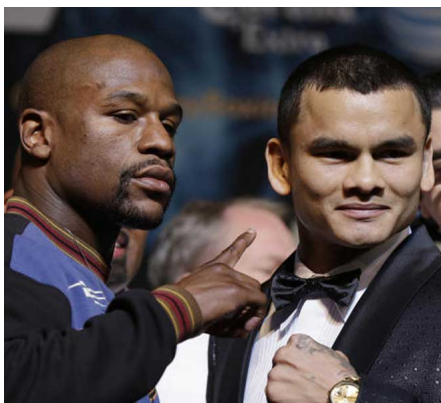


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Prediction time, people. Time to show your powers of prognostication. Mayweather-Maidana, who wins, and how.

Team TSS offers their crystal-ball gazes here:

DINO da VINCI: Mayweather: Wide, wide margin. Mayweather hits Maidana, Maidana hits air. Now, that said, I'm praying to the boxing gods to please intervene and use all their forces and whatever they have access to, to give the fans something they can smile about, that they witnessed a competitive bout...but none of them have gotten back to me yet.

BERNARD FERNANDEZ: Marcos Maidana tuned up a Floyd Mayweather Jr. wannabe in Adrien Broner. Can he do the same with the real deal? Uh, no. Even though it might soon be time for the pendulum to start swinging the other way for the 36-year-old "Money," enough of who and what he was remains to give a boxing tutorial to the willing but comparatively limited Argentine. Probably not a knockout, but figure Floyd to win by a wide margin on points.

BLAKE HOCHBERGER: Mayweather on cruise control with a shutout decision. No drama in this one.

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RAYMOND MARKARIAN: Marcos Maidana will win IF he lands a Antonio Tarver/Roy Jones style home run punch against Floyd Mayweather. Other than that, he has no chance. I expect another 12 round Mayweather clinic. The fight should be more exciting than Floyd's bouts against Guerrero and Canelo because Maidana is relentless. I like Maidana's confidence but he doesn't dethrone the king. Mayweather by decision.

KELSEY McCARSON: Mayweather will win by a wide unanimous decision or stop Maidana late. Maidana did great against Broner but Mayweather is a different animal. He'll be bigger, faster, stronger and more skilled than anyone Maidana has ever faced. The only way Maidana wins is if Mayweather pulls a hamstring on the way to the ring. Even then, it's a 50/50 fight. This is a showcase bout for Mayweather and nothing more.

JOHN NGUYEN: This one is a no-brainer. Maidana is gutsy and strong, but his skill deficiencies make him Mayweather's most tailor-made opponent since the last Argentine he faced, Carlos Baldomir. Maidana would have to land the luckiest punch in the history of modern man in order to win this one. Mayweather will expose Maidana's poor balance and concrete feet all night long as he cruises to an easy unanimous decision.

AARON TALLENT: Maidana's win over Adrien Broner last December was very impressive and has only added to the hullabaloo surrounding this fight. That being said, Floyd has earned the benefit of the doubt at this point and will get that on Saturday. Mayweather by split decision.

SPRINGS TOLEDO: Look for Floyd to do what master boxers do with plodding punchers -dominate. Maidana must make it ugly and hope to disrupt Floyd's rhythm and composure enough to sling something outside Floyd's radar and take over. Chances are excellent that Floyd will handle that. Floyd knows that tough guys are good to run into shots or get blindsided. I see him going for a late stoppage though he may carry Maidana some rounds to make it look good. Mayweather by TKO ~10.

CHRIS WHEAT: Mayweather cruises all the way. If Maidana were able to catch him with

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something, the way Mosley did, that would make for an interesting moment, but Floyd all the way. I like Collazo over Khan. Feel Collazo is putting it all together.

PHIL WOOLEVER: Mayweather UD 12 (117-111). Maidana will try hard enough to force a few decent exchanges, all of which Mayweather will win, but the fans will be unhappy.

MICHAEL WOODS: Keith Thurman's nickname is "One Time." Maidana's can be changed to "One Round" for "The Moment." That's all he's going to win, maybe two if Floyd needs a breather or CJ Ross kidnaps Burt Clements, is a master of disguise, dresses up as Clements, and hands in cards as Clements. This fight will force a change in dynamic in choosing Floyd fights, and force him to more so consider tests nearer to 160 pounds, especially if Sergio Martinez looks good if he beats Miguel Cotto.

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And now you, Forum crew. Prediction, please.

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Not a lot of people are giving Maidana a chance in this fight. I admire the fact that you are going on the record with your selection of him winning.

After a feeling out process in the first round, I see Mayweather seizing command in typical Mayweather fashion. No question Maidana has improved. But enough to beat or even compete with a fighter of Mayweather's skill, I just don't see it. I really hope I am wrong and we get some drama in this fight. But I will say Mayweather by unanimous decision.

The Good Doctor says:

EL Dude.....

I love the logic.....

I love the analysis...

I love the guts to make the prediction publicly.....

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It will be the KO of the decade.....

AND I 100% DISAGREE WITH YOU!!! LOL!!!

I find it amazing how often on this board that I can see someone's point of view easily and yet disagree with them. Floyd is downhill at 37 years old but a 90% Floyd is better than anyone in or near his weight class right now. Maidana has faced good speed (Khan, Broner, and Alexander maybe) but he has never faced the combination of speed and defense. Khan, Alexander, and Broner can be hit pretty regularly. As for Garcia, I have said several times, his record with fighters on the big stage is staggeringly bad. Go look at who he has trained recently in their big fights and with only a couple of exceptions they have looked completely unprepared. You also mention Maidana's relentless pressure which I love however that opens him up to be countered by one of the two best counter punchers of the last 10 years (Marquez being the other in my opinion).

As a testament to you, if Maidana wins, I will put in any posts I have for the next week EL Dude is the greatest.

Mayweather 10-2 with a possible flash knockdown of Maidana

ultimoshogun says:

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amayseng says:

I've said it a hundred times. To best Floyd you have to have the foot work and foot agility. Madaina doesnt have it. PAC does.

Easy UD.

the Roast says:

Yet another Floyd UD. If Floyd wants to press the issue he could stop Maidana late with a body shot after Maidana is running low on gas. Floyd has been content to take the UD and not take chances for the last several fights. Wide UD for Money.

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Good call, ultimoshogun. The difference in skill and class is so big this might even be embarrassing. I see Maidana shooting holes in the air so big he'll make himself fall, being painted red by an artist and finally losing all will to continue. In the movies, there's characters who never can be broken. In reality, everyone can. And Maidana will be.

King Beef says:

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vjoe says:

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no way I'm picking maidana. however....

Much as I dislike broner, he's very good and that was an excellent win by maidana.

When disinterested, PBP has looked somewhat human...I thought a high mileage Cotto hung with him fairly well.

Even if he doesn't land often, if maidana can throw 60-80 per round and stay on his feet, it should be interesting.

And the weigh-in....maidana looked relaxed and ready with huge upper arms. I thought PBF looked like he's just starting to show a little age (though I think that six pack will still be there at 80).

Rooting for maidana, but expecting another Floyd clinic.

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Yes, we all are. It's sort of like our version of the Super Bowl. To gain momentum as a sport and win over the casual fan would require a fair amount of competitive bouts, and in boxing that is not always easy. The match-ups can look good on paper, then one guy shows up and the other struggles for whatever reason. No easy task, making competitive fights. And since this is such a high profile fight it would be nice if the masses enjoyed what they saw. Hopefully, the Amir Khan fight delivers, because I just don't see Maidana having any success at all.

The Commish says:

Gotta' go with \$\$\$May and the over.

-Randy G.

Radam G says:

Money May is being fully exposed. He could never beat Da Manny. Holla!

Radam G says:

Wow! Where is Money May's speed. Da dude cannot come close to matching Da Manny in foot or hand speed. Retiring, Money May is in need. PLEASE! Da Manny would pimp Money May. Lil' Floyd needs to call it a day. He's been EXPOSED!!! Holla!