

Who Can Beat Mayweather? We May Have the Answer

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The closest Floyd Mayweather Jr. came to losing a fight was against Jose Luis Castillo on April 20 of 2002.

Castillo was at the peak of his game and gave him more trouble than any other fighter "Lil' Floyd" has faced so far. The native of Sonora, Mexico timed Mayweather Jr. beautifully, providing him with a taste of leather on more than one occasion.

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Mayweather Jr. won on the judge's cards with scores of 116-111 and 115-111 (twice). More than a few fans argued that the Grand Rapids, Michigan native got some favorable scoring. The promoters of the event, Top Rank Promotions, quickly responded by making Mayweather-Castillo II. The re-match took place almost eight months later on December 7th of the same year. Castillo gave Mayweather Jr. a good fight but was less effective this time. Interestingly, the judges scored the second fight closer with cards of 116-113 and 115-113 (twice).

"I haven't had a hard fight yet," 36 year old Mayweather Jr. boasted during a recent pre-fight Showtime special. He may not be known for his humility but apart from the Castillo fight, he's made most of his title defenses look easy. He's been nothing short of masterful against top rate opponents like the late Diego Corrales, Miguel Cotto and Robert "The Ghost" Guerrero.

Some fans see it differently. There are those who see Mayweather Jr.'s latest opponents as having been brilliantly selected by a team of handlers. More specifically, Al Haymon and Leonard Ellerbee.

Whether you agree or disagree with this notion, you have to admit, they've done a magnificent job of running Mayweather's career. They found a way to match him up against aged champions Oscar De La Hoya and Shane Mosley, an emotionally immature Victor Ortiz and most importantly, they helped him dodge a Filipino bullet by the name of Manny Pacquiao. Long enough for the Filipino legend to get starched by Juan Manuel Marquez during their fourth encounter. But let's not forget, this is a business and finding their fighters minimal risks for maximum dollars is their job.

Mayweather has indicated on more than one occasion that retirement is lurking around the corner. Will he retire undefeated? Who'll get the chance to topple the number one "pound for pound" fighter in the world? Beating him means the possibility of world wide stardom and riches. For more established fighters like Pacquiao and Marquez, it means enriching their legacy even further by defeating the only fighter left with an aura of invincibility.

Mayweather Jr. has a target on his back and here's a list of those aiming at him. They all have a realistic chance of getting a fight with Mayweather Jr. But what are their chances of beating him?

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1. Juan Manuel Marquez (55-6-1, 40 KO's)

Marquez lost to Mayweather Jr. in 2009 by a wide margin on the scorecards. Marquez has changed quite a bit since then. Not only as a fighter, but physically as well. The Mexico City native has been transformed into a bigger and stronger specimen due to newly acquired training regiment. Although there are whispers regarding his increase in size and strength, Marquez and camp deny anything fishy is going on. He will in fact, be submitting to testing for performance enhancing drugs prior to his fight against up-coming opponent Tim Bradley.

How would a rematch between Marquez and Mayweather Jr. play out at this point? Marquez would do a little better but the outcome would likely be similar. On the other hand, there's always the chance Marquez lands the same monster punch he did against Pacquaio.

2. Danny "Swift" Garcia (26-0, 16 KO's)

Zab Judah proved to the world that Garcia, the current WBC and WBA 140 pound champion, gets hit way too much in order to deal with someone like Mayweather Jr. Garcia, 25, is still young and may evolve into a more formidable force. Right now, his focus is set on Lucas Matthisse, his opponent on the undercard of the highly awaited clash between Saul "Canelo" Alvarez and Mayweather Jr. on September 14th.

3. Saul "Canelo" Alvarez (42-0, 30 KO's)

Alvarez is scheduled to fight Mayweather Jr. September 14 in Las Vegas in what's expected be the biggest boxing event of the year. Boxing pundits are saying that Alvarez is young, too young. That he's fast, but not fast enough. That he's talented but lacks experience against high level opponents. How will the red headed, freckled faced Mexican fare against Mayweather Jr.?

Alvarez should do well due to his youth, level of skill and superiority in size. The difference will be Mayweather's athletic superiority. While Alvarez tends to fade at the end of his fights,

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Mayweather usually finishes strong and will likely take the championship rounds.

But keep in mind that September 14 could be the night that "Canelo" Alvarez reaches his peak just as Mayweather Jr. starts to decline. It could very well happen. It's happened before. With just one punch, Alvarez can score the upset of the decade.

4. Lucas Matthisse (34-2, 32 KO's)

This Argentinean has power and incredible timing. His third round stoppage of Lamont Peterson was an impressive performance which led to a date against WBC and WBA 140 pound champion Danny "Swift" Garcia. It should be a war which could produce a viable candidate for Mayweather Jr.

As far as Matthisse's chances against Mayweather Jr. are concerned, we'll take a "wait and see" attitude. He's got Danny Garcia as his next opponent and beating him should be no easy feat. A couple more fights under his belt should tell us everything we need to know about his chances against Floyd.

5. Timothy Bradley (30-0, 12 KO's)

Despite beating Manny Pacquiao via controversial decision, Bradley has yet to cash in on his victory. Perhaps it's due to the perception that Bradley was gifted the decision. Since then, he was involved in a brutal fight of the year candidate vs. Ruslan Provodnikov. The Palm Springs native will next take on Juan Manuel Marquez in what should be an intriguing fight.

Bradley is a great warrior and one of the toughest men in the world but that's not enough to beat Mayweather Jr. If you can't match Floyd's speed, power and athleticism then your chances are limited. While Bradley fits the athletic requirements, the speed factor and Mayweather Jr.'s overall experience would be too much to overcome. Bradley has other pending problems since defeating Marquez will be an incredibly difficult task. If he beats Marquez and looks good doing it, then a fight against Mayweather Jr. is a real possibility...if he weren't with Top Rank.

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6. Manny Pacquiao (54-5-2, 38 KO's)

The Filipino boxing icon was knocked out and had his invincibility shield yanked from him by Juan Manuel Marquez in 2012 with the left hand heard around the world. But let's put the knockout in its proper context. Pacquiao was having a hell of a fight until that fateful punch which was timed perfectly. It was boxing's version of divine justice for Marquez who had been robbed of a win at least once in three previous encounters with Pac-Man.

Pacquiao will be making his return to the ring against Brandon Rios which will be a very difficult fight. Not only is this a great fight for the public but it will give us the proper insight as to Pacquiao's state of mind.

If the old Manny resurfaces and defeats a formidable opponent like Rios, a fight vs. Mayweather will eventually have to be a subject for discussion.

Conclusion:

Pacquiao is the one.

That's right. Out of all the people on the list, Manny Pacquiao is the one with the best chance at defeating Mayweather Jr. Many at this point are thinking "excuse me? This is the same man that got knocked out by Marquez who lost to Floyd easy." But this kind of boxing math doesn't always work out in real life.

If we stick to the premise that in order to beat Mayweather Jr. you must match his speed, athleticism and power, then Pacquiao would be his most dangerous foe. Not only is he just as fast and athletic as Mayweather, I would argue that he's a harder puncher.

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Yes, he was stopped by Marquez with the punch that shook up the Philippines and its people, but what happened before the stoppage? Pacquiao dropped Marquez and did plenty of damage. He went for the knockout, left himself vulnerable, Marquez capitalized, end of story. Pacquiao was knocked out but it's not necessarily the end.

Pacquiao will be fighting Brandon Rios next in what has to be the hardest comeback fight they could've scheduled for him. Rios is a beast and will give Pac-Man problems. He gives everyone problems. This fight will tell the world if Manny is truly back.

If Pacquiao defeats Rios in spectacular fashion, then there's no doubt a fight with Mayweather Jr. will absolutely be entertained again.

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The Good Doctor says:

I think this list is extremely fluid due to the influence of time. Outside of the lucky punch, I don't think anyone out there can beat Mayweather in his present form, not even Pac. However, in boxing father time comes down hard and very fast. I wonder if a late 37, 38, maybe even 39 year old, trying to finish out his Showtime contract Floyd can perform at this current level. Also, contrary to popular belief, Floyd has slowed some. Most people don't notice because his talent is otherworldly so even a slowed Money is better than 99% of fighters in the world.

Radam G says:

Listen to the G pugilistic scribe. He is spot on. But you guys don't hear it. You guys' brains are BLEEPED-up on Money May fantasy! And you are suffering from inattention blindness and haters' hate. You cannot relate. Your biasness and jingoism are on slate. Da Manny would eat Money May's arse up like some bulat on a diamond-clustered plate. Holla!

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The Good Doctor says:

What I find "Amayseng" (bad pun) is that I agree with you and Radam's assessment of Pac vs Mayweather but I still think Floyd beats him. Here's why:

-Although Pac owns advantages in those categories, they are not chasm differences. The difference in speed is minimal, typically (excusing the Guerrero, Cotto fights) so is the difference in footwork.

-Pac has never had anyone who is going to make him figure it out offensively. He has been able to blister everyone because they have been at best average defensively. Floyd will give him enough problems defensively that by the time he figures it out it will be too late

-Floyd is bigger and stronger. This matters as he will be able to effectively tie him up if Pac gets to slugging and would be able to muscle him.

-Pac has some defensive liabilities. Pac can be hit and hit often. Floyd is still quick enough to exploit those openings especially with his jab. I think that throws Pac's timing and angles off.

-Height and reach. These attributes are sometime overrated but when comparing these two it matters. These attributes combined with Floyd's style will allow him to keep Pac off of him to an extent.

All in all though, I just wish they would fight.

amayseng says:

floyd is bigger and stronger, on the inside and tying up.

but pac doesnt lean and stay on the inside and fight in that manner, he fights in the space he has, he doesnt lean and stay stationary on an opponent.

with pacs work rate and activity, throwing combinations and moving in and out, he will not have to land clean

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stamina wise pac is near the same level as floyd, he wont slow down and fade out...

radam, can you specifically explain how you think the fight will go exactly with pac.....how he will win

from a strategic standpoint?

im curious to know

Radam G says:

Simply Money May is quick and slick on a slow right-handed fighting d***! To him a fast-arse southpaw is a trick. And has brains up in the head instead of a brick.

Also Money May is a master of playing mind games. English ones! That will not work on Da Manny, because he knows that Money May is a bullsyyetter and jiver. Plus Money May suffers badly from mythical war propaganda beliefs of Da Manny. [YUP! A-side meth that helped Filipino warriors walk through bullets during the Philippine-American War.] Plus Money May has fans that think Da Manny is also on a ""consumption of" deadly human-eating kanines, in addition to Pinoy's "walking-throught-bullets roids. Hehehe! Any excuse will work against a people once thought of as "half devil and half child."

Boxing is at least 85-percent mental, and anybody with an iota of a brain can see that Money May is full of lies and mental problems in not dancing with Da Manny.

It is skills that pay the bills. But being mentally fit that will get the fire in you lit. When it comes to Da Manny, Money May has no fire or desire. It is like fighting a gloved, wild bear, Money May doesn't care. It is a superiority-thinking excuse of yesteryears. Money May doesn't want U.S. Americans to shed years. No human has to beat down a half-child, half-devil one. Holla!

amayseng says:

ok radam, what i mean is,

will it be the ability of manny to side step left or right and use that left hand to score willingly against the

mayweather shoulder roll?

or will it be that pac has more speed and power and land cleanly on floyd and batter him up?

how do you see the fight going exactly?

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Radam G says:

The Philly shell/crab doesn't work well on a southpaw. This why is Money May had trouble with Judah, Corley, naturally left-handed Cotto, dumb-arse Vicious Victor for a sec, in Money May's first or second fight where the Southpaw Sanders cut up Money May, lastly Money May had a foot problem of stumbling against the Cali Humbug Ghost Guerrera.

Money May would not be able to handle the speed demon PacMan, PERIOD! And the red-headed hype won't get totally blasted out if he switches to southpaw. He would throw Money May off for bit. On Money May, he will be able to hit. Holla!

brownsugar says:

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***** Paq doesn't have better footwork, he's a hyper, frenetic fireball,... jittery spastic wad of energy who bouncing around the ring sometimes with a purpose, sometimes haphazardly, But there is no divine plan... other than fighting so erratically he confuses his opponent and eventually gets the opportunity to skitter behind the other guys blindside, ...even behind his opponets back, which I don't consider a boxing skill..... What most people bring up about Paq are the angles.... angles and more angles. I don't see angles, I see a dynamo of a physical specimen (because I can't deny that Paq is indeed Uniquely gifted in certain areas)... Flailing from any position, on balance or off,.. so desperate to strike a killing blow it doesn't matter where the punches are coming from...Pac is WILD,... although Roaches influence has made him much more practical and methodical with his offence it's also the reason he gets tagged so much. Paq frequently doesn't bring his guard back into position after firing after he gets into the heat of the moment.....also he'll sometimes lunge into punches... he'll often start the second third and fourth punch in a combination before he's pulled either hand into a defensive position.... Manny is a physically gifted gambler who gambles every time he gets in the ring (its why the fans love him) He's so Spastic, it's hard to track what he's doing and see whats coming next.... Floyd would take away the movement by making sure Paq is always outside of striking range but within Floyd's own reach the entire fight, plus Mayweather can extend his reach another foot by leaning in when he punches... not to mention Floyd observes his opponents feet and nails them while they're in transition(a trade secret).... which is why he catches them so clean.... Floyd would have Pac's ultraquick lunges timed by the 3rd round and either nail him coming it or cripple him with a body shot during one of Paqs many defensive lapses... which everyone knows is Paqs kryptonite. Pac has a strong body but he's got the rib cage of a featherweight... I could see Paq still being ahead in the fight up to the 7th round,... on activity alone... But true to his nature... Floyd would give Pac enough rope to hang himself with it before the fights end. My father however Loved Pac to death and would have picked PAC to defeat Mayweather,... he was a Pactard for sure. .. always trying to get me to watch him way before he was even famous... I couldn't watch because he looked so wild and spastic in my eyes I would always leave in the middle of the fight. But my father saw something special that I couldn't see and proved to be right about Paq's Potential.....so who knows, maybe he could win against Floyd.... but personally I don't see it.

SouthPaul says:

Thats about the best description of Pacquiao I've ever read. A style that is both asset and liability. I have no doubts he'd buzz Floyd a few times and give him some scary moments but the likely outcome is what Mr Suga' just laid out.

The Shadow says:

Radam, Floyd doesn't really fight southpaws from behind the shoulder. He fights them from a high guard. And while the roll itself doesn't work -- also known among some oldtimers as "The Mongoose" -- the reason it doesn't is because it's meant to counter the trajectory of a right

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He -- along with Guillermo Rigondeaux -- also has the best eyes (on par with Ali), the best upper-body movement, great footwork (only surpassed by Rigo, at this time), better instincts and really, if he wants to, can fight in the pocket with top quality professionals with his hands down.

The only one who has those qualities is Rigo. But he's still an unproven commodity.

Against Pacquiao, he will simply do what he did to Gatti. There will be a HUGE disparity in speed. Pacquiao's speed is deceptive; it looks like a tornado because he overwhelms people who put their hands up or people that trade with him.

Floyd will do neither. He will walk Pacquiao down behind the high guard, move around and counter when Pac gets aggressive, BRUTALIZE him to the body and stop him in five.

Anyway, I digress. My point is, people mistakenly and ignorantly think the shoulder roll is the bread and butter of Mayweather's defense. It's not.

It's his eyes, uncanny instincts, fluidity and smarts. Each defense he has is better than anyone else's.

Try to rough him up in close. You can't. Try to beat him on the inside. You can't. He ties you up better than Andre Ward and Bernard Hopkins, both of whom specialize in fighting that way.

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I respect the hell out of your opinion, though! At the end of the day, you're the one who can fight. Not me. As we know. LOL

amayseng says:

Bsug u say PAC is erratic and sporadic.

So how does Floyd time someone who is such?

I think that's the problem.

And pacs movement does have a purpose. Check out the PAC cotto fight u will see in slow motion PAC floating at angles while landing combinations.

My dad and myself watched it and my dad pointed out "his feet aren't even on the ground" as he was landing right hands on cotto.

Add that momentum to his power.

His footwork isn't as pretty or fluid as Floyd's but it is quicker.

Radam G says:

The Shadow, you are right about the "shoulder roll" of Floyd against Da Manny. He won't do it. He will probably have a high guard, where he won't see the southpaw's hook stinging his arse as he didn't see against Corley, Judah and Sanders, and I can go back into his amateur losses to three southpaws. And if it were not for signing legal papers, I would go into his sparring getting-beatdown by southpaws. One session of a beatdown, you can see on Youtube when the Pittsburg Kid kicked the hebejeebeez outta Lil' Floyd.

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I have nothing but much luv and respect for Money May. He does things his way, keep all his fears and nowadays tears to himself and let his groupies, fanfaronades, posers and nuthuggers grandstand him as the razor-sharpest, fastest fighter of history. YUP! He is the most smartest, cunning and conning of ever. Never take a difficult chance, but make all the flute crew listen to the pied-piper music and march off those cliffs of believing an optical illusion dance.

It is odd that you mention the late Arturo Gatti, because Money May has created the greatest illusion of boxing history in fighting no chancers like him, and making fanfaronades believe there isa high risk of losing. Canelo is a bug getting ready to be squashed by a stampeding elephant. Holla!

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Radam G says:

Wow! One in sentence, they say Lil' Floyd is never out of shape, but in the other sentence, the Pittsburg Kid caught him outta shape. So did I. And a couple of other Pinoys and Italians. Whatever! Money May is clever. His arse getting rocked in the gym, no one sees that never [sic]. Holla!

The Shadow says:

I don't think anyone really thinks Floyd is going to lose. I doubt ANYONE thought Gatti posed much of a threat. Like Captain Hook says, "if Ivan Robinson gives [Gatti] problems, you know Floyd Mayweather is just going to be too much."

With you having witnessed things I obviously have not -- although Big Floyd did show me how to fight behind the shoulder at Johnny Tocco's gym (I know you know that one) -- so I have to respect your opinion.

For one, I've never seen the guy spar. You have more inside secrets than the next guy. And I don't pretend to be more knowledgeable about your world. While I think that him ducking people is a total myth born out of revisionist history and bias, there may be some truth to what you say.

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I will say this, though:

In spite of getting tagged, Floyd vs Corley was a total, complete and utter beat down. He knocked Chop-Chop up and down like a yo-yo. The fact that he gets tagged matters not.

You see, when Lil Floyd gets stunned, he shows his true colors. The guy gets EXCITED. He loves it. LOVES it! Like Brother Nazeem says, when he gets hit hard, he grows fangs and tail and turns into a dragon. If you think Erik Morales is dangerous when hurt, he ain't got S--- on Mayweather!

Just ask Shane Mosley.

His fight vs. Judah was a destruction also that was certain to end in a violent stoppage, had it not been for the nut-noggin combination that brought a "definitely" out of our favorite West Indian British Canuck pugilist specialist.

Sanders was indeed a close fight.

But I do think he takes chances -- within reason. If he really was a gambler and wanted to cement his place in history as superior to Sugar Ray Robinson (He's long surpassed Leonard), he should take on Andre Ward and Sergio Martinez at 160.

Those guys are TOO big and too good.

But he would effectively do what Ray failed to do against Maxim. And so the money maxim will go, Floyd Mayweather, the best ever.

I think you're right. This is the 2013 version of Martinez-Chavez.

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A-Force, I think they will fight. And it will end in TKO5. Although it would be AWESOME if Floyd

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had a chance of losing that bout.

Hey RG, I always wondered -- what the heck is A-Side Meth anyway? What is that stuff that the soldiers were using where bullets were bouncin' off they mother[s]uckin' a\$\$ and them Martha Fockers weren't even dyin'? Did he mean to say something else?

My Google search yielded something called "Agimat." No idea with that is. But if y'all live to a 135, there must be some nice herbs over there that can give you super human strength -- or at least super human resistance to death.

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Is it possible that Floyd may have to fight Manny? Here is what I mean by that:

Floyd after the Canelo fight will be two fights in to the Showtime deal. Are there four fights out there that could come about in the next 20+ months that would make money, would have fans watching, and make Showtime happy precluding Manny? I can see Floyd fighting Khan in either Dubai or the UK, the winner of Garcia v Matthyse, but after that I am drawing a legitimate blank when it comes to meeting that criteria with the exception of Pac-Man. He is not fighting GGG, Sergio, or going to 160 to fight Ward. Him fighting Bradley would do less numbers than the Ghost and no way he fights Marquez or Cotto again. There is no money in Trout or Alexander. Now this is subjective but I cannot see Floyd cutting the cord on that contract. Am I crazy, but could Mayweather end up needing Pac?

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It all is a matter of opinion. I think history is kinder to fallen heroes who show vulnerability and humanity that we can all relate to. Just like Ali. Tyson. Leonard, after getting his taxed. Foreman. Pacquiao. Robinson. List goes on.

(I personally think Floyd will beat any welterweight Leonard fought. Will he beat Hagler? Probably not. But those are different weight classes.)

Guys like Floyd who are so dominant to the point where it defies comprehension always get question marks. Manny was no different a few years ago.

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As far as Mosley in that fight, he wasn't out of gas. He was neutralized and mentally zapped. He was trying to follow instructions.....yet nothing worked. He tried different angles, moving his hands, stepping over, just like he was told -- yet Masterful Mayweather bit on no feints, saw all shots coming and countered Shane's go-to moves -- including the one that buzzed him.

If you in your heart of hearts don't believe you can win, it's very heart to dig deep and catch a second wind. Co-sign Radam?? Floyd's opponents don't believe they can win once they're in deep water. He plays mind games on you, makes your confidence betray, makes you realize that you've been lied to for over 20 years by your coaches.

THAT will f--- with you, make you gun shy, second-guessing everything you do.

Mosley was the guy he was supposedly ducking beforehand. After the fight, he was a cherry-picked opponent. Give Floyd credit for that.

WITH ALL THAT SAID, I'm starting to think there's more than meets the eye with Lil Floyd. Even so, I think the only fighter that legitimately gives Floyd a run for his money is Guillermo Rigondeaux in an amateur fight. I think Rigo can whoop a 125-pound Floyd on points.

Everyone else? No contest.

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I agree Cuban Willie Rigo can beat Money May in an amateurish bout. Holla!

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De La Hoya, that's a given

Hatton, perfect style for manny

Cotto, walking skeleton who had a green trainer, and still had doubt in his mind

David Diaz, straight forward slow, limited defense, just like the previous three at the time of the fights

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Money on all points. Except there's no reason even talking about shoulder rolls against a southpaw. Fighting behind the shoulder against southpaws can work, as Bute and especially Rigo demonstrate (albeit as southpaws against orthodox), but Floyd won't do that. So no need to discuss that hypothetically. It's like talking about how a matador would fight a bull without his little cloth.

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This whole discussion is getting tedious. Mosley was 3 P4P when he fought Floyd. Oscar was defending his championship, was virile as hell and had the best preparation in YEARS, at least from a sparring standpoint. He had Shane MF'in Mosley in his camp!

When they fought Manny on the other hand, the asterisks were aplenty. But that's irrelevant.

The fact that we're having this conversation and have to bring up middleweights to conceive the hypothetical circumstance of POSSIBLY defeating a natural lightweight -- yes, lightweight, 135 pounds -- that alone shows how great this dude is.

He should fight Donaire before fighting GGG. At least that guy walks around the same weight range as Floyd does.

I'd rather hear stories about how RG got the clout, balls and support to take on sanctioning body crooks?????

brownsugar says:

Ever since Mayweather moved up from 130 he went from awesome to proficient... not indestructible and neither a destroyer of men.. Also let's leave GGG out of the conversation because he would beat Floyd and Paq at the same time.

While its said that Paq knows angles, Floyd knows Geometry, he factors in the sum total of possibilities and formulates the most strategic solution before executing his offence...which is why Floyd's fights look like a 50 page dissertation on the use of spacial geometry as form of self defense. And regardless of the his current tone towards Manny, if Floyd is successful against Canelo...there will be few PPV fights left for The Money Team and Showtime. I believe Floyd will square of against Manny and close the book on the subject once and for all.

Appreciate reading the laser sharp comments from all of the TSS. I'm sure the debates not over.

Gotta get back to work and pay those bills.

Radam G says:

Bottomline Money May is a religion that his faithful fanfaronades, fanboys, floozies and flunkies will spread. But with somebody who will fudge Money May up, he will never get in bed. Reminds you of Sugar Ray Robinson ducking the middleweight black murder row of his time. And Larry Holmes ducking the Ohio State heavyweight murder row of his time. Wow! It is a reason why his

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was never undisputed champion in the days of two belts and then three for his benefit. And when has Money May been undisputed?

He is never fighting Da Manny, so pundits can forever perpetrate a fraud. Everybody can beat somebody except during the reign of two Italians Bluecoat Rocky and a Redcoat Italian Dragon. And a Mexican Finito. And a German retired undefeated cat. Money May will be a retired undefeated African American because he is smart not to try that Bluecoat superiority syet on a Pinoy warrior. Da Manny would kayo his arse. And Money May knows what time it will be. So he is going to stay away you see. Talking ain't bout it BOUT it! Holla!

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I knew this debate wasn't over at least until the irrepressible Radam G has had his say. I remember being at a fight party watching money May and somebody pulled out a gun. Now we were working men not thugs...but everybody literally ignored the gum weilder...nobody as much as moved a muscle...glued to the screen (the gun weilder was probably looking for attention)and the facilitator of the party convinced him to put his grievance on hold until after the post fight interview....I mean nothing stops a Mayweather fight not even guns and a potential gunshot wound... that is the power of Mayweather's stardom...but its only good for as long as Mayweather stays undefeated....nobody knows this as much as Mayweather... That's why he puts so much work into maintaining his throne. Its his identity. The lust for attention and validation are stronger motivators than merely having the heart of a warrior. This is why May would never lose to Paq ...but I respect your point of view.

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amayseng says:

Bsug that is why may will never fight PAC. He won't risk it.
Floyd's best moments were Corrales , Castillo and jmm.
Dlh and Mosley I give little credit to both Floyd and PAC.

One thing stands out.
PAC is willing to fight and Floyd is not.

And no, Floyd's hands are not faster or quicker than pacs.
Pacs get to the target quicker that's a fact.

Now a 135 Floyd will be closer to pacs speed. But not a WW.

Radam G says:

Lil Floyd is smart. He lets the fan talk. But he will never walk that plank. Holla!

stormcentre says:

Pacman has too many fundamental flaws (mentioned by the other posters) too beat Mayweather. Plus he hasn't fought anyone that can develop a sensational offence from a watertight defense; like Mayweather can.

Pacquiao is a little like Roy Jones. In that he doesn't always fight in a fundamentally sound way; but relies on superior reflexes and athleticism. This, the fact most of his opponents cant match his speed, and his barnstorming attack/work rate usually offsets his defensive lapses and singular dimensionality.

With Mayweather Pacquiao wouldn't always be able land all the punches he normally does because Mayweather would block/counter and feed off them.

Then, once Mayweather started countering with intent Manny would be in serious trouble. Mayweather has serious power, it's just that people don't always realize it because he is so fluid like, and because he doesn't always go for the kill.

People had the same perception of Ali. He wasn't always considered to be hard man like Frazier (because he was slick); but ask those (including Frazier) how mean Ali was.

Same with Floyd.

He would walk Pacquiao into some beautiful but sensational shots. Not in the least as Manny has almost no defense at all, plus he leaves himself open with almost every combination and forward foray he wildly executes.

And, with Floyd you must have some kind of defense other than offence; if you're going to get

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Deal! Bring one to Sin City!

brownbomber says:

I would have to go with mayweather over pac especially now. I think the fight would be a mayweather win on points. Mayweather is definitely stronger at wrapping up and doesn't get enough credit from the mild fan for being able to do this.

Radam G says:

I can dig it! Every expert were always against flawed GOAT Ali beating everybodee and dey mamma. No need to even speak of Money May dancing with Da Manny. Money May is no Sonny "Night Train" Liston or late, great "Smokin" [Poppa] Joe Frazier or late, very good Henry Cooper and the list goes on and on.

Money May has the cojones of his groupies. All talk and no walk. Bark like bytches because dey guy will never chance being in stitches. Hehehe! Much luv for Money May because he is the greatest boxing illusionist of all times. Holla!

dino da vinci says:

Great post.

Will be back, gotta get to mortcola post elsewhere, then here.

@Radam. We've covered this before, if Mayweather and Spadafora had more than one sparring session, maybe. I understand they only sparred once. I seen it on youtube.com and in no way did Spadafora get the best of Mayweather.

Not the sparring session I viewed.

Radam G says:

"The best of" is like love -- in the eyes of the beholder. Even Pops Joy May said that on that occasion the Pittsburg Kid "got the best of [his son]."

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It is all right to take an arse spanking. It happens to us all. Nurses, nuns, my moms, grandmoms, great-grandmoms, 2Xgreat-grandmoms, aunties of every degree, cousin females of every degrees, big sisters, big sisters-in-law and wifey all have whup my arse when I was drinking that is why I gave it up and I am now thinking. Females just have my number. They me slumber and a tumbler. Hehehe!

Money May is very BEATABLE, he knows it, and by WHOM! And unless the red-headed hype develops a southpaw-fighting game, his arse is lame, and Money May is going to release on it some serious flame. There are even more videos and fights of Money May getting whup up on by southpaws. In time, you will see those too. And, of course, will say, "No way did any G get the best of Mayweather."

The brain is a liar. And will make your eyes blinded to actuality and reality. It is called "bleeped-up brain." Holla at it on U.S. television channel "H2." Holla!

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I went and looked and you are correct sir, he can bow out of the contract. According to Stephen Espinoza boxing guru at Showtime, the contract they signed with Floyd is for him to fight "as many as" six times but does not have a mandate on the number of fights. Oh well, there is no way the fight happens now.

Radam G says:

And BTW, Pops Joy May has said umpteen times that "Pacquiao is faster than" his son. "But it is not speed that count, but timing," PJM said. "You can beat speed with timing. Pacquiao does all that fast syet, but you can time him. You can time and beat anybody that is faster than you."

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PJM was DITTO!

Bytch-@ss one-shot, PEDs-and-roids-using Hulkquez proved that. The PEDs-and-roids-up, one-punch killa couldn't handle the Pac-speed with nothing but a perfect-lotto-timed one shot. LIGHTS OUT!

You cyberspace haters oughta quit! Lies will get you NOWHERE in this day and TIME of reliable, quick-found information. And don't ask me to find it for you. Quit being a lying-arse, and then begging for those in da know to spoon-feed you the information.

And LISTEN to Teddy Atlas again tonight, and quit lying on him. HE is CLEARLY ON RECORD as SAYING that "Pacquiao is faster than Mayweather." And Teddy is not a nutcase or need to lie. He got it all and can have it all and eat it all -- the cake and the pie. Holla!

Carmine Cas says:

I've heard that Mayweather has the ability to bow out after any fight on the contract. Mayweather and uncle bobby are afraid of fighting each other, simple as that. They both are the reasons the fight didn't happen. And if the fight were to happen Floyd weather the storm in the beginning rounds, adapt and dominate. Floyd is all about his "0" all of his marketability relies on it, if he loses it he's facked. He's all about risk management, he feels that Manny has a good chance of eliminating that 0. But he also does not want to give uncle bobby \$\$\$\$ and vice versa.

Mayweather has beaten southpaws before, and if he were to fight Manny he'd do it again. Idc if Manny's faster Radam, if you're implying that his greater speed will carry him to victory against Mayweather you just contradicted yourself cuz Mayweather has plenty of timing. Teddy Atlas is a genie, he tells it like it is and we was on the record saying Pacquiao didn't beat anyone great at WW. And when Sergio challenged him at 150, Freddy Roach said come down to 147. But many fought war torn punching bag Margacheato at that weight. He wouldn't fight Yuri Foreman at 154 or 150 cuz he was "too tall", last time I checked he was the same height as tony. Lol, money merriweather and uncle bob (manny's boss) are both optical illusionists, except Floyd has substance when you stick your out to touch him.

All in all Floyd only takes calculated risks he has a 95% of winning, with Manny it's a 20% chance of losing. Mayweather is a chicken but he's pretty darn good fighter

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[QUOTE=Radam G;35351]Everybody know that Money May has beaten southpaws. Didn't he do it in his last three bouts -- against naturally right-handed dumb-@ss Vicious Vic; against right-handed fighting, but natural lefty Cotto; and against humbug, fighting-southpaw Cali Ghost Guerrero. What is the point?

It has nothing to do with Da Manny. And Money May will never beat him, because Money May wants no parts of him. A spade is a spade. And it makes no sense to get a F grade. Let the myth of Money May beating Da Manny live forever. [B]Just as long as Jesus Christ coming back to earth riding his white phony with wings on a cloud. Say it loud! Be a dumb@ss and proud.[/B] Holla![/QUOTE]

LOL that part had me rollin'.....! So you don't think good ol' Yeshua Ben Yosef, sporting a brand new agimat, will come back anytime soon??

RG, what are your thoughts on organized religion anyway?

Radam G says:

A lot of good 20 percent of the time, and full of make-believe, pure fantasy and bullsyet 80 percent of the time. The jive is so full of metaphors and abstractions that it fudge up the average joes and janes too often. Holla!

The Shadow says:

I totally agree. A smart man, you are. You must be an elusive pugilist.

Hey, do you do interviews? I'll let you be RG and we can do it anonymously. Your lawsuit lifestyle is incredibly intriguing.

And Z-Man WILL kill again. But he will also meet his demise. Karma never fails. Just as undefeated as Father Time.

Carmine Cas says:

Say it loud and proud an ignorant ethnocentric bumbling fool you are! I repeat again, even Teddy Atlas has stated that Manny hasn't beat anyone great at 147. When will you open up your eyes (no pun intended), The point is that you're stating that Mayweather is getting his @ss whooped by south paws insinuating that he's afraid. "Money May is very BEATABLE, he knows it, and by WHOM! And unless the red-headed hype develops a southpaw-fighting game, his arse is lame, and Money May is going to release on it some serious flame. There are even more

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videos and fights of Money May getting whup up on by southpaws. In time, you will see those too. And, of course, will say, "No way did any G get the best of Mayweather." Bob Arum, Manny's boss didn't want the fight just as bad

How quickly you forget the point you made which got checked. The Bob father has created this optical illusion of Manny being the best at 147. Yet as Teddy Atlas pointed he hasn't beaten anyone great Sharmba Mitchell, Chop Chop, Judah, Merriweather adapted and beat them. Pacuqiao doesn't know how to adapt, he just attacks and gets befuddled when his opponent is too slick. The straight left jab gives floyd more issues than southpaws as witnessed vs Oscar and Cotto. You're a very knowledgeable individual when it comes to boxing, but with "Da Manny" face it, your pride blinds you, your too basic. I counter all your assertions with facts, and you runaway, not knowing how to react. Go juck and jive, the truth will set you alive