

## AVILA'S POUND FOR POUND LIST, UPDATED

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Let's cut to the root. Floyd Mayweather is the best boxer out there pound-for-pound. Before meeting fellow pound-for-pound fighter Robert Guerrero, this writer felt "Money" had lost his legs. Apparently that is not the case.

Some other changes in the list have taken place but nothing drastic. Some have dropped down since the last pound for pound posting.

Here's the list for May 2013:

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1.) Floyd Mayweather (44-0, 26 Kos) – After showing signs of slowing down in his previous fight against Miguel Cotto over a year ago, Mayweather had his father prepare him for Robert Guerrero. Suddenly, the legs returned and the more mobile and harder-to-hit Mayweather appeared. Had he fought Guerrero the way he fought Cotto there would have been a different outcome. Instead, it was Mayweather in May.

2.) Juan Manuel Marquez (55-6-1, 40 Kos) – Mexico's master boxer ignored offers to fight Manny Pacquiao in Macao. But now we get to see Marquez fight another pound for pound fighter in Palm Springs boxer Timothy "Desert Storm" Bradley. It should be an interesting matchup. Can the Mexican maestro contend with Bradley's speed? Can Bradley match skills with the man who vanquished Pacman?

3.) Timothy Bradley (30-0, 12 Kos) – The Palm Springs prizefighter showed another side of his talent that only fans in Southern California had seen; he will fight toe-to-toe just to prove a point. Bradley didn't have to stand in front of Ruslan Provodnikov and allow the powerful Russian opportunities to hit him, but he did. It could have been a relatively easy fight but "The Desert Storm" wanted to prove to the fans and especially HBO that he indeed is an exciting fighter. Now he gets Marquez. Watch out.

4.) Sergio Martinez (51-2-2, 28 Kos) – Argentina's "Maravilla" Martinez may not have fought at his best several weeks ago, but still the middleweight world champion showed why he belongs on this list. Despite breaking his hand Martinez managed to defeat United Kingdom's Martin Murray by decision and give him his first loss as a pro. Martinez, 38, seems to be breaking down physically but does have a fight or two left. Will he ever fight Gennady Golovkin? A world wants to know.

5.) Andre Ward (26-0, 14 Kos) – Oakland's Ward, 29, can no longer be defined as a speedy boxer with good power. He's the complete package and a card carrying member of the hard-nosed prizefighter club. If you don't believe it just ask Chad Dawson. Ward can fight inside or outside and has cleaned out a talent-heavy super middleweight division. The only thing remaining for Ward is to move up to the light heavyweight division and pick on them. Suddenly Ward is on the avoid-at-all-cost list.

6.) Wladimir Klitschko (60-3, 51 Kos) – Ukraine's Klitschko has been dominating so long that despite his size he gets overlooked. Another reason he gets overlooked is that he primarily fights in Europe. Two weeks ago his knockout win over Francesco Pianeta seemed ho hum. A

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quick three-punch combination by the six-foot, six-inch Klitschko ended the fight swiftly. Klitschko is a huge success in Europe but relatively unknown to American audiences. Maybe one day he'll return to show fans in the U.S. just how good he really is.

7.) Robert Guerrero (31-2-1, 18 Kos) – After fighting 12 rounds with Floyd Mayweather “the Ghost” looked relatively unmarked compared to his fight with Andre Berto last year. The southpaw from Gilroy, Calif. was hoping to engage more with Mayweather but encountered the fleet-footed Floyd, not the shoulder roll defense guy that Cotto engaged a year ago. Still, it's going to be very interesting to see who Guerrero fights next in the welterweight division. Winning three or four rounds against Mayweather is not something you see every day. Guerrero has the tools to be a force in the welterweight division.

8.) Roman Gonzalez (33-0, 28 Kos) – Known as “Chocolatito,” the Nicaraguan mighty mite has shown he can box or exchange bombs with most anyone. The junior flyweight has a fight set against Mexico's Gerardo Verde on May 25. It's difficult to remain among the top in the smaller weight divisions. They all have speed. Gonzalez has speed and strength. Chocolatito has amassed a strong following in the Southern California area and needs more television exposure.

9.) Danny Garcia (26-0, 16 Kos) – If his chin holds up the Philadelphia junior welterweight could eventually move into the welterweight division. But there are plenty of scraps left in the junior welterweight bar room crowd with the likes of Lamont Peterson, Lucas Matthyse and others waiting to be tested. He's only 25 but Garcia seems to be in the kind of wars that can end a career quickly. A recent win over veteran Zab Judah showed that Garcia can box, bang or beat you in a variety of ways.

10.) Abner Mares (26-0-1, 14 Kos) – Mares captured a third world title in a third weight division by knocking out two-time world champion Daniel Ponce de Leon. Two incredible feats that have suddenly placed him on this list. When he first signed a pro contract after performing in the Olympics for Mexico, not many noticed his steady rise from bantamweight to the current featherweight division. He's been tutored by various trainers who all left their imprints on his fighting style. There was Floyd Mayweather Sr., Joel Diaz, Nacho Beristain and a few others. Now Mares has Clemente Medina in his corner and has proven with wins over Vic Darchinyan, Joseph Agbeko and others that he's among the best.

11.) Nonito Donaire (30-2, 19 Kos) – The Filipino Flash had a very bad night against the

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talented Guillermo Rigondeaux of Cuba. But one loss doesn't mean Donaire should be dropped entirely from the list. He still packs big time wallop and dazzling speed that can enable a return to the win column in a hurry. A rematch against Rigondeaux is in order and makes sense for Donaire. It could be bigger money for both fighters. If Donaire wins, then it's a trilogy a la Rafael Marquez and Israel Vazquez. Don't count out Donaire.

12.) Manny Pacquiao (54-5-2, 38 Kos) – After losing back-to-back fights Pacman has taken a little time off. The loss to rival Juan Manuel Marquez was crushing and could mean the beginning of the end for the Filipino superstar. We shall see. Pacquiao will be fighting in Asia and it looks like Brandon "Bam Bam" Rios gets the call. We said last year that these two would be colliding and it's finally going to happen. Rios will test Pacquiao's chin and resolve.

### **Honorable mention:**

Guillermo Rigondeaux, Saul "Canelo" Alvarez, Carl Froch, Gennady Golovkin, Bernard Hopkins, Vitali Klitschko, Amir Khan, Brandon Rios, Yuri Gamboa, Takashi Uchiyama.

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### **Raiders says:**

Sergio will be 39 the next time he steps in the ring and he looked bad last time I'd put him no higher than 5. Also how is Donaire higher than the guy who dominated him a month ago? Head to head should matter.

### **Radam G says:**

Come on, guys! Holla before I holla! You know me! I'm down with O-P-P! Boxing is going through a weak period, apparently that list of toppers. I agree only with where Money May is placed. I strongly disagree where Tim Bradley is placed. But everybodee and dey momma are going to say that I don't like Tim. To that I say nonsense. He cannot help what destiny is serving him anymore than used-by-the-system Jim Jeffrey, or Primo Canera or any fighter targeted by haters for tar babiness. Holla!

### **amayseng says:**

How much did he drink before putting this list together.  
It is quite horrible.

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Bradley lost his last two fights and did not look good in the ring.  
Gift decisions do not earn u credit.

Where is rigo? Off the map after dominating donaire?

Mayweather.  
Ward.  
Jmm.  
Rigo.  
Hopkins.  
Martinez.

That is a more accurate depiction.

### **Carmine Cas says:**

Andre Ward should be placed now lower then #2, and I agree about Rigo, he outclassed Donaire yet he doesn't make it? Bunch of horse hockey!!! Hahaha

Mayweather/Ward  
Ward  
Jmm  
Rigo  
Martinez

### **deepwater says:**

This list sux. Get Bradley and Guerrero out of top 10

### **riverside says:**

I say the same, this is the rough draft, then pre list, then the real 10 P4P list come out. Guerrero is not even a top 10 junior welterweight...Bradley? Nonito?

### **dino da vinci says:**

David welcomes hate mail.

### **Radam G says:**

My list of the unfortunate tar babies of boxing. 1. James Jackson Jeffries (The cat was ridiculously forced out of a comfortable six-year retirement by racist knuckleheads of those days to come back into the game to shut up "Unforgivable Blackness" Jack Johnson and win the world heavyweight title back for "The white race." WTF! Poor 3J got his made-a-tar-baby-for-white-supremacy arse TORE UP!)

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2. Max Schmeling (Poor Max S was a tar baby for the dumb-arse Adolphin -- I mean Adolf -- Hilter's hopes and beliefs of white-race superiority. "Brown Bomber" Joe Louis ripped Schmeling into pieces in less than two rounds.)

3. Primo Canera (The mafia joke and tar baby was feed a lot of stiffs until the mafia wanted to cash out. the mobsters feed the marshmallow gaint to the likes of Max Baer, Joe Louis and Leroy Haynes. They humiliated the giant of those times.

4. Julio Cesar Chavez (The great Julio Cesar Chavez had been cut in training and put on make up on his face to hide the bad cuts. The now Big Money Oscar De la Hoyas opened up the cut with his very first punch. The bout was eventually stop. No way was this fight was going to be cancelled. So thus, it was a tar-baby time for the great JCC.)

5. Tim Bradley (Dude got his arse beat in 11 rounds of 12 round by Da Manny, but the crooks that be gave the running bambi a gifted split decision. The big-footed, shoe-size 12 bambi-fighting Bradley was selected to serve as the tar baby, because the dark forces wanted to show Da Manny not to take his time coming to the squared jungle to fight, because he wanted to finish watching a basketball game on television. In Bradley's next fight, Bradley got knocked down three times -- one officially -- but the homeboy judges that be gave him a lifted decision.)

It must be something in the water in Cali. WTF! Tar baby fighters -- 3J and the Cali Cranium Crusher -- over a hundred years apart.

If you are low-batt on the brain power, look up the meaning of "Tar Baby." Holla!

### **amayseng says:**

Seriously how does Avila consider Bradley a top 3?????

Hey Avila I've got some land in Antarctica for sale for ya. Real affordable. Great investment.

### **amayseng says:**

I mean read his depiction on Bradley ?!?!

"It could have been a relatively easy fight"

Are u kidding?

Bradley got buzzed right out of the gate and didn't choose

to allow the Russian to stagger him all night.

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Come on now.