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There are two kinds of smart and intuitive fighters in professional boxing. The first type are the tacticians who are great at developing a new strategy on the fly during the bout or at least have the capacity to re-watch their first meeting with a particular opponent and adjust to what may have led to their defeat during the first meeting. Joe Louis, Sugar Ray Robinson, Archie Moore, Muhammad Ali, and Sugar Ray Leonard come to mind in that vein. Then there are the fighters who know how to manage their career and were great at picking their spots on when to fight certain opponents who presented a risk to them. Fighters the likes of Sugar Ray Robinson and Leonard make up that list as does Bernard Hopkins. And of course there are some fighters who belong on both list as you see.

As most know Floyd Mayweather 44-0 (26) belongs on the second list, and that's not a shot at him being that there are mostly great fighters who make it up. Floyd has throughout his career managed to fight the most dangerous fighters he's met at the most opportune time for him.

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That's why I wouldn't be surprised if Mayweather, while he's still near the top of his game and skill level, took on the new "Golden Boy" of boxing Saul "Canelo" Alvarez 42-0-1 (30) before he becomes a fully flowered fighter.

And regardless if team Alvarez thinks their fighter is ready for Mayweather or not, they could never turn down the money or the opportunity a fight versus the undefeated biggest name in boxing would present them. Obviously, since it's been mentioned countless times since Floyd decisioned Robert Guerrero on May 4th that a fight with Alvarez is out there for him some time before he fulfills his Showtime contract obligation, next (Sept 14 Mayweather is next scheduled to fight) would be the ideal time for Floyd to meet Alvarez. Because when you objectively look at the situation, Mayweather is getting older and the 22 year old Alvarez is getting bigger and stronger. Alvarez is already physically bigger and stronger than Mayweather, he just hasn't reached his full potential yet.

Of all the potential opponents around for Mayweather to fight weighing between 140-154, Alvarez is viewed by many observers as the fighter who would provide him the toughest night due to his size, youth and power. And in the main that's pretty hard to dispute. But lets be honest, Alvarez's reputation far eclipses his actual ring accomplishments and resume. Granted, he's a very good looking young prospect who has shown that he can put his punches together when he deems it's safe and eventually cuts loose. He has a nice left hook and has even shown that he can fight a little bit if he's forced to move back and tee step and pivot. And like most up and comers and fighters proclaimed to be the next big star of professional boxing, Alvarez has feasted on many has beens (Shane Mosley & Kermit Cintron) and journeymen who were there just to throw punches back at him.

There are two things about Alvarez that we know for sure....1) we really don't know how good he is or will become and 2) the toughest fight he's had to date was in his last bout against Austin Trout who is the first live fighter he's faced who has some ability and was in his prime. Again, Alvarez may go onto to be a great fighter or be washed up by the time he's 25, we just don't know. All that we know is that he's looked pretty formidable to date based on the opposition he's faced, but certainly not like the destroyer he's been built up to be.

However, as of this writing, he's viewed by a majority of boxing insiders as the fighter who wouldn't enter a bout versus Mayweather as bringing a knife to a gun fight. His youth, hunger and power and if perhaps Mayweather declines a little as the year moves along, just maybe Floyd could be vulnerable to an upset defeat. That's why I wouldn't be the least bit surprised if Mayweather goes in against Alvarez next.

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It's smart business and management for Mayweather to get to Alvarez before he reaches the zenith of his full potential. Because right now most everyone sees "Canelo" as the next great fighter on the horizon. If Mayweather beats him now he'll get the credit for beating a young fighter in his prime who most saw as having unlimited potential. And if Alvarez never becomes much after he loses to Mayweather, it'll be Floyd who will be seen as the one who derailed him and ruined his future.

On the other hand, if Alvarez fights once or twice more and is either upset or only looks decent, he'll be exposed and Mayweather won't gain much legacy wise for beating him then. And personally, I think Floyd realizes this and will fight Alvarez at the time when beating him nets him the biggest return possible. And you know what, if that's how it plays out, Mayweather can't be ripped for being ahead of the curve once again.

It makes all the dollars and sense in the world for the undefeated Floyd Mayweather to take on the undefeated Saul Alvarez in his very next bout. And oh yes, it would be a financial blockbuster. But let me play devil's advocate just a little bit. The Mayweather-Alvarez fight is huge no matter when it takes place (assuming there are no screw ups along the way), but it's optimal date would be on Cinco de Mayo (in Texas Stadium). So what if Floyd, in order to maintain his active contractual schedule, travels over to England to fight Amir Khan. It's another big money fight, and there's 0% chance that Floyd doesn't knock Khan out (and Mayweather really could use a flashy looking knockout for the public to think about). And of course during now and Cinco de Mayo they make sure Canelo stays busy with a kayo gimme to keep his name circulating.

Look for Mayweather-Alvarez to take place no later than Cinco de Mayo 2014.

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Carmine Cas says:

Haha great point Lotierzo, fighting Khan sooner rather later (if Khan can some how reestablish himself) would be a joke and it would take a hit on his legacy. I don't care how good and promoting Floyd is, if the occasional fan were to look back in Khan's history they'd be disappointed. Floyd's legs looked great, I don't see him losing to Alvarez. It would be interesting to see Canelo touch Floyd's body throughout the fight and see how Floyd reacts. But maybe Canelo can give Floydie a tough fight

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deepwater says:

pretty good article. have to disagree with Hopkins picking his fights because that wasn't always the case. Hopkins came up the hard way for most of his career. the last few years he gets to pick but he earned it. Floyd would be smart to fight red head now but that means he wont.

ali says:

I think he's going to end up fighting Canleo in 2014 im not sure who he's going to fight SEP 14.

SouthPawFlo says:

The Khan fight would be joke if its made, Khan just got rocked by a journeyman and hes been stopped twice.

Canelo is the only fight he should take next, even though he is flawed he is still the biggest name out there.

Then May 5th next year he should give jmm a rematch after he destroys Bradley....

Radam G says:

Styles make fights. Getting rocked by a bum and kayoed twice means JACK NOTHING. Fighting against a great fighter brings the best and something else out of a weak chin. Ken Norton was weak chinned. But he was a life-and-death fight for GOAT Ali. The late, very good, Floyd Patterson had one of the weakest chin of any world champion, but he still became the first man to regain a world title. Terrible Tim Norris was one weak-chinned muthasucka, but he was the first to regain the light middleweight title of the world TWICE. Chumps knocked him out, but he roses to have a solid chin against Sugar Ray Leonard, Texas Cobra Don Curry, Marice Blocker, Meldrick Taylor and super-hard-punching John Mugabi.

I predict that Money May whup Amir Khan by comfortable decision without knocking him down once. Holla!

Radam G says:

BTW, Juan Maneul Hulkquez has said that he would never fight Money May again. Holla!

Carmine Cas says:

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Khan does have the speed to match Floyd. Do the fight in Wembley Stadium. It would be a huge event. Khan might be able to hang with Floyd. I am reminded of Thomas Hearns in the late 80's. KOed by Iran Barkley, dropped heavily and nearly stopped by James Kinchen, Hearns was given no chance of winning the rematch that was too late with Ray Leonard. Hearns surprised everyone by flooring SRL twice on the way to a disputed draw. Floyd is not a huge puncher. It is possible that Khan could get in and out without getting caught. The fight being in London, Floyd would not want to leave in the judges hands. Could be high drama.

amayseng says:

Khan does has phenomenal speed.

But his chin is so terrible and Floyd has enough buzzing power to keep khan and hesitant.

Floyd's skill once again trumps his opponents weakness.

I think the toughest challenge for Floyd would possibly

be Lucas mattyshe(sp).

He's a relentless machine who applies appropriate pressure

ali says:

Khan does have the physical abilities to give Mayweather problems but he just does have a good boxing I.Q and with out that he has no chance of beating Jr.

Carmine Cas says:

If Danny Garcia, Carlos Molina, and Julio Diaz catch Khan what makes you guys think Floyd won't? Lmao, Floyd is the master of exploiting his opponents weakness, he's a lot faster than Khan's former opponents and his power is underrated. I agree Roast Floyd would be smart not leave it in the hands of the judges across the pond, especially if Khan can keep the fight somewhat competitive. Khan drops his right hand after he throws combinations like it's going out of style, it's only a matter of time before Floyd catches him with the left hook. Khan could do himself a favor by moving in and out at angles as opposed to straight back, attacking Floyd with speed, angles, and feints would make it tough for Floyd

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stormcentre says:

Kahn is a relatively easy fight for Floyd.

Yes Kahn has excellent speed and if the fight went to the judges in the UK; it would be drama. Agreed.

However, Kahn has no sense of pace. He panics. His fundamentals are easy for a guy like Floyd to exploit (for example; look where Amir's right hand is almost every time he throws a hook or fast jab).

Furthermore, Kahn is relatively to maneuver into position (for A class fighters) even if you don't feint him, and Floyd will feint him and read him in my opinion.

I think Kahn will sh\$t himself in there after a few rounds with someone that easily matches his speed without being flustered by pressure; like Kahn is.

And, finally, what will that chin of Kahn's do when Floyd's right cross and left hook leads, and counters come crashing through without warning? ☐

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SouthPawFlo says:

Amir Khan needs to wipe out the entire 140lb division first, hes lost 2 of his last 3 fights, and he didnt look good in his fight a few weeks back.

Its more than his chin thats the problem his defense is Severely Flawed, he backs straight up after his combinations, he doesnt know how to tie guys up when hes hurt and fights with his heart and not his head sometimes.

Hes greatly talented offensively, blazing hand speed, and he is a good body puncher (just ask Zab) but to hear people say that he would Floyd "problems" i really dont think so...

Canelos size and power would concern me more than anything Khan has to offer...

the Roast says:

Khan has had, I don't know, 31 pro fights and he has lost 3. 2 by knock out. If it was so easy everyone would do it. Khan has talent. I'm not saying he would beat Floyd. I doubt Floyd would ever fight Khan or anyone else anywhere but Vegas. These are risks he does not take. What I was trying to say about Hearn's is that everyone including Leonard thought Hearn's would get KOed. It didn't happen. If Floyd fought Khan expecting an easy KO he might just find himself in

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Roast, Mayweather will not only never fight outside of Las Vegas, he's heavily favored to never fight anywhere other than the MGM Grand Garden. As for Kahn winning more rounds than Guerrero, a certainty if it goes the same distance, less than a certainty if he runs into something.