt that, I think he can freeze Pac and make him vulnerable. I think Pac is like Tyson in that regard - not in terms of similar technique or character, just that if you can interrupt that rhythm and introduce self-doubt, he goes back to being ordinary enough to outbox and out-think. Based on what I saw last night, I am more optimistic about Pac's chances. As good as Floyd was, there was a vulnerability there we haven't seen before.

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[QUOTE=the Roast;16008]Where is Dino De La Vinci on this topic???[/QUOTE]

Funny you should ask.

I felt Cotto was going to do real well and he didn't disappoint. I felt Floyd had one of the better nights of his career. As luck would have it, the night before the fight I had dinner with a fighter

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who had fought Cotto. He was quick to point out how much superior Cotto's punching power was to everyone else he ever fought. Floyd more than neutralized most of what Cotto brought.

Blood. Funny thing blood. You grow up in a boxing gym environment, blood, (swelling, cuts, etc.) well, really no big deal. Watch a fight with an occasional fan, they equate blood to a twelve car pile-up. I did do a lot of talking through this fight, but I'm not so sure some of that may not have been caused by Cotto's, shall we say, clever use of his head. Miguel would have beat a whole slew of people last night. Unfortunately, he shared a ring with Mayweather, Jr.

Had the chance to chat briefly with Harold Letterman at the Hard Rock Cafe Friday Night after the final bout. Hadn't seen Harold in maybe fifteen years. Great, great guy. I, too, was pretty much in agreement with his scorecard.

Speaking of the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino fight card, previous show, tremendous action. This past Friday Night? Hope the fight fans get amnesia or there will be twelve people viewing the next fight card. Dramatic, scary swing. Someone mentioned to me it was because there was no energy from the crowd. A real chicken or egg example there for ya.

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Love this man's insight. Making great strides on King Radam.

It's always nice when you can find someone with great discernment. It allows you to be in more than one place at a time. There are guys in this sport, when they tell you someone in boxing doesn't know a left hook from a fish hook or an uppercut from a cold cut, you can fully well conclude that the individual who is the topic of discussion, don't know nutt'in about no boxin'.

jzzy says:

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puncher says:

Fight was determined in the last round (not by the judges in Vegas). May had more gas in the tank, but Cotto showed he can hang and is one of th best in the world!

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1000% completely agree. I was a huge fan of Margarito for years. Even to the point I tried to acquire his contract. I remember seeing a TV Special back in 2004 on him where his wife was emotional about how hard her husband works, and how he wasn't getting his rightful

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opportunities. It was sad. What he did warranted a lifetime ban. Nothing short of that. Also, criminal charges should have been filed. Same as with Tyson biting off a piece of Holyfield's ear. Just because it happened during a sporting event doesn't make it any less criminal.

Radam G says:

Wow! Da Manny would KAYO Money May's arse in five rounds or less, more like two rounds. The Cotto that fought Money May got KAYO by Da Manny, period! No way around it. Reality distortion and actuality reverse are bunk! Dat jive turkey smells worst than a skunk!

Lil' Floyd is so fond of talkin' about Da Manny fighting his leftover. Well Lil' Floyd fought one of Da Manny's leftovers and got his butt KICKED! I watch and scored the bout three different times. The first, a draw. The second, a draw. The third, 6-5-1 win for Cotto.

Just imagine if Cotto would have had GBG Manny Steward in his corner. GBG MS would have had Miguel shift punching. The kryptonite for the Philly Shell/Crab style of fighting. Don't let me go OFF! Da Manny would shift punch the hebejeebeez outta Money May. And Money May could do syet about it. He doesn't know how to block a left jab or a southpaw's left cross, uppercut or chop punch. Holla!

Radam G says:

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the Roast says:

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Radam, if you watch the fight three more times you will have it a shutout for Cotto! The Caveman MisterLee also thinks that Cotto won the fight in a landslide so there are three of you now.

amayseng says:

i had it 7 rounds to floyd 5 to miguel and i can see 8 rounds to 4.

cotto just wasnt active enough in spots.

it was an enjoyable fight nonetheless and i truly appreciated floyds gracious demeanor and sportsmanship

floyd can gain more fans by being a decent person...

but... martinez and pac could give him hell, in the ring he called out pacman then at the press conference he said hes going to retire that there is no one out there...

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martinez at 154 would be great and i think a 156 lb weight limit would be fair..

saguirre760 says:

[QUOTE=Grimm;15961]Amen. Cotto did his best, but I kept thinking about how Pacquiao would be Mayweathers nightmare.[/QUOTE]

After Floyd finally fighting a past his prime WW or Jr MW in Cotto, Im pretty confident that Manny would beat Floyd and possibly KO him out. His shoulder-roll defense wouldn't work against a fast southpaw like Manny; I can totally picture Floyd against the ropes and Manny moving to his LEFT and Floyds Right and catching him with straights leading to a KO! And it would be easy work for Pacquiao!

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AWESOME>[/QUOTE]Well said B-Sug, I agree that Pacman would have major problems with this Cotto who rekindled the animal that stalks and deals out punishment with bad intentions. The Hennessy had me on some other \$#!t the other night but I still feel Cotto won but.....I only saw the fight once an it was a lot of yelling n screaming going on from the Cotto side as well as the Mayweather side. You should've saw the Old Timer (black man) lok like he was 70 something and had a bad heart in there talking bout get'em Floyd and throwing punches LOL, then when the ring card girl walked by he was like WOO look at that LOL. It was a very good fight, Floyd kind of pissed me off cause he should've kept it in the middle of the ring where he was dominating off his skills an abilities. I want to see it again with no LIQ in my system to see if I called it right. It looked a lot like that first Castillo fight in the middle rounds. They should fight a rematch, my hat off to Floyd for taking this fight though I wonder if he slept on Cotto. Manny Pac didn't want any parts of Cotto at 154, he fought the BUM Cheato who has nothing and came off a year layoff from a crushing KO. I'd still take Floyd over Pac, Peace n Blessings

Real Talk says:

[QUOTE=the Roast;16007]Real Talk is the only person on Earth who thought Cotto won.[/QUOTE]

The person sitting on my left and my right thought so too, but I'll watch it again like an appeal because I did have the Hennessy in my glass , but only 3 drinks during the fight.

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Cotto hurt Floyd with the jab which is his power punch and slowed almost to a halt in that rd. Cotto was landing good to the body...LANDING...and he landed with the hook to the head. Mayweathers face showed the effects of the punches. I think Cotto outworked Floyd but like I

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said I need to see it one more time cause it was real rowdy up in there. The Young Brothers were in rare form, one was betting with Cotto an I got that bread up of him ;-) the other was going for Cotto too but gave Floyd his props, he's confused and doesn't know anything about boxing. 117 to 111 is bull\$#!t man that fight was way closer than that I mean what were they watching?!?! The compubox is bull\$#!t also, one rd they had Floyd landing 17 to Miguel 3 !?!? I'm lke WTF??? I saw Cotto land at least 7 or 8 shots. Just think...an I'm going off seeing it one time....they scored Cotto the winner. We would've had a potential boxing CLassic trilogy. Floyd would've came back with a vengeance and took Cotto apart in the middle of the ring like he was suppose to setting up a third fight, which depending on if Floyd still has it would've been Floyd coming out on top...ready for whatever. EVERYBODY IS CLINGING TO THIS HOPE AND FANTASY ABOUT A MAYWEATHER VS. PACMAN FIGHT THAT MOST LIKELY WILL NEVER HAPPEN!!!!!! If you don't KO one of these guys you aint winning the fight, and that's word to Bert Sugar. I'm sick of the politics and bullshit that's choking the life out of the sport. Dueces

Real Talk says:

Man I was pissed at Floyd for fighting that type of fight when he was suppose to cut Miguel to peices in the center of the ring and pissed at HBO for scoring the fight the way they did. I know it all comes down to money but hey...Cotto and Mayweather do good numbers too. I'm out

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I will watch the fight one more time like an appeal with no liquor in my system but as of now I say Cotto put that work in. Dueces

Radam G says:

Come one! Come all! Who will be the fourth readers to believe that Cotto hand should be raised? Holla!

the Roast says:

Come on Radam, don't beg for it. What good will it do anyway. It's over, Floyd won. Miguel lost. Get back to doing what you do best, be Manny's biggest chearleader, start hyping the Bradley fight. "Da Manny gonna knock dat arse da double fudge out! Pinoy Power!!" Do your thing man!

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amayseng says:

the more i rewatch the fight the more i can see the close rounds for cotto.. however floyd dominated the 12th and i scored it 7-5. cotto was close but just couldnt get over the hump for whatever reason

dino da vinci says:

[QUOTE=Radam G;16099]Come one! Come all! Who will be the fourth readers to believe that Cotto hand should be raised? Holla![/QUOTE]

Poor, poor delusional lot
A Cotto win, they shoulda got

When asked what rounds he actually won
Everybody left, the thread was done

@Radam. Been real busy, would have loved to be in this mix. Did you suddenly stop scoring defense? Q: Did Cotto fight a great fight? A: Absolutely.

Q: Did he win 7 rounds? A: You're not serious, are you?

Actually, if you had some even rounds, he doesn't need seven. Have we stopped scoring defense at this juncture? There are so many entities at work trying to destroy this sport, that with my workload I may have missed the memo.

OK, I'll bite. Name, NAME the rounds that Cotto won. Anyone? Hmmm?
No razzle-dazzle, no double fudge KO's by the 4th round.

Simple. What rounds did Cotto win? COTTO, not what Manny may/will do.

What rounds?

Radam G says:

Cotto won rounds 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 11. BTW, DdV, I definitely scored the defense. Defense is what got Cotto the edge. He was making Money May bytch miss and bytch swat Cotto's gloves, and bytch jab the air. Money May hardly ever hit Cotto with those jabs. But Cotto was doing a job with his jabs on Money May.

In pro boxing, the heavier punches count. The touch shyt that Money May was doing with his jab and sometimes with his right hand ain't worth a hill of beans except for that computer scoring jive in the nowadays amateurs.

And, I guess, I will have to say nowadays in the pros' straight whack syet. The game has come from Old School to New Jack, and now Straight Whack! WTF! There goes da neighborhood. Hehehe! SCLA Ali is loving that. The Sweet Science is now ____ ____ ____! Holla!

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Actually, a Milanese

Radam G says:

I musta' fo'got! Da game is at the stage of muthafools writing on the stalls of toilet stools. These judges are -- most of the time -- scoring what the HBO talking heads demand. And the talking heads -- except for GBG Manny Steward -- favor muthapugilists throwing punches and profiling and syet, but are not hitting a darn thing. And if they hit something, it's like a love tap or a bytch slap. And that weak syet does not suppose to be a part of the punch-counting process in the pros. Da game has never called for a large output of air punches, love ones and bytch ones.

[If that were the case, Jake LaMotta, Carmen Basilio, Rocky Marciano, Smokin Joe Frazier, Wilfredo Benetiz, and Marvelous Marvin Haglers, to name a few, who have lost every decision. They would let their opponents throw tons of air punches and tap syet, while these greats would be landing the hardest shots.] HBO PPV is the millinemun mafia -- the new crooked, corruped boss of establishing how the game flows and snow jobbing those muthasuckas ready let loose of that moola.

Hehehehe! How the game suppose to be played has sunk from Old School to New Jack to Straight Whack and now Toilet Stool.

Danggit! Money May got points for all the above weak syet. I scored the bout semi-New Jack jive. If I would have taken it all the way back to Old School, Cotto would've won eight rounds of the bout. Holla!

The Good Doctor says:

[QUOTE=mortcola;15992]You're right - except that Pac's footwork and headwork are part of his offensive attack, and if Floyd can blunt that, I think he can freeze Pac and make him vulnerable. I think Pac is like Tyson in that regard - not in terms of similar technique or character, just that if you can interrupt that rhythm and introduce self-doubt, he goes back to being ordinary enough to outbox and out-think. Based on what I saw last night, I am more optimistic about Pac's chances. As good as Floyd was, there was a vulnerability there we haven't seen before.[/QUOTE]

I am just going to play devil's advocate here, but that fight convinced me even more that Pac would get throttled by Mayweather. Cotto has strength and size that Pac lacks which made it

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hard for Floyd. Also, although Pac is one of the greatest offensive fighters ever, he does leave himself open a lot which I believe Floyd could exploit with pot shots and then evading him. Cotto purposely stayed very covered up not allowing Mayweather to get but so many good shots. I can't see Pac making an adjustment like that. In addition, on paper Floyd has all of the attributes (reach, height, bulk) on Pac and he has never faced anyone with Floyd's quickness who was that size.

saguirre760 says:

[QUOTE=mortcola;15987]When Cotto jabbed, he dominated. When Cotto exchanged, he matched or got the best of PBF. He did neither consistently, though he made a good effort. He fell into the trap of allowing Floyd to feint and potshot - not easy to avoid, but he had the formula - jab strongly, move on toes, and throw to arms and body - thus losing his momentum and his shot at a win. So many stagnant clinches, long breaks from digging rib shots and throwing strong straight jabs - with that formula, the scoring would have been closer, and he would have had a better shot at inflicting even more facial damage than he did. Now - since styles make fights, this does not mean that Pac will have an easy time of it. What it does say is that a good, varied attack behind a strong jab puts one right in close to even with PBF - straightforward intelligent boxing with some pop behind it. Pac's weaknesses and strengths are very different than Cotto's - the lefty stance, the speed and unusual angles, the snappy footwork, the sheer pain of those sharp punches, can throw Floyd off his game far more readily than the straightforward boxing-punching that Cotto did. However, Pac's relatively weak defensive headwork would also make him more vulnerable than Cotto if Floyd's sharpshooting succeeds in blunting his offensive momentum. And don't tell me about Marquez - he threw Pac off his game by constantly changing angles using his feet, NOT Mayweather's strength, as his footwork is rather ordinary at this stage of the game. Many combinations of scenarios lead to very different outcomes in a Pac-PBF fight - none is predictable, because Pac's unorthodox attack and particular weaknesses are wildcards, while Cotto was technically very predictable.[/QUOTE]

with yesterdays performance I believe that Manny beats Floyd; if you really think about it this is the 2nd real WW or JrMW that Floyd has fought. Mosley hurt Floyd and Cotto gave him a run for his money. MP would win cuz Floyds shoulder roll defense is NOT as effective with southpaws! I still believe if Floyd would have fought all these WW's earlier in their careers he would have lost already: i.e. Mosley, Cotto in his prime and yes even Margarito in his prime due to his stamina! you can throw P. Williams in that list as well!