

## Avila's TSS Pound for Pound List

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Floyd "Money" Mayweather continues to rule the world of prizefighting as the recognized best boxer pound for pound in the world.

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The Las Vegas boxer may only fight two or three times a year but when Mayweather steps into the boxing ring all eyes are focused on his world. Whether it's boxing related or not, even the casual and non-boxing fan knows what the welterweight world champion is doing.

Can anybody beat Mayweather?

At least a couple other prizefighters are listed below that have a shot at dethroning Mayweather. One or two have an opportunity to actually face him and some others have a long shot opportunity. But can they do the job?

This pound for pound list is built on steady achievement. There is no hopscotching over another fighter simply because he knocked out an opponent spectacularly. Popularity doesn't play a role on this list either. It has to be earned by beating another pound for pound fighter or by domination of one or two weight classes at least. Some have dominated multiple weight classes and that is a big reason they are on this list.

A fighter begins near the bottom of the list and moves up by beating a fellow pound for pound fighter or by winning against top competition. Sometimes the competition may not be well known but that happens in the world of boxing. Television influences a lot of readers and a fighter's recognition factor is often based on television exposure. I'm not concerned with television exposure, only who a fighter beats in head to head competition.

Here's the list:

1. **Floyd Mayweather** (43-0, 26 KOs) - Now 35, Mayweather put on a spectacular performance with his win over Puerto Rico's Miguel Cotto last May in Las Vegas. That fight showed that despite age creeping into his body, those skills pay the bills. A few fighters below could give Mayweather a very competitive fight. We'll see what happens in 2013.

2. **Juan Manuel Marquez** (54-6-1, 39 KOs) - Few have remained on a pound for pound list like the 39-year-old Mexico City warrior Marquez. In his nearly 20-year career one can proclaim that he's only been beaten once in the boxing ring and that came against Mayweather back in 2009.

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He's set to face Manny Pacquiao once again. More than a few are predicting a clear cut victory this time.

3. **Timothy Bradley** (29-0, 12 KOs) - After dethroning Manny Pacquiao by decision last June it was assumed a rematch would take place to quiet the doubters. It didn't happen. Bradley's promoter decided to go another direction and that has left hard core boxing fans upset. The "Desert Storm" has to wait for another moment but he does have the qualities to step in the ring with the best of the best and emerge victorious. He's been doing it his entire career. Can he beat Mayweather, Marquez or Brandon Rios? We'd love to see those fights happen.

4. **Manny Pacquiao** (54-4-2, 38 KOs) - The Filipino hurricane finally showed signs of slowing this past summer when he lost to Tim Bradley by decision. For the first time the turbo charged prizefighter seemed to be running on only four pistons instead of eight. For most of the fight against Bradley he put his foot on the pedal in the last minute of every round. That's not the usual Pacman style. At his best he was a fighting machine that never stopped. All you had to do was point him in the right direction and he would dominate. Are those days over? We'll find out in December.

5. **Sergio Martinez** (50-2-2, 28 KOs) - For 11 rounds the speedy left-handed Martinez showed off his impressive skills against Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. this past September. Then came round 12 and the Argentine was caught by a right hand and some other bombs from the kid. Martinez survived only because of his remarkable stamina and hard work done in weeks of training before the fight. At age 37, there are only so many fights left in his career. Hopefully a match with Mayweather can be made. Maybe even Peter "Kid Chocolate" Quillin.

6. **Robert "The Ghost" Guerrero** (30-1-1, 18 KOs) - The Gilroy prizefighter has been on this list for several years. Now that he fights at welterweight he finally might be getting more notice. Guerrero, 29, is set to fight Andre Berto next month at the Citizens Business Bank Arena in Ontario, California. The southpaw is a remarkable athlete whose talent has not been shown off to the boxing public. A win over the much feared Selcuk Aydin was noticed by real boxing experts. But the regular fight fan didn't understand the impressiveness of the win. Guerrero can be thrown in against any of the elite welterweights and win.

7. **Nonito "Filipino Flash" Donaire** (30-1, 19 KOs) - Just a few weeks ago Donaire was expected to hit the glass ceiling against Japan's Toshiaki Nishioka in a fight between rival titleholders in the junior featherweight division. Instead, Donaire blitzed the southpaw with his

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blend of speed and power and never allowed the Japanese fighter to mount an attack. It was impressive. Thankfully, there are a number of fighters in the division that Donaire can fight like Abner Mares or Guillermo Rigondeaux..

8. **Andre Ward** (26-0, 14 KOs) - Oakland's Ward has virtually cleaned out the loaded super middleweight division. Next, the light heavyweight division awaits the 28-year-old prizefighter whose dominating knockout win over Chad Dawson was his welcoming to the world of 175-pounders. Although the fight against Dawson was held at 168-pounds, few doubt that Ward will be stopped by any light heavyweight in the immediate future. Bring them on.

9. **Wladimir Klitschko** (58-3, 50 KOs) - Ukraine's Klitschko has steadily improved over the years and surpassed his older brother as the best Klitschko. However, fighting primarily in Europe against unknown heavyweights has hurt the heavyweight dominator. A win over Tony Thompson did him no good. His opposition has been weak throughout his latter career. He needs a good heavyweight challenge to finally make his mark. Who will that be?

10. **Roman "Chocolatito" Gonzalez** (33-0, 28 KOs) - The junior flyweight bomber from Nicaragua has an exciting style. Gonzalez, 25, is slated to defend his world title on Nov. 17, against Juan Estrada at the Sports Arena in Los Angeles. Little Chocolate has tight boxing skills and when he connects there's little doubt he packs power. Fighters at this weight don't last very long on this list, but there are exceptions. We'll see if Gonzalez can be the next Ricardo "Finito" Lopez.

11. **Danny "Swift" Garcia** (25-0, 16 KOs) – The Philadelphia junior welterweight is only 24 years old and a member of this list. Emphatic wins over Kendall Holt and Nate Campbell were good, but knockouts of Amir Khan and Erik Morales guaranteed him a spot on this register of the best fighters on the planet. He still needs work but what he possesses already is quite a bit. He can plain scrap and box with the best boxers today. I wonder how much better Garcia will be in three years?

12. **Vitali Klitschko** (45-2, 41 KOs) – The elder Klitschko is slowing down and told insiders the end is near. Unimpressive fights against Manuel Charr and Dereck Chisora were chosen over a match with James "Lights Out" Toney. Both Klitschko brothers have ducked Toney for more than a decade. That's a long time. Now that Vitali is 41 and Toney is 44, why not fight each other. It can't be because of age.

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### Honorable Mention:

Abner Mares, Brandon Rios, Gennady Golovkin, Saul Alvarez, Amir Khan, Miguel Cotto, Carl Froch, Leo Santa Cruz, Chad Dawson, Adrien Broner

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#### Blakehoc says:

Robert Guerrero over Andre Ward?

#### deepwater says:

this list is not a good list. tim bradley is not p4p 3. nope. froch is top 15.bounce quitter chad away from any list until he redeems himself. why doesnt sergio go up to 168 and fight froch? that would mean something.

#### spit bucket says:

You can't be serious... Bradley over Ward, Donaire, Pac, and Klitschko? Guerrero better than Ward and Donaire? I'd go with Floyd, Ward, JMM, Pac, Donaire, Sergio, Cotto, Vlad, Golovkin, and either Rios or Alvarez at #10

#### teaser says:

got no respect for this one effed up list ...Avila seems to eff it up just to cause controversy ...it's working but that's how the bottom feeders do it

#### Radam G says:

Bradley's waterloo was his bull\$hit verdict over Da Manny. These types of things happen to the innocent all the time. Poor Cali Big Foot, aka The Cranium Crusher, aka total mirage of Cali desert.

You heard it here FIRST! That BULLSH\*T Sin City jive over Da Manny has destroyed Tim Bradley career, especially among the elite money-making dawgs. Bradley will probably lose his next bout by kayo or robbery. Karma is a muthabangaring (word misspelled).

I've seen this dance many times before. But I will let somebody else name the pugilist that this sad syet happened to. Holla!

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The ghost is p4p higher then Nonito and Ward Imao!! Are u out of your fuc#ing mind. Ward and Mayweather are clearly the best 2 fightes in theworld period point blank end of discussion.

### **ali says:**

The Ghost is about to get his \*\*\* whoop buy a B minus fighter in Berri watch what I tell I

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Another thing Vitali is obviously p4p better then Danny Garcia come on Avila u can't be serious.

### **Radam G says:**

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All you Yanks are blindly bias and xenophobic. And pretend that you are not. Or maybe you just have inattention blindness when it come to your favorite. Holla!

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[QUOTE=teaser;21471]got no respect for this one effed up list ...Avila seems to eff it up just to cause controversy ...it's working but that's how the bottom feeders do it [/QUOTE]

I Agree 110% with this post he just wants attention with this p4p.

### **mortcola says:**

No-o-o-o-o-o-o! A legit boxing scribe purveying the "ducked Toney" flim-flam? Fat, barely adequate as a heavyweight post-2000 Toney? I'm starting my day with gas from this.

### **deepwater says:**

avila made this silly list so we would all be mad about it. lol. this writer goes to the bottom of the p4p writers list.

### **vicnavaenzo@yahoo.com says:**

[EMAIL="rotcivoznemen@yahoo.com">rotcivoznemen@yahoo.com[/EMAIL][QUOTE=vicnavaenzo@yahoo.com;21491]There are many fighters can really beat Mayquacker, e.g., the one's who are dodged or ducked by this Quacker in the past as stated by SCOOP MALINOWSKI in his past articles and I'm 110% disagreed with the writer's list, it' s very absurd and I'm agreed with the comments of other members who posted their message towards the author. It's very subjective, biased clearly favoring the Mayquacker despite of countless numerous attacks,this Quacker received from the boxing fans around the world. This list really cannot passed on the

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come on Avil tell us that you had been drinking moonshine all day when you put this together???

forget bias, this list does not warrant even factual evidence...

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8.Vitali

### **Radam G says:**

Hehehe! You guys are funny. But LET, Top DAWGS! Now yal,I and yall sweet science archgrand brains, know that this game is the "threatre of the unexpected." And with seedy things and hopes for homeboys, friends and dey fat wives -- not in a mean way. But yall know me. I'm down wif O-P-P! P4p is in the eyes of the beholder, like beauty. And it ain't yo' eyeball dats holdin' his syet.

In the word of the late Rodney King, who took the worst beating from da LA po-po seen on video, "Can we all get it on" -- I mean "Can we all get along."

Much luv, RK! Holla at the late GBG Manny S fo' me! I'll yall at dat crossroad. Holla!

### **Carmine Cas says:**

1. Mayweather/Ward
2. Ward
3. Martinez
4. Marquez
5. Pacquiao

How is Andre Ward not top 2? Let alone top 5? Avila is trying to stir up some controversy

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Triple O.G u care about race I could give a F and a half I've told u a 1,000 my 2ND favorite fighter is the Flash u y can't get that through tor thick a#a head.

### **ali says:**

[QUOTE=Radam G;21524]C'mon, SCLA Ali! My head may be thick, but with xenophobia, you are as solid as a brick. You sound like John Sununu about not Prez O and Gen. Colin Powell. You have great intelligence, but greater blindness about your race biasness.

Don't make Uncle Snoop Dogg, the Filipino Flash and Radam G have to roll up in your hood and be arrested by the LA po-po for committing a 1-4-5. You don't like Da Manny, the Filipino Flash, Radam G or my flat-booty cousin Alicia Joy. But you like my big-booty cousin Fatimeh Riiza. Da chick got serious jungle fever. Da dame told me that she like her men

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chocolate-gingerbread colored and big and tall.

WTF! That rules you out -- light-skinned Ali. Haha! And don't be trying to holla at a sun tan. Dat dang sun fried my playa arse the other day. Yup! I was trying to cheat -- jungle fever all up in my arse --and get wif this six-foot, 38-28-44 Coffy. She let a P-playa get burnt and then told me that my wife was flying from the PHILIPPINES to kick my arse. WTF! I was set up like a muthahorny fool. All women stick together. And boys just wanna have fun. And I did get that blue-diamond ring for my evil-twin wife. But I know that I'm on her syet list for a few days.

Now if y'all don't see a P-playa for a minute , blame it on an ETW's Kung Fung fists of lightning -- I mean da rain. Holla![/QUOTE]dino da vinci says:

I was going to make a comment about David and how Mrs Avila forgot to administer his meds, but after 15 seconds no material arrived so...

I will say this, Juan Manuel Marquez is on pace to be the most under appreciated fighter of his era. Like Lennox, Sweet P, and Ray Leonard before them, there always seems to be a fighter recognized as extremely talented, yet not quite to the degree they actually obtained. And true, his hand could have been raised in all but the Mayweather affair. So props. However, number two might be a little high.

### **Radam G says:**

Ddv, let me remind you that light-punching John Chris kicked Cry-baby Marquez's arse in Indonesia after Marquez got a gifted draw against Da Manny in fight one, Marquez ducked a rematch with Da Manny for \$850,000 and got upset by John Chris for a payday of \$30,000.

Marquez is a fudging boxing con artist -- and that is all right. The game is full of magic. And in this bout, JMM will finally become an ending tragic. And get da double kayoed EARLY. And then he will cry again and say that he was winning, but he was cheated for the fourth time. OMFG! Holla!

### **SouthPaul says:**

I was going to mention that as well in response to Dino's lack of appreciation comment. Jmm was definitely poorly managed at various points of his career and that IMO plays into it. And one more time; one can say I ain't interested in a fourth bout but still have love and respect for the man and fighter. But I now accept the 4th go, well, as long as someone goes out on their grill and a pile of slobber. That's what I need to see anyhow...

### **aljamieson says:**

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Ya know, when ya put it that way...

### **amayseng says:**

Good point.

Just on resume alone I would go with

1 ward

2 Sergio Martinez

### **the Roast says:**

Yes this list is whack. Plus when I read "TSS P4P List" I thought Avila was gonna rank the Regulars around here. Disappointed!

### **Coach hilario says:**

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### **burayray says:**

Well that's what you get for being too pre-occupied with politics and trying to paint an image of being spiritual/biblical??...he was fine with where he was at before he converted and now look at where it brought him, I will never vote somebody who is just as hypocrite like the politicians here in GenSan and the rest of the country....he is never different from the rest, he is even fielding his very wife to become gov. and another brother to become a congressman...we have another dynasty coming up...he deserves nothing more from boxing....he will just further hurt his legacy with his upcoming loss to this very determined cry baby...forget the Pac vs. Mayweather fight...this is boxing's biggest mistake