

Canelo Media Day in Big Bear Lake

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BIG BEAR LAKE-A media invasion took place in the San Bernardino Mountains as more than 100 journalists drove up the mountain via trucks, vans, cars and a broken down bus that had several shaking their heads on Tuesday.

Canelo (seen above, in Showtime-Esther Lin photo) media day was happening at Sugar Shane Mosley's cabin where WBC junior middleweight titlist Saul Alvarez (42-0-1, 30 Kos) is preparing

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for his showdown with WBC welterweight titlist Floyd "Money" Mayweather (44-0, 26 Kos) on Sept.14, at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

A bus carrying dozens of writers and photographers from Los Angeles had stalled several times on its way up 330 Highway. Luckily I live rather close to Big Bear and drove up in my own car. I made it in 60 minutes.

Alvarez has been training for more than a month and looked sharp as ever. Many of Golden Boy Promotions heavy hitters were present, such as Oscar De La Hoya, Eric Gomez, Marylyn Aceves and Bill Caplan.

De La Hoya, Mosley and Jack Mosley were interviewed for their take on the pending conflict between Alvarez and Mayweather. Only Sugar Shane Mosley had fought both Alvarez and Mayweather and was willingly giving out his expertise.

"Canelo has good hand-speed and good defense," said Mosley, who is preparing to fight Australia's Anthony Mundine next month. "Both have equal power."

De La Hoya came closest to defeating Mayweather when he lost by split decision back in 2007. He proved that there is a way to crack the Mayweather conundrum. But can Canelo do it for 12 rounds?

Canelo has said that no one has beaten Mayweather so there is no easy answer. But he does consider advice necessary.

"Of course I seek their opinion," said Alvarez regarding De La Hoya, Mosley and others.

Eddy Reynoso, one of Canelo's trainers, said that you cannot compare Alvarez to Mayweather's previous opponent Robert Guerrero.

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"They are two completely different fighters," said Reynoso.

Just a little more than two weeks remains before the undefeated prizefighters meet inside the boxing ring.

"I will beat Mayweather," said Alvarez.

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amayseng says:

you practice like you play..

of course a media training session isnt full force, but,

canelo hits a heavy bag like he fights, stationary and static in his feet..

he doesnt move with his punches..

no foot agility and movement equals an easy fight for floyd

Carmine Cas says:

Easy work for merriweather, Canelo's only chance is to keep up his jab the whole night and touch the body, but he gets tired by the 7th. But hey you never know

Radam G says:

Who is "Merriweather?" Hopefully you meant Mayweather. Holla!

Carmine Cas says:

Yes Mayweather lol, you should know that's one of Freddy Roach's nicknames for him. It's not bad actually either hahaha

SouthPaul says:

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Radam G says:

Canelo chances are none and zero. As is his speed. Holla

SouthPaul says:

I had predicted to myself you'd chime in with another comment like that so let's try it this way, Radam: if you were were coming into the fight against MAYweather and you had the exact same style and tools as Canelo...what would your game plan consist of?

SouthPaul says:

To be clear: I don't Canelo has amazingly lightening quick hands. All I was implying is, he ain't slow as molasses.

Amayseng

Great would be helpful but so would awkward, abrupt, unexpected footwork. I think we all agree Canelo showed us something a bit different in the Trout fight. Now, I ain't suggesting he fight MAYweather with the same plan but I am suggesting he try to do something unexpected. We didn't expect him to really fight that sort of style but did and so it gives a little hope he may pull something once again out of his unexpected bag of tricks.

SouthPaul says:

The hunger to win--- that too will be key. I'm doubtful. Canelo is already a very well paid finger and already a star so I am concerned he may not give that extra hungry man effort.

Radam G says:

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If I were the red-headed hype, my game plan would be to get injured in camp and get outta this bout. Or to scare da jive outta Money May by crying before the bell ring. I mean that Canelo really needs to do some Oliver MaCall-Lennox Lewis fight-2 jive on Money May. Otherwise Canelo will be comedy central against Money May. He could not hit Money May 17-foot pole. So just go bytch and starting crying. Maybe Money May has a heart and will carry him a couple of rounds. Hehehe! Holla!

Carmine Cas says:

If I were Canelo I would utilize that feinting and head movement that I did against Trout. Use misdirection and angles, and pump that JAB. JAB JAB JAB JAB. Jab to the head and rip his body, make Mayweather come to you like Cotto did in rd 6 of their fight. When you have him on the ropes move around him do not stay in front of him, and fight dirty on the inside; bang up those 36 year old hips. You have to keep floyd guessing, change up the attack throughout the fight

vjoe says:

Carmine, I think your dead-on with your take.....jab jab jab jab jab and get nasty whenever he gets PBF on the ropes. Remember that an over-the-hill DLH was actually somewhat competitive against a much younger PBF as long as he kept pushing the jab. I also believe a comment of Boom Boom Mancini is very accurate....Canelo has to start fast. If he gives away the first three rounds, he's gotta win 7 of the next 9 and that's no going to happen. Looking forward to the fight....

amayseng says:

jab jab jab and when floyd rolls and ducks right you need to lateral step to your own right and just rip good

solid scoring shots to the body...

forget the head,

if canelo doesnt win 3/5 rounds he will be no hope

Radam G says:

Getting nasty and rough on Money May will just make a diamond Money May. And he will BLING-BLING dat red-headed hype's arse quicker. I will say in two or three rounds. Hehehe! Holla!

Carmine Cas says:

Exactly, move to you right to avoid his right and pound the body. The left jab is the key

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Radam G says:

Canelo can throw the left jab, but Money May will tap him with the kangaroo hook and right-straight stab. Holla!

amayseng says:

thats why radam canelo needs to side step to the right and just bang that body with good controlled strong punches...

you cant go crazy and wear yourself out...

let floyd dip to his right, hit his sides and back,,,, its his fault for bending over and away from you...

i would NOT swing at his head one time in 12 rounds....

bang bang bang to the body move back, lateral, pivot out, move move move,,,,

control the pace

control the distance bang the body two to three shots, move stay away, control pace and distance and

repeat...

throw punches ONLY to score points and win, you wont land clean on floyd so win on activity...

bigstinkybug says:

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i agree completly, jlc did beat may in that first fight...

however jlc put on CONSTANT pressure, i mean constant...

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canelo doesnt have the stamina to put on pressure on half a round let alone what jlc did..

Radam G says:

The Money May who fought J.C. Castillo was a crowd fighter. The noise of the eager crowd got him outta his timing and BLING-BLING! No crowd nowadays cntrolls or annoys Money May. He is going to suck those boos up, take his time and feint the red-headed hype into every Money trap until eventually it will be a Money May kayo rap. C'mon, guys! Canelo is toasted. Holla!

The Shadow says:

All this talk about what Canelo needs to do won't make a damn difference. I can tell you HOW to beat Andre Ward. (I even told SOG himself and he force-laughed at me while refusing to address my observations.) But that doesn't mean anyone has the collection of skills it takes to do so.

All this stuff about what Canelo has to do. HMPF!! Puh-lease! Don't you guys think very smart millionaire trainers over the years have found out what to do? The difference is executing it. Which is the fighter's job.

And much like JMM, even more so, Floyd robs you of your confidence. I call him "The Undertaker" because he takes souls.

Other fitting nicknames would be "Truth Serum," or "The Moment of Truth" because facing him is the mirror to reality. Facing him is the moment of realization that you've been lied to since you were a teenager. Why do you think Ricky Hatton was clinically depressed? He was lied to by his trainers, his cronies, his enablers and his pub mates.

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Forget the talk. It's pointless. Just enjoy the show.

PS - The Oscar fight is complete hogwash, a clear display of revisionist history. He wasn't doing anything with the jab. He was getting outboxed every single round with the occasional flurry to confuse the judges and satisfy fans in the nosebleeds (where that jabroni Swizz Bankz will probably place me again, son of a gun).

"It just wasn't the night of the jab," De La Hoya said. Get the ---- out of here. It WAS the night of the jab. And the right hand. And the left hook. More importantly, it was the night of Truth. And so shall it be September 14. #ThreeCardMonte[/QUOTE]

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we just calculated proper angles to score against the shoulder roll while staying away from that sharp sneaky

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Half-Man, I wasn't referring to "you" per se -- I was referring to anyone who says they have a plan against him and the usual ideas people get. (If you read the whole thing, that fact might not have been lost.)

And yes, he can fight like this till he's 48. He might lose once or twice but if he wants to, he can still win championships over 40.

amayseng says:

i had to reply that thought while i could, while grilling, talking to my son and watching this college football
hahaha

floyd is for sure special,

hopkins, special defines him

48 and winning a championship, phenomenal

now can floyd do that too?

not at 147, but maybe higher, hard to predict...

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LOL all good, my man.

And yes, I think so. I think Floyd operates at a skill level and ring IQ of at least 5-10% higher than Hopkins, although Hopkins is a professor in the ring. Floyd has better defense, which Hopkins admits, and more weapons. Floyd also has arguably the best in-ring IQ of all time.

I think guys like Rigo and Ward can fight till they're 40 also.

Although a Roy Jones at 154 would whoop Mayweather. As would a 122-pound Rigondeaux vs. a 125-pound Floyd.

SouthPaul says:

I feel you, Amayseng, I too almost gave up on that spiel. Was reading more like promotional hype than a discussion. I stood the course, though, was reminded I need to rewatch DLH vs Mayweather. From what I recall Floyd won pretty handily, regardless of what the score cards read.

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Stop mocking me!!!

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i remember thinking floyd beat dlh 7-5 in rounds..

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dlh wasnt landing cleanly on floyd, but he did win some rounds with activity and generalship.

i think i watched it last year again some time with about the same score...

close, but i favored floyd 7-5 ish...

Radam G says:

I rode with Money May 9 to 3 at the actual bout, but I've walked to 8 to 4 for him when watching it on Youtube. Holla!

amayseng says:

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damnit now i have to watch it again...

i usually try to watch a fight or half of one on the treadmill...passes the time and i can study fighters

SouthPaul says:

I'm with it. I'll check it out. I think back then my scorecard was similar to Raging Radam's. Which leads me to say, Radam, you're my dawg,...my comrade.... But last few days you're talking like a man who's been snacking on paint lead chips. You can't be serious when you say it was a mistake that Canelo accepted this challenge. That's a lot cheddar to pass up, possibly once and a life time lottery type winnings. That's exactly my concern. He's already won to a large degree so how motivated will he be when Floyd starts lighting 'em up. Holla', mijo!

amayseng says:

i think canelo will fight hard till the end he seems like he has a lot of pride and determination.

i would be more worried of a fighter who wouldnt want this challenge at this point as in canelos career.

i think canelo is a warrior deep down he just hasnt had to dig deep yet to pull it out and show us.

look how floyd reacted after being wobbled and embarrassed by shane in the second, he turned into a dragon

and shalacked shane for ten rounds straight...

also look how floyd reacted to ortiz' headbutts, floyd has a mean streak and will get down if needed. he didnt need to against the ghost, easy sailing.

i think canelo will do the same, he will get tagged and look bad missing and whiffing and i think it will just make him dig deeper and fight harder. he wont win but he will finish strong and going

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for it...

Radam G says:

Canelo will start punch missing. And his arse, Money May will be punch kissing. In his trunks, Canelo will starting pi\$\$ing. In the corner, Uncle Roger will be laughing his arse off and Black Mamba snaking hissing. In the ringside audience, Radam G will be hiding in plain sight. GOAT Ali will be enjoying the fight. And then KaBANG! On the bottom rope, Canelo will HANG! Easy MONEY, Team May SANG [sic]. Holla!

SouthPaul says:

I'm positive you've been smoking sherm all week. I envision you running down Wilshire Blvd butt naked with only a pink fedora on your head. I'm also positive you're irked by the chance of Canelo getting to Floyd before Pacquaio. Holla'.

Amayseng

Excellent account of how Floyd handled those situations.

Radam G says:

Hehehehe! Wow! SP is gettin' on his comedy. Hahaha! Holla!

The Good Doctor says:

[QUOTE=Radam G;35643]I rode with Money May 9 to 3 at the actual bout, but I've walked to 8 to 4 for him when watching it on Youtube. Holla![/QUOTE]

I thought like you against DLH. At best Oscar won four rounds. I've watched that fight several times and I did not think it was that close. As for the Castillo fight, I had it a draw. However, I will not argue with those who thought Castillo won.

Radam G says:

True da! True da! The J.C. Castillo-Money May Bout One could have either way, TGD. Holla!

SouthPaul says:

I'm just clownin', Radam. When I see you in Vegas imma' come holler. Im positive I know what you look like!

Radam G says:

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I'm hiding in plain sight, you won't be sure about me day or night. I will make you doubt and yield. I'm gonna be stealing the magic of Sin City's own David Copperfield. It's gon' be: "Now you see me. Now you don't! You think you will, but I know you won't." Hehehe! Holla!

Carmine Cas says:

Use that jab Canelo, that's the key

amayseng says:

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and repeat[/QUOTE]

Agreed, and let Floyd come to you. Don't pressure him the whole fight, switch up the attack

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amayseng says:

[QUOTE=Carmine Cas;35802]But in the end Canelo's poor balance and stationery style will be his downfall[/QUOTE]

yep agreed.

it will be his lack of ability to move while punching.