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Since June 1, Floyd Mayweather has been residing at the Clark County Detention Center in Nevada, serving his sentence after a plea deal in a domestic violence case. Mayweather, 43-0 (26) is regarded as the best pound for pound fighter in professional boxing. In his last fight on May 5th he took apart Miguel Cotto, winning by an overwhelming unanimous decision. Floyd

looked terrific against Cotto and during many patches of the fight he beat him at his own game, on the inside, where it was obvious to most sophisticated observers that Mayweather was actually the physically stronger man.

Well, "Money" is scheduled to be set free this Friday, August 3rd and never in his career have two things been more painfully obvious. For starters, no one, I mean no one knows for sure what he's going to do or who he is going to fight next, if he fights again. He's had plenty of time to clear his head and think about it, then again he may not be certain himself in regards to who or what's next. And speaking of jail, contrary to a lot of what's being written about Floyd's "doing time," three months out of the general population is not going to change him one iota. The Floyd Mayweather who went in is identical to the one coming out.

The other thing that's never been more applicable regarding Mayweather is the fact that he's never held all the cards more so than he does now pertaining to his fighting future. Since his stay at the Cross-Bar Hotel, his biggest rival, Manny Pacquiao, lost a very controversial decision to Timothy Bradley in his last bout on June 9th. Forget about how you saw the fight or who you think won it, the bottom line is Pacquiao looked bad, and that had more to do with his dramatic decline and loss of focus than anything Bradley did strategically. If you dispute that, you're seeing things that aren't there.

Right now Pacquiao needs Mayweather more than the opposite. Not only did Mayweather give one of his best career performances in his last bout against Cotto, it just so happens that Pacquiao is coming off of the two most pedestrian showings he's turned in over the last five years. So if they're going to fight, Mayweather will dictate the terms because he can and Manny has no choice but to accept them if he wants to get Mayweather in the ring.

Furthermore, if for some reason they end up not fighting it's Mayweather who has all the options. Let's face it, other than fighting Mayweather, who can Pacquiao fight that would really stimulate the boxing public? Mayweather can fight Canelo Alvarez, Sergio Martinez or Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. and they'd be blockbuster attractions. The same can't be said for Pacquiao for the simple fact that other than against Alvarez, he would be considered too small and an overwhelming underdog versus Martinez and Chavez. That leaves him Marquez IV or Bradley II. The last two bouts Pacquiao had against them weren't very aesthetically pleasing to watch.

Amir Khan was on the short list at one time as a future opponent for Pacquiao and Mayweather, but that all changed when Philly's Danny Garcia stopped him last month. And it's not a reach to

say that the loss to Garcia may have finished Khan off as a world class championship fighter campaigning between 140-147. If not for good, at least so for the near future.

During the past decade those who followed Mayweather knew he had no intention of fighting Shane Mosley or Miguel Cotto until they were on the wrong side of the hill. Now, that's not saying he wouldn't have defeated them prime for prime, it's just that it was easy to connect the dots and surmise he'd wait until he held the upper hand, and that's what happened. That's why we saw fillers with him fighting Ricky Hatton, Juan Manuel Marquez and Victor Ortiz during the interim. And if you're honest, that's what he's done with Pacquiao, waited for him to decline mentally and physically as a fighter.

Think about all those fans and writers that were detailing how and why Pacquiao would be Mayweather's stumbling block. Perhaps back in 2009/2010 they were right, but that doesn't mean a thing now because the fight didn't happen then. It's what happens from this point on that counts, and if Mayweather sees that the time is right to fight Pacquiao under his new "TMT" promotions with rapper 50 Cent, you better believe those fans and writers, at least most of them, will see the fight differently. Actually, it was more fun when you could make a case that the fight was a pick'em. Now if they fight Mayweather will be a nearly 2-1 favorite.

The amazing thing about what's going on with Mayweather now is, it's nothing more than a crap shoot as to what he'll say and do when he's released from jail. Will he retire? I doubt it but I wouldn't be shocked. Will he go after Pacquiao realizing that at age 35 the sand is also running through the hour glass for him? What about Canelo, Martinez and Chavez? Surely he sees them as not being the most difficult terrain a great fighter like himself has ever had to navigate. There's probably 80 million dollars waiting for him in two fights with Alvarez and Martinez if he wants it. And you know those fights are there for him if he wants them, barring some unforeseen turn of events.

Personally, I've always felt that Floyd Mayweather was very transparent and easy to see through in regards to what he said and what his true intentions were. And my record has been pretty much on the mark, something I really can't pat myself on the back for. It's more the case of if you really observed him objectively, it was easy to see he was a great manager long before he was a great fighter.

All that being said, I have no idea what direction Mayweather will go after he's served his time and is released later this week. I just know that he's never held every card in the deck like he

does now. He can make whatever fight he wants and he'll make a fortune. And if he deems that perhaps the Martinez-Chavez winner is too dangerous, he won't fight them. He'll just go another direction or retire.

One thing is for sure - nobody knows what's going to happen when Floyd Mayweather leaves jail tomorrow. But everybody will be watching and listening. That we do know.

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Comment on this article

SouthPaul says:

Not too many folk out there with will power and discipline to walk away from millions of dollars .. Including Commissary Floyd. So, go ahead and forget retirement. That's laughable. Money to be made... The pinnacle of it all.. He isn't leaving anytime too soon. Good morning read. Thanks.

Radam G says:

I guess we all see things that are not there. People saw Money May not losing a step against Miguel Cotto, when the money man looked like syet. He and Da Manny have both declined. Yank decline is not any better or worse than Pinoy decline. So the declined PacMan would whup the declined MoneyMan's arse STILL.

But I doubt that we will ever know that for certain. Because declined Money Man will probably want no part of declined PacMan. And what is Bambi -- I mean Bradley? Upclined? He is a chump, who got a xenophobic, jingoistic verdict. And I hope like crazy that it will make Money May now step up and fight Da Manny. And, of course, take his arse thrashing like a Buffalo Soldier -- I mean a man. Holla!

SouthPaul says:

Arum over at the other site talking up a fourth JMM bout. Makes me nauseous. Ain't wanting to see no one fight four times even if the previous trio were all great. Variety, please. I'd rather see PAC fight that Jack Russell mutt he lugs around with 'em.

deepwater says:

I disagree with the title of this article. of course we can speculate what mayweather will do next.

its very simple. its either a, floyd fights again or b, floyd doesnt fight again. thats it. thats the reality of the situation. is floyd setting himself up for after fighting by starting his own company ? yes, he is. thats a truth. who will he fight next? is a question that we dont have an anwser for yet but we sure can speculate out of a handful of guys. its always good to speculate. I speculate everyday when I buy the vxx and short the s+p 500 and convert my profit into gold and silver. I would speculate that the money generated by floyd stepping in a ring will far outway the money his company can bring in by promoting other guys. Floyd will get 1 or 2 more fights. get 100 milion and dance of into the promo business talking about 50- 0. We sure can speculate on that.

Radam G says:

Deepwater is spittin' righteously correct like 99 percent of the time. We are all guilty of making speculation and assumptions, then start spittin' dat jive as reality and actuality when it is purely made-up postulation to the highest power. And brains are not built to find the truth, but to make pragmatic judgements.

I, indeed, am making a pragmatic judgement that Lil' "Floyd will get one or two more fights [not including Da Manny]," and over a 100 million papers and then will sail into history 50-0 tellin' every muthasucka and dey ___ ___ ___ how fudging bad that he was, and how he has out done Sugar Ray Robinson in pugilism. And I will not argue that he hasn't. SRR probably won the battle in whuppin' the @sses of broads and dames, though. Holla!

Radam G says:

When the clock strikes midnight, Commissary Lil' Floyd Junebug walks out that five-star Sin City hotel back into his Big Boy mansion. OOPS! And he comes off the meds for cleisiophobia and goes back on the WADA-cleared steroids to help him with his atelophobia.

Aelophobia is one of the 1,001 reason that Money May will not likely consider ever entertaining a dance with Da Manny. Besides, we know that Money May also may suffer from xanthophobia. And he would not dare give "a little yellow midget" -- a Money May's quote, not mine -- a chance to whup his @ss. Hehehe! Holla!

Coxs Corner says:

[QUOTE]and how he has out done Sugar Ray Robinson in pugilism[/QUOTE]

Going to have to disagree with Radam on this one for a change. I'll take Robinson peak record of 128-1-2 with undisputed welterweight and middleweight titles and a 91 bout winning streak over Mayweathers probable 50-0 against hand picked opponents any day. Robinson defeated 10 Hall of Famer's in his career. Even guys like Tommy Bell had more talent than virtually all of Mayweathers opposition. Even retiring undefeated Mayweahter barely is a top 10 all time welterweight. Take a champion like Luis Rodrgiguez, in his career he beat Emile Griffith, Benny Paret, Hurricane Carter, Curtis Cokes, Georgie Benton and Bennie Briscoe. Mayweather has no one on his record to compete with that.

Real Talk says:

I guess Floyd was right he's never going to get the credit he deserves, then again I guess it depends on who you ask. That's for almost any fighter an a matter of opinions, and you know what they say about opinions. If I was Floyd an I can gross 50 million a fight doing what I'm the best at an I love(even 30 mill) I'm doing it until I'm unable to do it anymore....period. Floyd retires to recharge his batteries and spend time with family, more like vacationing until the allure calls him right back. If I was him I wouldn't fight Chavez or Martinez...too big at 160, maybe at 154. Cotto is there, Pacman is there, Canello etc. so it's money to be made. Let me speak my peice on this dramatic Pacman decline.....bull____! Pacman benefit from good match making (stylistically) and catch weights that gave us great action fights. We know this, Pacmans last 2 fights were against a master boxer (Marquez) an a student of the game and soon to be master boxer (Bradley) if he continues to grow in skills. Pacquiao has problems with boxers with good ring generalship and thinkers who make good adjustments. Taking nothing from Pacman but it is what it is. His focus can be questioned and speculated by anybody but Freddie Roach said this was one of his best camps and Timmy wouldn't win a rd so enough with the excuses. Floyd the older fighter but I here nothing about his decline. Just because you didn't have a spectacular night twice because a style posed problems for you doesn't mean your declining. It aint that black and white. Welcome home Floyd!!! Dueces

Real Talk says:

@ Deepwater I trade stocks and commodities also . Puts, options etc. Hit me up at genesis4277@yahoo.com sometime.

ali says:

@ Real Talk that about as real as it gets I read your post a few times more it was that damn good.

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Coxs Corner Hurricane Carter was not a great fighter.
Oscar De Hoya, Shane Mosley, Miguel Cotto, Juan Marquez all hall of gamers. He fought the the best guy at 130 in Chico Corrales did the same at 135 in Castillo and he did that straight from 130, at 140 he went for the money and kicked Gatti as*, then went to 147 & 154 and fought the beat guys there so don't at like he's been fighting bum fam.

Frank Z says:

No way mayweather looks to the martinez chavez winner. if the winner's chavez then the guy will outweigh him by over 30 lbs on the night. maybe andre berto. or maybe pacquiao will finally make the fight with him and not ask for a new stadium. though first he'll probably tune up against a B class fighter since he needs to get his legs back from prison life.

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The man was a great fighter, no doubt. But a whole lot of d@mn ear-witnesses are exaggerating syet about him. Eye-witnesses and films are in sync with him being a boxing god -- NOT! His type came and come a dime a dozen. And he DUCKED da holy ___ ___ ___ ___ outta just one to many fighter to be given all the luv dat fanboys and groupies give him.

People have brains and eyes and can see and think for themselves. The super greatness of SRR is more mythology than it was ever actually and reality. Holla!

ultimoshogun says:

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Radam G says:

Stevie Wonder could see this one. Hehehehe! Danggit! Loosen up on the "first sign of the apocalypse. Holla!

dino da vinci says:

[QUOTE=ultimoshogun;19014]First sign of the apocalypse...ali and Radam actually see eye to eye on something.[/QUOTE]

I'm gathering my family and the bare necessities and heading for our December, 2012 shelter. I thought we had more time but obviously I was wrong. Those of you that don't make it, we will continue these discussions on the other side.

DaveB says:

Dang!! Those 90 days were the fastest in history. They only felt like 63. Wow Money May is good. Better call him Speedy Gonzales. That or someone can't count to 90 or 87 or whatever.

the Roast says:

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dino da vinci says:

[QUOTE=the Roast;19022]Clearly the next GREAT CHANGE is about to happen, everyone into the storm cellars!![/QUOTE]

I love this guy!

On a serious note, you ever notice how much easier it is to like someone when they think the same way as you? And the more they agree with you, the more intelligent they become? And just the opposite when they disagree with you? And the more they disagree with you, the more you feel as though they are doing it on purpose because they can't possibly be that wrong that often?

Take Radam. We know he's highly intelligent, however, you saw the Mayweather-Cotto fight. Did Floyd look like he was slipping to you?

Radam G says:

Of you guys could not see -it.. Fans and fanfaronades cannot see the obvious until it bite 'em in da @ss. Because of the type and hype, dudes can't vision the disaster-happening sight. I'm reminded when Kid Radam was saying GOAT Ali looked like syet against Leon Spinks in fight II, but the people around convinced him that he has lost a step. And the moral of the story, is that he fought Larry Holmes and got that @ss torched. Ican name about three fighters who can whup Money May like Holmes did the GOAT.
Holla!

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[QUOTE=the Roast;19022]Clearly the next GREAT CHANGE is about to happen, everyone into the storm cellars!![/QUOTE]

Lets hope that doesn't happen again...I noticed we still have stragglers out there like Frank Z finally finding their way to TSS.

ali says:

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I'm reminded when Toddler Radam was saying that GOAT Ali looked like syet against Leon Spinks in fight II, but the people around convinced him that he had lost absolutely no steps, even though the late, great mouth [Uncy] Howard Cosell had been telling the champion the TRUTH and the WHOLE TRUTH.

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And I'm also reminded of Sugar Ray Leonard. Every Jack and his Jill convinced the Sugarman that he was step loseless. He couldn't face it when Terry Norris torched that @ss, so he went after Hector "Macho Time" Camacho. And Macho Time KAYOED dat sweet a$$. Love-you-blindless is as dangerous as muthawolves for a fading, losing-steps champion. Money May is in DEEP, DEEP, DEEP KIMCHE! But he is also smart enough to know that, and will keep on running his greatest fight cons ever.

He deliverly came in overweight to have the advantage over Juan Manuel Marquez. He got badly buzzed and hurt against a super-faded Sugar Shane Mosley. He pull a mastery trick to get a referee cheat to help him against a B+ fighter. And he looked like syet against Miguel Cotto, but was given the benefit of the won in a fight that was super close and woulda went to Cotto if not for the Sin City's need of Money May to generate revenue for a broke local economy. And, once again, Money May will pulls another BIG CON FIGHT. He will a real chump made to order for him. But Money May fanboys, flunkies and groupies will swear dat da muthasucka is a very legit opponent and threat to Money May. YUP! RIGHT! Cotto was finished from Da Manny beatdown. Holla![/QUOTE]

Name the 3 fighters that can whoop Mayweather like Holmes did Ali
Of course your going to say Pac but who else? You said Ortiz was going punish him move then anybody has and you was way off on that.

Radam G says:

WRONG! SCLA Ali! I was RIGHT! Money May took more punishment [or got hit] in three rounds from Dumb@ss -- mean Vicious -- Victor in three rounds than any other fighter in five years. Of course, until Miguel Cotto tagged dat arse.

You Money May nuthuggers suffer from icon blindness and groupie mass overluv, so I won't reveal syet when it comes to your idol. I'm keepin' da whup@ssers of him up in my shinny, white grill. Hehehe! Just tell me where the Cali party AT for his @ss gettin' outta of the Sin City Slammer Inn? At 38th Street and Middleton!

Uncle Snopp Doggy Dogg and I -- Radam G -- may just have ride up on your crib and get our gin and jive on. LAID BACK! Holla!

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and that is where I stopped reading.

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lmao!!!

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Radam G says:

I knew where Uncle Snoop Doggy Dogg is from, SCLA Ali. TY!

OH NO! NO! NO! I'm not afraid to come to your hood with the G talk. OOPS! I musta' fo'got! I do have a slight fear, though! Because all those Ebony bunnies be all up in a Pinoy's grill and trying to get their freak on and a thrill. Those chicks have Asian fever like some muthabytches.

And I would just feel sorry for all the brothas. 'Cause I kno' yall ain't gettin' dat action like a P-playa can. Hehehe! Brothas are broke up there in da hood. Asian be packing dat moola. And those girl be doing da hoola hoola! Hahaha!

Go and look at the dvd of Otriz-May fight. Lil' Floyd has a slight lump below the left eye and inside of his lip he needed three stitches because of Vicious Victor's BUTT! So SCLA Ali, you are wrong again. And Radam G is right again. And I guess TSS Read U-shogun is spot on too. Every is back norm in TSSU. And you are all up in a playa's koolaid like he doesn't know syet! C'mon, brotha! I know what time it is. And I know the PLACE and da dang SPACE! Don't be a smart @ss! Holla!

ali says:

Radam from a head butt that sh*t don't count im talking about legal punishment come on fam

Radam G says:

C'mon, SCLA Ali! You kno' da deal! Protect yo' posting at all times. I can't not read a mind or kiss a behind!

Boxing is a dirty sport. All that one can get away with -- can be regarded as "legal punishment." Didn't Dumb@ss -- I mean Vicious -- Victor get a "legal punishment" arsh thrashin' when referee-on-da-take, cheating-@ss J Cortez, let Money knocked the vicious one da double fudge OUT?

That is what I thought! Holla!

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I'm 100% with Ali on this. Radam, what fight did you watch? In fact, Victor was missing with such consistency near the end of that fight that he grew frustrated and engineered the head butt. And yes, it was NOT a sucker punch. Radam, you're spinning so out of control, you may at some point take flight and become your own planet. Planet Radam, sort of has a ring to it. Speaking of rings, you should go for that Saturn look. Planet Radam should definitely have rings.

Radam G says:

Hehehehehe! Holla!

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BTW ddv you need to holla at dvd of ___ ___ ___. Harold "Don't need any glasses" Letterman even gave the vicious one a WHOLE winning round, I syet you not. He on my side of SPIN, babeee!

His moon would be glittering over my planet. Hehehehe! And we will be playing those sweet lyrics of gravitating pugilistic reality and actuality. No reality distortion or media manipulation will come from Planet Radam or "Shining star fo' you ta see.." -- I mean glittering moon Letterman. Hahaha!... TOO much fun is going on! What da double fudge! Holla!

Real Talk says:

@ Ali, thank you brethren. Always a treat when we cyber speak. Blessings

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Just my two cents and would love to see what say you.

Radam G says:

@The Good Doctor, you inadvertently made my point quite well. Of course Money May is guilty of all the above -- as is 95 percent of greats.

Once again, take a look at Sugar Ray Robinson. To name a couple of pugilists, he didn't fight great HOFers Fritzie Zivic and Henry "Homicide Hank" Armstrong until they were safely out of their prime. He fought Bolo-punch thief Kid Gavilan under adverse conditions. Sugar Ray Robinson was known for great timing, even when to fight an opponent and when to pull out of a fight. To this day, he has the record for cancelled and rescheduled bouts by his request.

BTW just as many fighters as you named to make your point about Money May, I can name the same amount for several other pugilists, including the late, great Smokin' Joe Frazier, Larry Holmes, GOAT Muhammad Ali and Sugar Ray Leonard, just to name a few.

The game is full of tricks of the trade and optical illusions in the business part and in history, just as it is in actual bouts. Most people will never catch the magic being played on them,

because they will never learn how it is done. Holla!

brownsugar says:

Speculate this, (meant to be spoken in the most respectful tone of course). Fiddy and Arum will put on the most incredible, value laden PPV in history with Floyd, Pac, Dirrell, Gamboa, Dib, Caballero, ...including 5 more untelevised fights with fighters of the same ilk as Keith One Time Thurman, and Others like him to pass the time as tensions mount for the main event.....
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Great, great post. Just 'cause you beat them doesn't give you full credit. Just 'cause you would have beat them when the fight made more sense, but chose not to fight them and then beat them doesn't get you full credit. It has been stated often; they sell by date has come and gone. They should have been working on Mayweather-Pacquiao IV by now. Floyd is to blame, and later on when he's pounding his chest it will be for naught, because say what you will about yesteryear's fighters, they fought each other when they were most dangerous. The crazy part is, during Mayweather's entire career he would of been favored against every opponent ten pounds up or down of whatever weight division he was campaigning at, at the time.

@Brown. Not happening.

The Good Doctor says:

[QUOTE=Radam G;19164]@The Good Doctor, you inadvertently made my point quite well. Of course Money May is guilty of all the above -- as is 95 percent of greats.

Once again, take a look at Sugar Ray Robinson. To name a couple of pugilists, he didn't fight great HOFers Fritzie Zivic and Henry "Homicide Hank" Armstrong until they were safely out of their prime. He fought Bolo-punch thief Kid Gavilan under adverse conditions. Sugar Ray Robinson was known for great timing, even when to fight an opponent and when to pull out of a fight. To this day, he has the record for cancelled and rescheduled bouts by his request.

BTW just as many fighters as you named to make your point about Money May, I can name the same amount for several other pugilists, including the late, great Smokin' Joe Frazier, Larry Holmes, GOAT Muhammad Ali and Sugar Ray Leonard, just to name a few.

The game is full of tricks of the trade and optical illusions in the business part and in history, just as it is in actual bouts. Most people will never catch the magic being played on them, because they will never learn how it is done. Holla![/QUOTE]

Almost agree. Sure SRR, Ali, Ray Leonard had some guys they missed. Unlike with Floyd though look who they did fight when they were formidable:

SRR: Basilio, Graziano, Fullmer LaMotta, Olson,

Ali: Frazier, Foreman, Liston, Foster, Lyle

Leonard: Hearns, Duran, Benitez

Floyd has one good fighter during their prime, Chico and that is arguable.

I will also say that I completely understand this. I see it as a business decision. But not only for Floyd (Roy Jones comes to mind) when choosing opponents this way, it can ding your legacy.

dino da vinci says:

From a business standpoint, I'm perfectly ok with it. Later on, when they (say Floyd, in this case) starts with the undefeated chatter, I'm going to be, 'Whoa, whoa...'

You chose the curriculum of money with less risk over money & all-time legendary greatness. Think Sugar Ray Leonard, Oscar de la Hoya, Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Tyson, and many others who were willing to fight the best while they were still in their absolute prime. Don't start clamoring for all-time intergalactic greatness, with what might have been, while you controlled your own destiny and chose not to engage the monsters while they were most monster-like.

Is Mayweather an all-time great? Of course. Could he argue he's the greatest ever. Of

course not. Might he have been able to win that argument had he fought the most worthy opponent available every time out? Again, make no mistake, Floyd would have been favored, but just because you're favored, doesn't necessarily mean you'd win. And that's why we watch.

Floyd would have been our Ray Robinson. Ward chose not to fight Bute. And I don't blame him. But Carl Froch did! And just look at what it did to his status, fan base, his legacy. It's the same as when people were raving about David Tua. Lennox Lewis wasn't obligated to fight him but did so anyway. At the press conference when it was Lennox Lewis' time to speak, while standing at the podium, pointed to his championship belts and said into the microphone. 'David, it's going to take a lot more than a left hook and a haircut to take them away from me.'. And we all know how that went.

Radam G says:

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Again, great fighters work those GREATER optical illusions and STRAIGHT-UP-in-your-face reality distortions to da bone. And people oughta try to hear dat tone. Other than that and otherwise, no can it "ding your legacy." The great one who is not guilty, cast da double fudge first stone. That is WHAT I thought. Not a single one of 'em can.

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Planet G, Doug Charles? Louis Howard? Two knockdowns? gift decision? We talking amateurs here? 'Cause this didn't happen in the pro ranks. Doug Jones? Kevin Howard? He stopped Howard. Probably both versions, Louis and Kevin. Ya maniac!

Radam G says:

Check your facts and holla at Youtube and get on your watching. These bouts did indeed occur. We are takin' straight-up in da pros. Tiger Jones whupped SRR's arse. Doug Jones whupped GOAT Ali's arse, but didn't get the decision. And Louis Howard knocked SRL down TWICE! Holla at Youtube. Your eyes will not lie to you, I hope. Holla!

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SouthPaul says:

[QUOTE=brownsugar;19185]Speculate this, (meant to be spoken in the most respectful tone of course). Fiddy and Arum will put on the most incredible, value laden PPV in history with Floyd, Pac, Dirrell, Gamboa, Dib, Caballero, ...including 5 more untelevised fights with fighters of the same ilk as Keith One Time Thurman, and Others like him to pass the time as tensions mount for the main event.....
Rejoice fight fans,... major cards and major boxing excitement is on the way. Like TD Jakes says.... Get Ready Get Ready Get Ready get.....[/QUOTE]

The fight is so big and so sellable ..preschoolers could run and manage the event. Can't miss. But it'll be interesting as hell to see what Fidddy brings to the table. I've heard from various people him and Al don't care for each other. I can't confirm it to the fullest but that'll be interesting as well to see who works with who on this promotion. Could we have a James Prince situation brewing between Floyd and Al? Fidddy about to take it over...him and Floyd, the others get their pink slip? Hmmmm...

Big Papi says:

Floyd Mayweather will fight again... If it benefits him. Lucky for us, it will. In the area of $30 mil+ no matter who he fights. The simple fact is that Money May is the biggest sports attraction in the world right now and everyone wants to see how he closes the show. We can only speculate about him (or Manny) losing a step. Every fight is different and styles make fights. Some of you must be listening to fights on the radio because your claims are ridiculous. Floyd looked great against Cotto. He didn't fight his usual defensive style, but it was an amazing performance from both fighters. They brought the best out of each other that night. With that being said, Cotto won no more than three rounds. Mosley shook Floyd early, but wasn't able to finish. He was shut out from that point on. Ortiz hadn't won a round before he kissed the canvas. Like him or not, Mayweather is making the top fighter in his weight class look like easy work. He has been for a while. You can say he waited until they were over the hill, but no one said that before the fight. I think he makes experienced fighters look over the hill. He makes young fighters look inexperienced. That's what "great" fighters do. Whether he retires now or later, if he's undefeated, he will consider himself the greatest of all time. Rightfully so. He beat the best of his generation. That's all you can ask for. He fought who was available. I know what you're thinking, but he wasn't in full control of his career until a few years ago. Arum had him fighting whoever he wanted him to fight. Preferably one of his other fighters. (Sound familiar?) He can't fight ten hall of famers if there aren't ten out there. Some would argue that some of these fighters aren't going to the hall because their careers went south after fighting Floyd. One thing is for sure. Money May is holding all of the cards right now and things are looking good. I think Alvarez is the next victim. Then he'll be too young. If the winner of Chavez-Matrinez come down in weight, where they too drained? Only time will tell.