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Timothy Bradley has accused Manny Pacquiao, who hasn't registered a stoppage win since 2009, against Miguel Cotto, of having lost his killer instinct.

That has struck a chord in fans and analysts, who note that Pacquiao didn't seek to put a finishing touch on his last foe, Brandon Rios, even though he had the matter well in hand and could have at least ramped up the pressure in order to get a conclusive finish. He got stopped in the bout before that, and against Bradley, he boxed smartly but without a hint of savagery, and that helped give two judges the ammo needed to hand Bradley a SD win in June 2012. Manny couldn't stop Marquez in their third fight, or a faded Shane Mosley in 2011, or a faded Antonio Margarito before that. Joshua Clottey was able to hear the bell to end the 12th when they tangled in Texas in 2010. Yep, Pacman last dropped the hardcore hammer against Cotto, in November 2011 in Vegas, in round 12.

He looked super aggressive in his leadup scrap, when he blitzed Ricky Hatton (KO2) in May 2009. But that style of fighting seems way in the rear view for Manny to many of us.

Now, fight fans are wondering if Bradley has awakened a beastly instinct in Manny, helped usher a closer mindset out of the Congressman that has been, for whatever reason(s), mothballed.

Manny himself thanked Bradley for making that commentary, and trainer Freddie Roach told me Bradley did him a favor, by lighting some fire of fury under Manny. But promoter Bob Arum

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offered up some contrary wisdom when I talked about the "killer instinct" issue with him during a Thursday press conference in NYC.

Can Manny get the killer instinct back, Bob, or has age, or too much worship of a benevolent God, removed that element from Manny's game forevermore, I wondered.

"All this talk about killer instinct is nonsense," the promoter told me. "What is Manny's best fight plan? His best fight plan is to use his speed, get in, land his punches, and disappear before the guy can answer back."

Hmm, provocative. One might expect the promoter, who knows what fans crave, to play up the "mean Manny is coming back" angle, yet Arum chose to not indulge. No, he noted that the Pacquiao who darted and lanced, as he did against Brandon Rios, and, Arum recalled, Oscar De La Hoya in 2008, was skilled and hard to beat.

"I think Manny realizes that's his best style," Arum continued. "The worst thing that ever happened to Manny was not getting knocked out by Juan Manuel Marquez, but it was knocking out Ricky Hatton. Because then he imagined himself to be this super knockout guy."

Thoughts, boxing fans? Arum makes a good point, and not coincidentally, talks up a fight style that could leave his top boxer with a better chance to elongate his career, and thus, prolong his status as a bottom line booster of Top Rank's profit margin. Could Manny re-find his "killer instinct?" If yes, should he employ it, or should he try to be the slicker boxer than Bradley? You'll recall Bradley had more dark moments against Ruslan Provodnikov, when he was "Rumbling Tim" than he did against Marquez, when he was "Ring General Tim."

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**leon30001 says:**

My thought is this: if Pac knocks Bradley out, the calls for Mayweather to fight him in September will be DEAFENING.

**Radam G says:**

The Cali Cranium Crusher/Big Foot is still "concuss[ed.]" Da Manny has never lost his "killer instinct." It is not a puppy. I once lost my puppy "Buster Brown." And I found him was with a clown. That was bad news for the clown. Rad moms took the clown down. Hehehe!

The "Born Again Christian" clowns and parasites, which were biting off Da Manny and had punkified [s;ç] him with a phony version of God Being WEAK, are LONG GONE. Pac-Mommy cleaned house.

Da Manny is back with The Passionate God, Who Had/Has the ultimate Killer Instinct.

The Killer Instinct to let all our human arse DIE because Adam and Eve was horny and ate a fruit that made them aware of doing the wide thang [sic].

The Killer Instinct to drown His own creation, all but 10 humans, and two each of the rest of God's Earthly Animal Creation.

The Killer Instinct to put plagues on Pharoah, kill Pharoah's son and drown Pharoah and Pharoah' soldiers for going after the Hebrews who Pharoah let go. But he put the chase on their arses after he realized that the Hebrews stole all his syet before leaving.

The killer Instinct to turn a women into salt for looking back at her disobeyance city.

The Killer Instinct to let blind-arse Samson pull down a temple and kill everybodee and dey momma because Delilah gave him her wild thang, got him drunk and Romans cut off his bush.

The Killer Instinct to let Romans kill His Own crying-@ss Holy Son Jesus. "Oooooops, Hooooo, Woooooo, Father, Have Thou Forsaken Me? I'm too Young too Die." [Dude Jesus Was 33-Years Old Getting Jived by Romans. Da Manny was 33-years old and got jived by Sin City crooked judges.]

Oh, YUP! If you believe in God, and walk in His path, you better have the killer instinct, because God Has Never Backdown From Whuppin' an arse, Killing an arse, Or Letting an arse get killed -- Not Even His Own Son.

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God Has One Heckuva Killing Instinct, Letting be killed, Letting be whapped, and Killing every dang thing himself, etc., etc.

Some say that God Sent His Seed Jesus in the world to be Killed.

WTF! I say God Put Da Manny in the world with a Godly Killer Instinct to knock muthapuckas da double fudge out.

Bradley will find Da Man y's killer instinct in da darn squared jungle in Sin City on the night in question.

And no dang crooked-arse judges are going to robbed Da Manny or the Cali Cranium Crusher/Big Foot.

The resurrected PacMan be willing shutting up all the "Doubting" Thomases, and KILLER INSTINCTLY beating the snot outta delusional Bradley. Holla!

### **SouthPawFlo says:**

KO Bradley, and bring him back to reality, then he can easily command \$50 Million for the Mayweather Fight in September....

### **The Shadow says:**

Someone needs to go see Al...

### **Radam G says:**

OMFG! YUP! Indeed Bradley is still concussed. With his stupid@ss logic about Da Manny "no longer having the killer instinct," that appears obvious.

The great self-described "Alien" Bernard Taylor hasn't had a kayo since 2004. Bradley, his big-headed d@mn self, has had only one kayo since 2007. And that was against 50-year-old Jamaican-Cuban Joel Casamayor Johnson.

Delusional Bradley and his trainer Joel Diaz should come up a better line than Da Manny no longer has "the killer instinct." Maybe Bradley has a "concuss[ed] instinct." Holla!

### **The Shadow says:**

RG, is Casamayor really Jamaican?? I did not know that. How does/did that work?

### **Radam G says:**

Casamayor's family went to Cuba just as Tefelio Stevenson's family did. A whole lot of Jamaicans left and went to Cuba to escape British Redcoat imperialism, racism and joblessness

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after World War II when Jamaica was still a Colony of Great Britain.

Also for your advice, a lot of black U.S. Americans also left the U.S. mainland in the 1960s, and some of their kids are now on Cuban national boxing, baseball, basketball and track teams.

The world is full of optical illusions. And like boxing: Is "the theatre of the unexpected." Holla!

### **Radam G says:**

You might be able to find some film-a-mentary on YouTube or Daily Motion about Casamayor's origin. I know there is stuff on YouTube about Tefelio Stevenson's family's journey to Cuba.

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### **amayseng says:**

No one knocks out Mosley, not without a baseball bat. And Margacheato was 20 lbs bigger than Pac and has a granite chin(despite Shane almost knocking his head off)

Pac fought a great fight against Rios, who also is made of concrete.

Pac can box and use his speed and buzzing punching and get another decision win if he wants. As we age we slow down a bit. Pac still has phenomenal speed and power, but he has slowed down a bit and that is ok, that is life.

See the Diaz fight where Pac truly sat down on his punches and stayed in the pocket

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excessively to sit down through combinations. He is a bit older now and to do that would be a bit risky.

Although he got caught with a one punch killer JMM who looked like he was built by the soviet union from the 1960's, Tim does not possess that power.

My advice to Pac, box and move a few rounds, then sit down in that pocket and land some hard combinations. When Tim is buzzed hit that body then finish up top with hooks, turn that chin and put him to sleep.

### **BFF says:**

@ RG. you not only know a lot about the sweet science, but you always seem to know a lot about the boxers themselves. i always learn interesting facts from you, thanks!

### **BFF says:**

@ amayseng

i have been saying the same thing about pacmans past opponents on why he didnt knock them out, and i dont understand why some people just dont get that... And I like the game plan you threw out there for manny. Im pretty sure thats exactly what were going to see in this fight.

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Appreciate it.

I think Tim has it in his head he can not be knocked out, seeing as all he took in the first Pac fight and then the Provo fight. This will be his undoing as he tries to stay and trade and I agree with RG, I think Tim gets put down and stopped this fight.

### **DaveB says:**

As you move up it is harder to knock guys out. Mayweather's fights go the distance too. They both knocked out Hatton and then knockouts are few and far between. Even knock downs don't occur that often. Can fighter X take his power with him is always a questioned that is asked. At a certain point there are diminishing returns.

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Juice, baby. #juice

### Radam G says:

Actually moving up and losing punching power is more myth and talking-head jive than reality.

Long-ago yesteryears fighter moved up and kept their knockout ratio. Styles make fights. It depends on who you move up and fight.

Optical illusions are everywhere. But once you know, you won't be with those pundits who are always looking, but never seeing. Holla!

### Radam G says:

You are welcome, BFF! Thanks for da luv. Holla!

### brownsugar says:

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absolutely Dave B...spot on,... Mayweather who was a terror at 130 rarely see's a KO these days, the same will prove true for Donaire, Mares, Bhop, Jones, Tarver, Spinks, Arce,.. the list is infinite and there is not enough space to list the examples. That's why there are weight classes in every one on one sport known to man... from wrestling, Judo, Kickboxing, arm wrestling, to boxing... on a larger scale, when considering other contact sports like Football, and a Semi contact sport like basketball, you rarely see a little guy excel. size is and always will be "everything" when it comes to combat sports..why else would we need weightclasses.

Sure Paq can hit... but Bradley is a natural Junior Middleweight. I have this fight 50/50. Bradley's youth, age and size being the variable that levels the playing field.

Personally I don't care who wins, just hope it's more entertaining that the last one... I want to see some epic stuff happening in there.

### Radam G says:

A knockout punch is something that a person is born with.

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I can also name tons of pugilists who moved up and didn't lose kayo power. Tommy "Hitman" Hearns, Floyd Patterson, Jimmy Ellis, Archie Moore, Alexis Arguello, "Homicide" Hank Armstrong, Bob FitzSimmon, Tracy Harris Patterson, Bobby Czyz, Evander Holyfield, Uncle Roger Mayweather, Wilfredo Gomez, Felix Trinidad, Mickey Walker, Sandy Saddler and Simon Brown, just to name a few.

As a BOXER, I keep it REAL and never buy into myths and quick-talk make believe and jive on da fly.

Maybe a fighter cannot take a shot at too much of a higher division. But the heck if he loses his punching kayo power against bigger bodies.

Once cannot defeat Mother Nature with optical illusions. You just blind the weak minds and know nothings who go along to get along. A bee stint doesn't weaken because of size. And a snake bit doesn't lose power because of size. A certain type of bee and a snake won't and don't lose jack moving up in size or striking a bigger size. Natural kayo boxers don't lose power of punch in moving up in weight.

As a 112lbs amateur, Tommy Hearns could knock your head off. Going all the way up to 190lbs a\$ a pro, he could and did the same.

As a 95lbs amateur, Da Manny could knock your head off. And as a 144lbs pro, he can knock your off. He damaged Tony Margarito and could've stop him, but he put on the brakes. He is BACK! And will kayo Bradley. No weak god jive this time. The extremely violent God has come back to Da Manny. Holla!

### **Radam G says:**

Oops! I musta' fo'got! Even from a 119lbs amateur to a 160lbs pro, Sugar Ray Roberson lost no power. Neither did Sugar Ray Leonard's from a 125lbs amateur to a 168lbs pro.

Sorry, guys! But I'm a mythbuster. Holla!

### **the Roast says:**

The first fight was one sided, Pac won 10 rounds. The judges got it very wrong that night. No reason to think the rematch will be any different. Manny by UD.

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RG those comment have absolutely nothing to do with my comments... NOBODY is talking about fighters who naturally grow into a bigger weight class ... I'm talking about a naturally smaller guy fighting a naturally bigger guy.

I can't claim to know the outcome but I expect a much closer fight this time around.. In most cases size wins the prize..

### **Radam G says:**

I'm talking about the same thing. What is your meaning of "naturally." Those fighters that I named was finished growing at 25 to 28-years old. Once again, in the history of boxing "a naturally smaller guy" beat "a naturally big guy" 70 percent of the time. And kayoed one 60 percent of the time.

[In all of nature, it is the small that kills the large. More mosquitoes kills humans than elephants do. And more jellyfish kill swimming humans than giant sharks do.]

You cannot get away from that. It is recorded clear history. "Bigger guy[\$]" dominance is a BIG myth. "It's skills that pay the bills," so correctly said by Uncle Roger May.

Posting something a lot of times, and making people accept it, work with weak minds, know nothings and lazies. Otherwise, you can find the reality of the actuality 100 percent of the time. No-spin doctrine necessary. Just the face at every single level. Holla!

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### **brownsugar says:**

That makes absolutely no sense, as usual your twisting the issue again. funny

### **Radam G says:**

No sense to you, but others get it. Even if they don't accept it because they are not in the gyms and training centers and elite-combat teaching locales.

Size matters for the brainwashed. Not for the users of the brain. They make hyped-up big arses fall like rain. Holla!

### **DaveB says:**

I respect your POV as a boxer but I can find boxers who will agree and disagree with what you are saying. Thomas Hearns is an example of an exception. As Marvelous Marvin Hagler said Tommy is a freak in that division (the WW). Hearns probably could have started out as a 165 pounder but he had the ability to get down to 147 without draining himself. A lot of the others mentioned were so-so punchers as they moved up unless they were fighting the Elmer Fudds from Farmtown, NJ. Without going into a who's who of boxers Michael Spinks was a terror at LH. I would have picked him to knock out, or at least having a chance to knock out, any one at 175. Upon moving to HW Larry Holmes said his weakness is his weakness. Same for Bob Foster, he was creamed by the HW's. Muhammad Ali said he is so bad that he has to fight HW's. And like Hagler said about Spinks why should I fight a HW who can make LH. Holyfield wasn't a great puncher at HW. He was good there but better at CW.

The second thing is the question of whether Manny will be a terror in this fight. We will have to see but I don't see it happening. If it does I will give him props. I have no problem with that. I have no axe to grind with Manny or Brady for that matter. I remember people saying how Manny was going to destroy Marquez in fight 3 because they were going in different directions in their careers. I stated that I thought what ever way it turned out it would be a close fight. The common consensus is that Manny was an animal now. I'm not buying into it unless he can prove it. I think we will see a good fight. Or at least it should settle it.

### **Radam G says:**

Ditto DaveB! They agree and disagree and stand their ground, but it never changes the actuality of the reality.

My POV is backed up by solid reality. Absolutely no selected jive. Punchers are born. And moving up in weight does not change that.

Tudes and brainwashing do. A flyweight who can hits with 1500lbs of pressure does the same hitting at welterweight or heavyweight. A heavyweight who hits with 1500lbs of pressure is hitting no harder with pressure than the flyweight because of weight.

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In the game we have the technology to measure everything and bounce away from the myths. People also called GOAT Ali a freak for allegedly punching with the speed of a welterweight while being a heavyweight.

C'mon, man! It is just talking-head jive about speed and power. You are born with both. A young 300lbs Buster Mathis also was a heavyweight who had super speed at the weight up above that I mentioned. But when trainers started making him come in at under 250lbs, he lost that speed.

The game is full of optical illusions. Going down in weight you lose noticeable speed and power. Going up you may, but it hasn't been measured by those in da know.

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### **The Shadow says:**

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So was Ali's compared to Ray Robinson. Another fat heavyweight with crazy hand speed is Odlanier Solis and of course Tony Tubbs.

### **Radam G says:**

No doubt, The Shadow. GOAT Ali's speed was measured to be faster than SRR.

Julian Jackson's right cross has been measured to be more powerful than Rocky Marciano's.

Julio Cesar Chavez Sr's left hook has been measured to be as powerful as Joe Frazier's.

Finito Lopez's left jab had the same bang and hurt as George Foreman's and the late, great Sonny "Night Train" Liston's.

Size doesn't mean syet in blasting power and/or speed. Power and speed are apparently dominantly innate.

Examples are that 135lbs martial arts great Bruce Lee could generate 2000lbs of pressure by striking you with a one-inch punch, while the late, great "Brown bomber" Joe Louis could KYTFO with a six-inch hook of the same pressure.

Obviously it is no doubt that it is skills and technique not size. "Skills pay the bills."

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Talking \$h;+ makes one quit. And blinds and cancels his paycheck from innate ability.

Doubters should holla at sport science and learn. Maybe they will get some agility. Holla!

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

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Nicely put there Radam. I think what we often miss is that when guys move up or down in weight, their technique and style sometimes changes. I have been a proponent of the idea that you keep your power when moving weights within reason. It is more about how you use your power and the things you are doing around your power that often make the difference.

Money May is an example of this. There is still a myth that floats in many circles that he does not have power. Truth is, that Floyd has plenty of power he just decides not to use it. Earlier in his career, basically until Jr Welter, Floyd was knocking out close to two-thirds of his opponents. After fighting Sharmba Mitchell, Floyd became a welterweight and has only knocked out 2 opponents since then and one of those was the Ortiz debacle. This noticeable downtrend in KO's pushed the myth that Floyd didn't carry any power. However, if you pay attention, during Floyd's ascent into welterweight and beyond, he became alot more defensive, chose speed over power, and very rarely "sat down" to throw a punch.

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I have seen the same thing out of Pac and I mistakenly thought Broner didn't carry his power up. He did but his style changed some as he moved up.

### **Radam G says:**

@TGD, you put it better than I did. You tore it UP! And serve the pieces. Good forensic analysis. Now if the "Doubting Thomases" cannot understand you, they are just pigheaded to the max. And they should chillax. Holla!

### **Carmine Cas says:**

He had against Marquez because he got knocked out, we'll see but I think that would play right into Bradley's plan.