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No doubt about this one, as Manny Pacquiao, yes, still in possession of his aggression, showed Timothy Bradley that he's still master of the ring domain, still has stamina and energy and fire and reflexes..and way too much for Bradley, who had some moments, but generally looked not like the man who dazzled Juan Manuel Marquez last year.

We held our breathe until we heard 116-112, 116-112, 118-110, for Pacman. "The new WBO welterweight champion of the world," said Michael Buffer of the Congressman.

Manny went 198-563 to 141-627 for the Bradley, according to CompuBox.

Congressman Pacquiao (55-5-2; age 35; from Philippines) was 145 at the weigh in, 151 on fightnight, while Bradley (31-0; age 30; living in Cali) was 145.5 and 152 tonight. Manny came to the ring first, of course looking serene. He grinned, waved to fans, looked fully in his element. Bradley, in camo robe, walked to the ring looking less serene than Pacman. He looked down, not inclined to take in the aura.

I had Manny winning, 8-4.

In the first, Bradley's right landed a few times and his movement confounded Manny. He was master of distance.

In the second, the action accelerated, like it was the fifth. They rumbled in the middle of the

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round and Manny's left found a home a couple times. Bradley got buckled a tiny bit.

In the third, Bradley followed Manny, tried to make the older man work too hard. Pacman's accuracy and movement were on message, though. Bradley loaded up on shots and wanted to aim to the body to sap the Congressman.

In the fourth, Bradley's power spoke. A right hurt Manny a bit, and the Cali boxer was in a groove in this round. Joel Diaz told Bradley he buckled him twice. "Catch him on the way in," he told Bradley. Replay showed Manny was knocked off both feet with the right.

In the fifth, Bradley looked to lure Pacman coming in, but his ring generalship, and his two hard rights took the round. In the sixth, Manny was busier. Volume gave him the round.

In the sixth, Manny teed off on Bradley, who was waving him on, getting macho, and stupid. A flurry on the ropes at the 40 second mark had the crowd buzzing

.In the seventh, Manny had Bradley backing up. Was Bradley trying to lure Manny into making a mistake? I didn't like these tactics.

In the eighth, Manny had his most controlling round. Bradley's balance was off, and he stumbled twice. In the ninth, Bradley looked clumsy, and Pacman's combos were spot on. Tim was fighting like he had too many tequilas. "The fight is real close right now," Diaz told Bradley.

In the tenth, Manny kept pressing, Bradley looked to land wild bombs. For much of the round, Bradley was busier. Freddie Roach told Manny not to follow Bradley, after the round. In the 12th, the Manny left was sharp. Yep, the aggression was still there, wasn't it? Manny's defense, underrated, help up. A butt cut Manny, with 12 seconds left. We went to the cards..

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DaveB says:

Between Bradley hurting his calf and Pacquiao's mother putting a hex on him he lost. Just kidding. All praises to Pacquiao for a well deserved victory. The fight was really good for the first half. Bradley is a head case. What was going on with all of the hands by the side and the head unprotected? That was plain stupid. That made me not care if his butt got knocked out at that point. You know there will be Pac Brad 3 from Papa Bob.

SouthPawFlo says:

Bradley fought a good fight for the first couple of rounds then reality kicked in, he's not better than Pac Man, and he knows it...

The plan of trying to counter Pac was a good plan, but he should've thrown more str8 shots instead of them Looping wide shots...

In My opinion there shouldn't be a 3rd fight because Pac really won both fights.....

Bradley has no power yet he was trying to go for the knockout....

He's the Top Rank version of Paulie Malinaggie (Sp*)

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Nobody is the same guy that he was a few years ago. That is not the way life goes. Every day we are going down. Nonetheless, styles make fights. And you don't lose punching power. But you do lose pop. [My 114-year-old Tio Mamoy will knock you da double out with the same punching power of the 1920\$ and 30\$, it will just take the punches snail pace to get there.] However, Da Manny has not yet lost that pop. T-Brad was able to disguise da Pacpop put on him.

The game is full of optical illusions. And if a person is fighting not to get kayoed, he will make the other fighter look a bit listless with the pop. Doing what T-Brad did -- backing the to rope after he got popped -- he made Da Manny's pop look like slop. And then away to the ropes, T-Brad would bunny hop. He's maysadong sywertihon -- very lucky -- that PacMommy's hex didn't work on his arse. Hehehe!

I give it up to him. He fooled a lot of eyes that were looking, but not boksing minds that were

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seeing. Once you know how the optical illusion is done, you are not fooled by the magic. T-Brad had every intention of not becoming an a-typical PacMan tragic. Holla!

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Pac was trying to set it up and you're right Bradley wasn't taking the same risks he took previously but that's his progression as a fighter coupled with his respect for Pacman. Pac didn't look great to me, he should be making plans for retirement by 2016 in my opinion, with 2 more straight forward fights and try his earnest to set up the Mayweather showdown.

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Nobody in the amateurs or pros have ever looked against T-Brad. He is a modern-day late, very-good Jimmy Young, Emmanuel Augustus and Steve Forbes. Nobody ever looked good against them.

Of course, T-Brad didn't take the same risks as he previously did. He didn't want to get kayoed. So he fought in a crowding, mauling, bytch-swinging style. Hats off to him. Even his saying that Da Manny was going to have to knock him out to win was a trick of the trade by T-Brad.

He had no intent of getting knocked out. And nobody has every kayoed him -- amateurs or pros. Dude is solid. Give him credit and luv. When Da Manny "kayos da next muthapucka," the talk of his boxing demise will shift again. Holla!

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Pac is 35 not 25 and yes physically he is different. That is life, but at a stage where you see his speed and power have declined a bit he just beat the legit ww champ, who is in his physical prime and a top 5 lb4lb guy 8-4 in rounds, clearly and cleanly...

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mortcola says:

Tim did a few dumb things in there, a yearning he has to prove how much adversity he can face and overcome. But when he is on he is underrated. Excellnet use of gloves to catch shots, head angles, RARELY gets hit cleanly by anyone - the harm inflicted by Provodnikov was a result of Bradley doing his macho thing and giving up all semblance of tricky movement, bull to a red flag. Pacquiao did a masterful job of balancing power with the sort of speed and both setting traps and watching head rhythms that lets you deliver an efficient amount of damage while not leaving yourself a sucker for counters. He did more of this after the third round of this fight than in the first. Bradley is a current P4P, high on the list, but not quite at the top; Manny is that much more complete and naturally gifted. Decision is final. No need for 3, like Radam said. the judging injustice was balanced, and there is no question who is the better fighter when you put the two together. Good work, congressman; and props, Tim - you're a gifted and brave man, and there is no shame in being ALMOST the best. But - even though you might pulled a muscle, just stop offering the world you unofficial diagnoses after the fight. Even if you give the other guy his props, it just makes you look bad.

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Masterful way to explain what looking eyes don't see. But what seeing eye do see and know.

Yes, indeed! Crafty veterans are always "setting up their opponents for their own downfall." That is the beauty about the art of war of the sweet science. Holla!

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deepwater2 says:

Good fight by both guys. Undercard pretty good. PAC still has it. This was a fight between two top p4p guys. Even though Bradley didn't go down he was hurt a few times. PAC did something no other pro has done and that his give Bradley his first loss. The fighter of the decade is still

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Bradley's chance of winning evaporated the moment he decided he'd win by KO. He was masterful against Marquez so it was alarming and a bit disappointing to see him winging wide energy sucking shots like a B fighter. His balance isn't good anyway but he was trying so hard that it became allot worse. Thought Pac was just OK. He really looks to be on the downslide. Hope he never fights May.

Is it just me or was Lampley especially annoying last night?

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It's funny people say that. Privately, the reason he came out of retirement was to fight Manny Pacquiao. That's the truth.

I think you're right about Manny. He still looks amazing. He still has everything he had before, sans being impervious to pain and having nuclear power.

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man that was a great display of skillz behind the mad science of manny!

im so glad i stayed up that late here in europe to watch it. i was in my living room going crazy off my seat the whole time by myself. was it wrong for me to chant the greatest chant of all time....

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That's nothing new, my point is that Bradley and his corner should have seen it was never going to happen. The odd time he did catch Pacquiao, Pac would kick it up a gear and Bradley wouldn't score for a while. Not many doubted it would be a Pacquiao victory, but I think the ease of which he cruised it is much more down to Bradley's failures than Pacquiao's skill, and I don't mean to take anything away from Pacquiao's skill level.

Pacquiao dangled the bait and everybody in Team Bradley was reaching out for it.

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Wouldn't mind seeing Bradley in the UK again. But Brook would make nice work of him in my opinion. A Provo rematch is the last thing Bradley wants but i'm sure he'd take it if that's what's left on the table.

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They're bounded together like Siamese twins. And Money May is a master of perpetrating a fraud. He got an idea to do that jive on Tweeter from the old gossip of GOAT Ali calling out the late, great Smokin' Joe Frazier to fight him at Philly City Park. The GOAT was bulljiving, but thousands of people showed up at that park to the phantom fight.

Money May is a Tweeting bullspitter. He plays to the naive. If he really wanted to fight Da Manny on such-and-such day, he would have got it on a signed contract, as "Unforgivable Blackness" Jack Johnson did heavyweight king Tommy Burns over a 100 years ago. He followed the champ around with the contract in hand.

Money May has never wanted to fight Da Manny. He just wanted publicity from pretending to. Now his bulljive is dying out. This is why he spent a mil or two putting advertisement all over the MGM and Sin City about his May bout with Maidana during the Pacquiao-Bradley II fight week and day. Holla!

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To quote Jim Lampley, "IT HAPPENED!! IT HAPPENED!!!"

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But I know there has been good-faith attempts from Amayweather's side while he was inactive. I know there has been several bad-faith attempts from the other side, as well.

Mostly, it's been a power struggle. Flashing their peckers to see whose is bigger. It's really that childish.

Speaking of non-publicized negotiations, I have that from first-hand accounts. Jeff Mayweather, the only college graduate of the family, was the point of contact.

During the first negotiations, Mayweather also compromised like a MOFO. He repeatedly refused 50-50 but agreed to it. Then he went along with the mind-f*cking \$10m-per-pound penalty.

The whole issue of drug testing was there from day one.

In spite what they said, they NEVER agreed to it. After Mayweather's side said the 14-day cutoff was of the table, they THEN said "OK." (My pecker is bigger than yours!)

Then when they did that silly countdown clock, using Floyd to promote the next fight (which pissed them off), the contract they had offered didn't accept drug testing.

They always would use little tricky language like, we've accepted "more or less," or we've accepted "with provisions."

Here's the truth about the second round negotiations: through Ross G., they sent their deal terms they would agree to which included a COMPROMISE between Floyd's first compromise (14 days) and latest stance of testing up to fight.

(Hey Dick! My pecker is bigger than yours!)

Of course, that got rejected before negotiations could even start.

Then Floyd came with the whole thing where he said "this is the time and place." From what I heard -- perhaps RG can confirm -- PAC was down!

Then his leech team got in his ear and said "don't let him dictate to you, Manny! You're Manny Pacquiao, loved all over the world! He's just some hoodlum *****."

"But aaaaaah, I want to go toe to toe."

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"No, Manny! Don't let him dictate to you!"

It's all posturing. That's what killed it. People in a pecker-comparing contest.

With all that being said, the Mayweather camp has indeed pursued it. GBP called Top Rank's offices, they wouldn't return the call.

What's really crazy to me is that Arum used Floyd to build Marquez III. "Floyd fears Manny's right hand," he said. "If Manny agrees to only jab with the right hand, the fight will be made in five minutes."

Then when they use that judge, who's been the mediator between them, they sent an email talking about "oh we're gonna make Pacquiao-Marquez 4."

Man while he keeps lying to media about how he wants to make the fit.

Ain't that some sh*t.

Either way, you wanted to see Floyd say he wanted it and I think he's pretty much made it clear for years straight.

brownsugar says:

Wow what a fight... Manny truly defined himself as a very efficient fighter last night in beating Bradley.... Bradley had to expend 110% of himself just to keep even, he set a pace that was impossible to maintain and tried to compensate by offering up commentary by way of body language after the halfway point of the fight. The trouble with that is, all the posturing and gestering can't whitewash the fact that Bradley was losing the war to a fighter who was faster... smarter and who paced himself more efficiently.

Bradley gave all he had to give but was clearly outmatched in the fitness department. Manny reminded me of how Aaron Pryor(a far better boxer than given credit for) would land multiple combinations rather than launching homerun haymakers.... an error Bradley made repeatedly in the second half of the fight.

I liked watching Bradley take the fight to Manny... It was the few times he fought effectively.. but the amount of energy he had to expend was way more than what he could afford to pay.

It was a good try but no need for a rematch unless Manny reaches the age where he begins to decline. No need for Bradley to feel embarrassed ... He put in worthy although misguided effort. He was never going to duplicate Marquez's perfect punch....I'm surprised that he kept trying to use the strategy over and over.... even though it was clearly obvious to the audience as well as Manny what his intentions were.

Waiting for a sucker punch in a title fight against an elite quality opponent like Manny shows just how much Team Bradley had run out of ideas.

The only fighter gifted enough to compete with Manny at this point and time is an aging

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I was thinking the same thing.

He's one of those guys that had he lived in Ancient Rome, he would've been condemned to [!]Damnatio Ad Bestia[/!] -- death by being fed to a wild animal like a lion -- he would've fought the lion to his dying breath.

And the lion would've felt it.

(Funny sidebar story, George Foreman once knocked out a lion.)

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Mike did have a pet lion. Those guys stole it in the Hangover movie...

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[QUOTE=Radam G;49137]It is opponents' styles, glass chins and abilities to take body shots that get you the knockouts over them, not that hyped-up mythical syet. A boxer's punches on and off roids and PEDs have been no stronger or weaker. Holla at Sport Science. Punchers are born. Just as those who can take a good punch are born.

When Da Manny get into the squared jungle with a fighter with Redcoat Ricky's chin and style, and he will get a knockout. If he gets into the ring with Money May, he will get a knockout, because Money May will not be able to psych him out. Optical illusions are all up in the game. Make the style-up matches, you will get the knockouts. It has always been more about the matchmaking. This is why the nowadays George Foster Deontay Wilder appears to be a knockout great. Put him against a live body, and you will see that he ain't got nuffin.'

The knockout artist, the young Big George Foreman was going never kayoed the late, very good Jimmy Young or GOAT Ali, because styles and chins didn't allowed it. But every single time, BGF's style was going to yo yo the late, great Smokin' Joe Frazier and the wrongly-matched Gerry Cooney every day of the week, and seven times on Sunday.

BTW, if the late, great GBG Manny Steward would not have improved the style of heavyweight king Doc W.K., the doctor would be being put the sleep every other fight.

Greatness does not requires for one to knock out or down opponents. The greatest P4P boxer ever Willie Pep only had 65 stoppages in 241 bouts. And how many knockouts have Money May had in a decade? Less than "The Fighter of The Decade."

The greatest defensive of all times was stopped. So will Money May be if he fights a real challenge, instead of an optical illusion setup. But I ain't hatin' him. That's hurt bitnezz. Holla![/QUOTE]

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