

## Different Kinds of Power

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In the sport of boxing, nothing gets the casual fan as invigorated as a real knockout artist. While there's no shortage of purists out there who find Floyd Mayweather and Andre Ward's sublime skill sets most pleasurable (and I find them to be exhilarating, too), you can't argue with the KO. And frankly, it's casual fans that pay the bills. When they tune in, or buy the PPV, that's when the networks and fighters make money.

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The knockout is what separates combat sports from all other sports. You simply cannot hit a 5-Run Home Run to tie a game. You can't hit a 5-point shot in basketball. No goals count for double in soccer or hockey. And while the rules allow for 2-point conversions in football, you simply can't win with one play left when you're down 9.

Conversely, boxing offers that element of theatrics where one blow can change the outcome of an entire fight. It's why the 12th round always means something, and it's why Meldrick Taylor-Julio Cesar Chavez lives on as a legendary night of boxing.

Boxing is currently blessed with several serious power punchers coming up the ranks. And while every division always has some knockout artists, it's very rare that those same explosive punchers are in the elite class of their respective divisions. It's why Mike Tyson was such an eye-catching fighter. He wasn't knocking around club fighters; he was nearly decapitating championship-caliber fighters.

What's interesting about punching power is how different it can be amongst different fighters, and how it's uniquely blended with style and defense to either make a highlight-reel fighter, or a real nightmare for titleholders. Below are some of the sport's biggest hitters (only including potential world titleholders in my opinion, so apologies to Marcos Maidana, Alfredo Angulo, etc.) and what defines their power.

Lucas Matthisse (140 lbs) – The Argentinean export has slowly catapulted up the ranks by flashing once-in-a-generation power for a junior welterweight. His only two "losses" came on questionable hometown decisions going against Americans Zab Judah and Devon Alexander. It's worth mentioning that he put both men down during the fight. His power is a cracking power. It's the type of power you think about if someone were to hit raw meat with a baseball bat. He is constantly a threat for a 1-punch knockout, effectively works the body, and was born with enough power to snap anyone's head back with either hand. He's one of the few fighters in boxing that can hurt his opponent with a glancing blow, or one that is partially blocked. That is a clear indicator of elite power. One of his best assets is his chin, as he's traded bombs on multiple occasions and never been on the wrong end of a savage exchange. While an underrated tactician, he wins fights by making his opposition think twice about engaging with him in the pocket.

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Gennady “GGG” Golovkin (160 lbs) – Perhaps the best “boxer” on this list due to his extensive amateur resume, Golovkin (*pictured above*) is simply a damaging puncher. While his shots don’t always look as high-impact as Matthysse, the effects are even more noticeable. Similar to Miguel Cotto in his prime, GGG only needs to land a few punches to disfigure his opponent. Every punch he lands seems to both physically hurt his unfortunate foes (you don’t see many pro fighters wince upon contact like his opposition frequently does), and make them less willing to engage.

Partially due to his strong base with a wide stance, he is able to generate tremendous torque on all punches with both hands. His body punching is second to none in the sport right now, and his accuracy really stands out. Contrary to most extreme power-punchers, GGG picks his shots very intelligently and wastes little energy while unleashing the types of punches that end fights instantly. It’s really like he’s wearing brass knuckles and the other guy has pillows on his fists. He’s one of a handful of fighters that backs people up with jabs and would happily punish you over several rounds rather than knock you out in dramatic fashion. He is also defensively sound and takes very little punishment due to his well-schooled defensive prowess combined with the fear he imposes after landing a few shots. He has two legitimate knockout of the year candidates already in 2013, and when he faces Curtis Stevens in November, he’s got a good shot at a third. His willingness to bang with anyone from 154-168 lbs has pundits and fans alike salivating over potential matchups. We’ll see which ones come to fruition, but since HBO has taken a liking to this fan-friendly KO artist, he’ll be easy to watch as he continues his assault on his weight class(es).

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Sergey Kovalev (175 lbs)- Kovalev’s power can only be described as thudding. He has literally hammered his way onto this list by making short work of some very good fighters. What’s impressive about his punching power is that his shots don’t have to look like big punches to severely hurt high-caliber opposition. While Golovkin is a calmer, more cerebral KO artist, Kovalev is a stalker. He can certainly box well, and is trained by noted defensive master John David Jackson, but he simply throws bombs until his guy goes down. You really need to get his respect or you’re dead in the water. When he dispatched Nathan Cleverly this past weekend, it was incredibly impressive. When he combines high-volume with his confidence, power, and accuracy, your night ends early. Simple as that. He doesn’t need to hit you perfectly, he can clip you, and down you go. That’s the sign of a serious power puncher. Perhaps most importantly, he’s a finisher. When he hurts a guy, he goes after them with no concern for later rounds. That could hurt him against a seasoned veteran like Bernard Hopkins (who he may well fight next), but someone has to survive his onslaught to take him to the later rounds, which is one tough

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Adonis Stevenson (168-175 lbs)- Now this dude just throws sledgehammers with the sole intent of putting people to sleep. Stevenson doesn't hurt people so much as end their nights with his absolutely devastating left hand. He honed his craft with the late, great Emmanuel Steward, so while he seems like a one-trick pony, he's learned some really crafty ways of landing his one trick. He also covers a ton of ground with his straight left. I mean, this is really a heat-seeking missile, so any one shot could end a career. He tends to overwhelm lesser opponents with his brute strength, but any one shot could be the end of the night at any time. His biggest win was his last fight vs. a top caliber Chad Dawson, who is a good enough technical boxer to take one thing away from any fighter. However, he missed the memo that round one wasn't just a feeling out process, got lazy, and then lost his title after one left hand thrown by Stevenson. He's got that Tyson-esque power, something nobody else on this list has. Check out the 0:40 mark below. Have a pillow to hug nearby.

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As mentioned, it's outstanding to see all of these murderous punchers either holding title belts or due for a major title fight. One of the easiest ways to get the casual fan back engaged with upcoming fights is to promise fireworks. While promoter's tend to speak in superlatives (not unlike this writer), these guys always promise explosive outputs. And if you're a purist looking for technical brilliance, watching some of these bombers create angles and expertly manage timing and distance to land with such unworldly power will certainly wet your palate.

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**Carmine Cas says:**

Nice piece, all of these guys have finishing power if they land on the right spot. And what's even more interesting is that 3 of them are all the same weight class if not close. I'd love to see

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Stevenson vs Kovalev. GGG def has the best ebb and flow to deliver the kayo blow

### **amayseng says:**

stevenson throws sledgehammers haha....that is pretty accurate

### **brownsugar says:**

LOL,.. how about anvils, any one of them? you never know when EM will sneak up on you with a savvy piece. good read.

### **Bernie Campbell says:**

You want power, I give you Time Warner, Nevada Gambling and Casino enterprises, ESPN2, HBO and soft porn industries, Showtime too! Opec, Chinese Commercial syndicates, Bill Gates Subsidiaries, the Federal Reserve, Disney, the Movie and Music Industry! The American Bar Association, and the creators of SpongBob Sqaurepants!

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I am currently leaning toward the reinstatement of segregation in this country! You know its funny, I met a guy who I knew of in the community who gets rid of bees, the frisco is never out of work, all year round! I also believe that the education system has the most power in this country than any entity than you can shake a stick at! From pre school on up to The University System! I guess they never solved the problem of dope! When I was in grammar school there probably was on average of 3 fistfights a day! Now for the most part there is Mexican standoffs between factions! Excuse the politically incorrect term! It was ALWAYS one kid against another. Im really shocked that this doesn't exist anymore! I guess your average school product has never gotten in a physical altercation once in their life? Wladimir Klitschko admitted to that outside of the ring! Maybe they had different customs over there? What did the schools do in Lamerica to change that? Instead they have knucklehead men and women teachers having sex with the kids! In some cases flaunting their sh..! And the cancer that results is instead of the 3Rs they learn to get over! To cut corners! They bring fcn guns to school. In my opinion its all politics! How are you gunna run a school system in Thailand when everybody communicates in Swaihili! That goes from the Custodian to the University President. Whose the friggun Natzis! Cut the fcn water supply!

### **amayseng says:**

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it is extremely concerning, yet there is little public suppression about it..

to advertise being an "organic" food, the distributor has to pay a fee so high it sky rockets the price of the food they are selling resulting in poor sales and poor ability to stay afloat as a company and provide true organic and healthy foods.

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reinstatement of segregation--? to decrease crime i am guessing? i can almost understand that, sadly.

it used to be you acted like a jerk so much someone in school punches you in the face, then you realize wow maybe i should behave better than this and you change and act accordingly. its called quality control. that is the problem today with shitty kids who become asshole adults.....they are entitled to, they are never put on the proper path when they are young, we used to police ourselves, now you smack an asshole kid and as a juvenile you are in jail with 5 court dates and lawyers.....

### **Bernie Campbell says:**

You cant allow a system to police itself! There may be a prevailing wind of fascism present! Evreybody may follow suit! An education system for instance has to be guided by truth, morality, openness to new ideas, democratic participation, validation and confirmation, rejection of the absurd and ridiculous, and respect! You need friscoes that run the show to adhere to these

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principles that know what their doing! The problem with the participants who indulge in subversive behavior and don't observe these learned virtues in institutions have issues with their PPs and make life unbearable to be a young American! And that also goes for Pops that sweeps floors too!

Segregation is the only feasible solution! You want to fch with me and try valiantly and sometime effectively to convince me that the world is flat! To dole out free lunch with bugs in it, to ignore the lessons learned in both world wars, not to elaborate on the true aspects of slavery, free market?, The dope about Pride and losing face! Listen if they separated the land with the people that fch with people and people that mind their own business there would be peace in the valley! Problem is too many people exaggerate the importance of PP!

### **The Good Doctor says:**

Did I just walk into a Black Panther meeting? Anyway, I would make a case for Wilder to be on this list too.

### **Bernie Campbell says:**

FU Step n Fechit!

### **Radam G says:**

WOW! There is no way that I'm walking into this stank -- I mean Yank -- meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Besides I'm lost at how in da double fudge did this Thread come to this?  
Holla!

### **The Good Doctor says:**

[QUOTE=Bernie Campbell;35231]FU Step n Fechit![/QUOTE]

First dude relax, no need to fake angry on a boxing thread. Secondly, it was a joke and the thread did take a very weird turn. It went from heavy hitting boxers to Monsanto and crooked government. Third, make up your mind, you preach in one thread and the tell me to f off in another. You try to be the moral police on here but it looks like your just as twisted as the very people you criticize. You talk about being righteous in one thread yet anytime the name Bernard Hopkins come up you do nothing but tear down the man.

And for a little history lesson, Stepin Fetchit eventually came to himself in the 60's, became part of the Islam and befriended Ali. In addition, he realized how he was portrayed and distanced himself from those roles even if the public would not let him. Take a cue from Stepin and look at yourself Bernie.

### **Bernie Campbell says:**

Step n Fechit is not a character nor a person! Step N Fechit is a state of mind! It is a condition that displays oneself when a person conforms to an environment that is extremely hostile to him



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or her when it would cause great danger if they let it all hang out! Step n Fechit had nothing to do with Ali because Ali definitely had his hiding place! I am not no moral police Im a reflection in your mirror! Evreybody in this state better wake up! Boxing is gauge on Whats happenin! You want to know what Power is? Dr. Steelhammer? Al Haymon? Sauerland? You friscoes aint seen nothing yet! I am not carrying any election signs or sitting in the cheering sections! But I do see a lot of ignorance, more so than ever! I am a voice! Ignorance about the obvious can bring the house down! Like Malcolm X said: A house divide by itself cannot stand!

### **The Good Doctor says:**

Bernie, I actually love the fact that you believe that most of the world is ignorant because it's true. I own an international importing business so I meet people from all places and I am fully aware of the idiocy that surrounds us and how most people are sheep. I also love the fact that you have what I call the true tenacity of crazy. However you spit a lot of nonsense and show that you don't have a grip on the facts. Stepin Fetchit was very real, it was the stage name of Lawrence Monroe Andrew Perry. He was actually the first black actor to be a millionaire and he did befriend Ali, do a little research. Now maybe you regard his name as term meaning lost or ignorant but don't dispute what's real.

Secondly, you are not my reflection. We do not think or act alike. If you want to bring people to the light and show them what the world is really about, try having a sense of humor and not lamely insulting someone the second they see different from you. True ignorance is not only lack of knowledge, it is the lack of perspective and application and I can tell you my friend from your posts in this thread and others. you do lack both.

### **Radam G says:**

Wow! Some serious teaching is going on. This Universe is deep. And you never know who you may meet. Talking about brain power and learning. TSSU got it going on and on. Holla!

### **Bernie Campbell says:**

Hey Doc, own up to the sh..! You know what is in the air as well as I do! I don't care if this cat was the first black to swim the English Channel! Im not alluding to the fact about this actor's bank account! Personally I don't care if you've sailed the seven seas, you still don't earn an equivalency diploma in my circles! Step n Fechit alludes to the action of fending off aggression from authority, In this case the Massa! In those days I assume it was the powers that be, in these times the powers that be! John McCain is definitely not a Step n Fechit! Louis Farrachan definitely is not! Maybe Adrian Broner isn't either! It is a condition that your willing to sacrifice everything to stand up for what is right that is in contradiction! Now, if you can explain to me the validity of Chris John holding the WBA Featherweight belt from way back in the stone age, and not fighting a legitimate contender, Ill be a Monkey's uncle!

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And you will find amayseng scratching his head rereading Bernie Campbell's rants over and over even hitting up google and the dictionary

### **Bernie Campbell says:**

For some odd reason you could travel through the dictionary all you want, youll never find PP in there! In its true context! Politically correct? Conspiritorial, Intentional Censorship? Abraham has good power when he connects!

### **stormcentre says:**

I'd like to see GGG spar (or fight) Adonis Stevenson

### **Radam G says:**

Hey, Storm, Stevenson would be in a storm, Three G would blow him away. Stevenson is powerfulness again a perfect 3G storm. Holla!

### **amayseng says:**

Straight up RG,

ggg is the real deal.

He is patiently walking his way to the top 3 lb4lb.

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i think ggg eats stevens right hands for breakfast and just smiles back at him...

this dude is truly elite and just waiting to break out.