

Robert Guerrero: "It's Not The Money That Drives Me, It's Legacy"

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One day, quite likely, somebody will taint Floyd Mayweathers' record. He could retire undefeated, or he could not make it through his new six fight, 30 month deal with Showtime unscathed.

Robert Guerrero truly seems to believe in his heart that he will be the one to hand Floyd his first loss, on May 4 in Las Vegas. Not sure that one or two of the guys who fought "Money" recently

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truly felt in their heart that they'd beat the technical wizard...

I asked Guerrero on Wednesday night about getting the gig. Has to feel good, right?

"I'm feeling extremely confident that I will come out victorious," he said. "He's never been in the ring with a fighter like me. He's in trouble!"

I told the 31-1 boxer, who is 29 years old, that I was happy for him from a financial standpoint. In America, we pay more for medical care and coverage than I think anywhere in the world. Robert's wife has dealt with a couple bouts of leukemia, so you know it will be helpful to pay some off those bills, and give his family financial breathing room...

Even if you wanted to see Floyd fight someone else, you have to be happy that this fight will help the man and his family...

"I'm happy I will be able to handle all my expenses and take care of my family," he said. "But to be honest it's not the money that drives me, it's my legacy."

To be honest, that might not be such a good thing for Floyd Mayweather...

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amayseng says:

good for the ghost..

i have a nephew with leukemia, nothing like having a child suffer, curse this disease and bless all that deal with its challenges...

its nice to see one of the good guys in boxing get a break,
sure he doesnt rap his way into the ring, have old men brush his hair, or answer with questions with lame ridiculous lines like "rock a bye baby"

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but

the boy can fight and he represents the sport well..

and that is good for the MAINSTREAM

SouthPaul says:

Well said. My sis, her mother in law recently died from cancer. Ravishes! War Guerrero ! That said, got Floyd staying several steps ahead of the ghost ... Robert will have his moments ...missing most of those but the crowd will still loud as of he was landing with laser precision ...making the fight seem closer than it is. The reality will be a clear cut unanimous win for PBF. Another brilliant very good win, another brilliant cherry picking match up.

Radam G says:

The Cali Ghost is not being even 10 percent honest about legacy and money. His legacy wasn't worth dancing with Money May for less moola. TCG barked at Money May's offer of a mil like a pitbull.

TCG sold his legacy for a gaurantee of 2.5mil, so he ought to halt that "It's not the money" jive. Holla!

Carmine Cas says:

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amayseng says:

radam, well you can look at it that way or you can look at it as posturing because what other choice did mayweather have?

alexander would have bombed, no money there for floyd.

and floyd wont fight trout or canelo for fear of not having all advantages, so in a way the ghost was in a position to be greedy and fiesty and hold out for more than expected..

Radam G says:

Rightly so, amayseng! True Dat! As in the words of Teddy Atlas:

"We need honesty in our sport."

The Cali Ghost should just tell the truth because Money May is gonna vaporize him. He ain't scared of no [sic] undersized Cali Ghost coming up two weight classes. Holla!

Grimm says:

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Upset ahead.

Radam G says:

Hehehe! We'll see! Holla!

ali says:

Another habitual liar is fighting Money Mayweather. Come on Robert it's all about the money fam and that's ok. Now if you had millions and millions of dollars in the bank then maybe I could believe it's about your legacy keep it real homie.

ali says:

Grimm are u saying the ghost over Mayweather or Trout over Canelo?

amayseng says:

ali i thik it is fair to say for the ghost it is about both legacy and the money..
the ghost has been in the game long enough and had enough challenges in life that its time for that big pay day and he was in the position to hold out and max out...

what would sell hype better for the fight?

the ghost saying its been a rough ride with his wifes life on the line, no money in the bank, working construction while fighting professionally? that he needs the money?

or that its about legacy, he wants to be the best, hes coming to take mayweathers crown, mayweathers position as the best...

that vegas is now his town,being the best in boxing is now his world not floyds?

give the ghost a pass, he is doing what he needs to do

Grimm says:

[QUOTE=ali;26007]Grimm are u saying the ghost over Mayweather or Trout over Canelo?[/QUOTE]

@ali: Ghost over Mayweather. MM is/has been a unique boxer with unique skills, but age + inactivity / obsessed Ghost that'll corner him up, square him down and hustle him back and forth with whatever means necessary = the L is in the air.

On the other hand, I also thought Bute would stop Froch, so...

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ultimoshogun says:

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amayseng says:

maybe i am off a bit but i dont think the ghost who fought berto will have a chance against floyd...

i think floyd is too sharp for the ghost to be able to get inside and just lay there and rough him up and beat him up.

IMO the only way for the ghost to beat floyd is to out score him with high acitivity. floyd is too hard to hit cleanly, but if the ghost can sustain a more consistent acitivity with barrages of punches with floyd even if not landing the guy throwing and landing 2/8 punches will beat a guy bent over and rolling not throwing any..

i think the ghost needs to dictate the pace and when fighting occurs and doesnt...

floyd is a sharp shooter, a pot shotter...

i think sergio martinez is the only fighter that has the speed acuracy and firepower to truely out box and beat up floyd.

the ghost will have to overwelm floyd with in and out activity and scoring...

but i dont think he will..

crazier things have happened..

floyd is what 36 and is very inactive for a lb for lb fighter...

Radam G says:

I'm with Amayseng about the Cali Ghost, but not with him about Sergio Martinez. A dance with Martinez would be an easy waltz for Money May.

Martinez is too jittery and shifty and will be easy for Money to feint him out of position and torpedo him with kangaroo left hooks, side right hooks and rippin'-and-dippin' uppercuts with both fists.

I can see Money May winning by stoppage because Martinez's mug would be swollen and

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sliced up like Swiss cheese. Holla!

brownsugar says:

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Like Grim and Ultimo said, Guerrero fights a variety of ways. One characteristic of the Ghost is that he's ALWAYS first.

Which is the only way to win consistently in boxing, Get ahead and stay out ahead. Guerrero is not a face fighter but he can be one if the situation demands it. Agains Berto he got hit,... but he clearly outlanded Berto 2 to 1.

Nobody who wins titles in multiple weight classes is a one dimensional fighter.

If Guerrero can keep the volume up and finish strong, he has good chance for an upset on May-Day.

Radam G says:

B-Sug, Berto was bytch punching and slapping with the inside of his gloved fists. Money May is going to be shooting properly placed punches with his gloved knuckles. And they are going to bust up the Cali Ghost's face and close his eyes.

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The Cali Ghost has not the know how or patience to adroitly do that. Money May easily ghostbusts TCG. And dat ain't just my O-P-P. Holla!

amayseng says:

radam sergio wouldnt fight floyd the way he fought the 185lb jcc jr.

i think sergio would just stay in the pocket and press floyd a bit,

he wont be in retreat and fighting backwards like he did against the cruiser weight jcc jr..

at 157 or 160 sm has too much speed and power for floyd...

power is an amazing thing if you can use it, it keeps the other guy from doing what he wants

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floyd would be susceptible to straight lefts and counter left hooks and combinations from sm after throwing his trademark

lead right and step right

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I hope you're right RG but somehow I don't think it'll be that easy.

Radam G says:

Amayseng, Money May will have a pocket knife and will cut a new whole in SM's @\$\$\$. Hehehe! Pocket fighting ain't good again't an @\$\$ cutter/sharpshooter like Money May. He has the second most accurate punches in da game. SM's @\$\$ would be full of flame. Holla!

bigstinkybug says:

[QUOTE=Carmin Cas;25983]I have a slight feeling that he might pull off the upset[/QUOTE]

[COLOR="#FF0000">>*last time i had a feeling, it cost me \$2k... go with what u know...May is head and shoulders above the ghost...PERIOD.

Someone might beat May,but it's not gunna be the ghost[/COLOR].