

## A Message For Floyd Mayweather

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For the past 30 plus years we saw it happen quite a bit, a smaller fighter taking on the bigger fighter when he's run out of formidable opposition in his own division. However, it happened even more so circa the turn of the 20th century, up through the 1950s.

When one first hears of a meeting between an outstanding welterweight and middleweight, they're very intrigued. Of course the onus is on the smaller fighter, supposedly, and it's the bigger fighter who is in a no win situation. The challenge is to see if the legitimately smaller fighter can offset the larger man's strength and power, only it seldom if ever works out that way.

For example, Sugar Ray Leonard, who fought a majority of his career as a welterweight (147) gets a lot of credit for beating Marvin Hagler, who fought his entire career as a middleweight (160). In the main that sounds pretty impressive, except when Leonard and Hagler fought, Leonard weighed in at 158 and Hagler was 158 1/2. If it were a true welterweight versus middleweight bout, Leonard would've weighed in at 146, which was his average weight for his welterweight title bouts and Hagler would come in at his usual 158 range. Had Leonard been able to decision Hagler with Marvin holding a 12 pound weight pull, that would've been really something.

Sure, Leonard deserves a ton of credit for beating Hagler because he didn't force him to come down in weight to win his title. He did that when he stopped WBC light heavyweight title holder Donny Lalonde. In reality Leonard beat Lalonde at 168, the super-middleweight limit, not the 175 maximum that Lalonde was afforded as the light heavyweight title holder. In truth Lalonde was compromised having to come in 5/6 pounds lighter than what his best fighting weight was.

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Today, the two biggest draws in boxing, Floyd Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao, have won some of their biggest fights via bringing the bigger opponent down a few pounds in order to win his title. In my eyes, this taints their victory, just as I don't consider Sugar Ray Leonard ever being a legitimate light heavyweight title holder. In the last 60 years it's only happened one time, where one champion of a particular division fought a bigger champion for an undisputed title without either fighter moving up or down from their natural weight.

On June 25th 1952, middleweight champion Sugar Ray Robinson (157.5) fought light heavyweight champion Joey Maxim (173) for Maxim's title. There was no catch-weight clause and Robinson entered the ring as a middleweight and Maxim entered as a full fledged light heavyweight. The fight at Yankee Stadium was originally scheduled for the 23rd of June but was postponed two days because of rain. So the fighters actually had to weigh-in twice with the above being the official weights for both fighters.

The temperature on the night of the fight was 103 degrees and referee Ruby Goldstein had to be replaced by Ray Miller after the 10th round due to being overcome by the heat. After building a commanding lead and controlling the fight due to his speed and terrific combination punching, Robinson told Dr. Alexander Schiff after the 13th round, "I can't get up on my feet, I'm all in."

With that Robinson lost his only bid for the light heavyweight title.

Robinson, fading from the weight he was giving up and the heat, stunned the crowd when the precision puncher missed with a hay-maker right hand and fell flat on his face in the 13th round. After 13 rounds Robinson lead on all three official scorecards (10-3) (9-3-1) and (7-3-3). After the bout Maxim said he had planned to let Ray punch himself out and that Robinson was more undone by his body punching in the second half of the fight and not the extenuating heat and humidity. This was the only time in 200 fights that Robinson was ever stopped. Granted, Joey Maxim wasn't Archie Moore who would relieve Joey of his title six months later. The point is Robinson didn't make Maxim jump through hoops to make the fight. Everyone knows Robinson was a shrewd negotiator and probably wouldn't have challenged Moore if he were the reigning champ at the time. But what if he pulled rank on Maxim and forced him to come in at 168 or 169, it still would've been a light heavyweight title bout?

He still would've been out-weighed by 10 pounds.

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On the other hand what would losing those four or five unnecessary pounds have done to Maxim in the 103 degree heat? Would he still have been able to come on in the last three rounds of the fight after getting worked over for a majority of it during rounds one through 10? I doubt it, he would've been drained from having to make the lower weight. Maxim wasn't flashy, but very strong, very durable and very patient. Joey was used to going long in every fight -- exactly the kind of guy you don't want to have to go 15 rounds with in 103 degree heat. Had Robinson forced Maxim to come in so far under the light heavyweight limit, he probably would've won the fight. Had that been the case, Robinson would have officially been the light heavyweight champion of the world. Robinson, despite losing to Maxim, is still the gold standard for all boxers, and the debate really begins with who is number two among the greatest of the great pound-for-pound boxers in history.

The gimmick of catch-weight fights today taints the historical record of many fighters, not all, who've won multiple division titles. Let's see what happens when the lightweight champ enters the ring as a lightweight and challenges the welterweight champ without any gimmicks or stipulations that hamstring the welterweight. Same goes for the welterweight challenging the middleweight and right on up the divisions. And if the smaller fighter feels it's too dangerous or too much to overcome, then he should stay in his own division and build his legacy there.

Wouldn't it be something to see the best welterweight in the world, Floyd Mayweather, fight Gennady Golovkin with Floyd weighing in at 147 and Gennady weighing in at 160? How about Golovkin at 160 versus Sergey Kovalev at 175?

Bringing the bigger man down in weight isn't who he is as a fighter. Why taint him for one fight and change history, other than for money and the perceived star to build up his legacy via a gimmick?

Sure, it looks good on paper, but it's tainted and isn't a true indication of the smaller fighter versus the bigger fighter.

Today there's a monetary number that can make the catch-weight fight and the terms with each fighter having a say. The smaller fighter has a say in the weight and the bigger fighter has a say in how much money he needs to compromise himself. Don't get me wrong, fighters have the right to fight at whatever weight they want to. However, it's not an indication of a true

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confrontation between a bigger fighter and a smaller fighter, such as Robinson-Maxim or the first Louis-Conn fight where the announced weights were Conn 174 1/2 vs. Louis 199, although their actual weight was really 169 and 204. Today it's a myth saying that smaller fighters have feasted on beating bigger fighters. What they've done is compromised the bigger fighter and reduced him to less than he is at the weigh-in, and often times defeated him.

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

Love the article. The first sentence of the last paragraph sums it up though. Catch weight fights are usually about the moolah. One of the fighters involved knows before the contract is signed that they will be in for sometimes serious inconvenience but they sign anyway strictly because of the money they stand to make. However, in defense of catchweights, it does sometimes bring about fights that generate alot of buzz and eyes (i.e Cotto v Pacquiao) that may not have happened otherwise.

I also think one of the underrated parts of catch weight fights is the mental aspect. In alot of ways it says to an opponent, I call the shots and you will do things my way. That can motivate some fighters, that can anger some fighters, and even unnerve a few.

### **Radam G says:**

Being about the moolah is first and foremost. It is called prizefighting for a reason. Not doing it is not treason. Holla!

### **amayseng says:**

Floyd at this age and after his last fight is not gonna step up. Chino roughed him up enough to where Floyd will either call it quits or just take MUCH easier fights. He is 37 and the recovery is becoming more difficult each fight. Can't really blame him as he makes a lot to face lesser opposition.

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And for what it's worth, it's the only time Mayweather has perceivably made a guy come "down," which he really didn't. What's been missed in that narrative is that the Canelo side had offered 150 so as a result, they split the difference, allowing Canelo two EXTRA pounds instead of the 150 they had told ESPN they would do for Floyd if he would agree to face them.

Then you had Robert Guerrero, a guy who walks around at over 160 pounds, who was a middleweight on the night of the fight. That was a classic welterweight vs. a middleweight scenario like the one you proposed.

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But the smartness of the game is to establish controll of your opponent long before the bout starts. Money May and SOG are geniuses of the legal mayhem biz. Holla!

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The fight night weights are always overlooked. Mayweather is consistently giving up 10-20 pounds; and no he shouldn't get pass for the Canelo and Marquez CWs they weren't needed at all. To me it just takes away from the wins.

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True, but that's when boxing comes down to a business.

The same thing can be said about Floyd, and Manny especially.

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Rigondeaux is probably the guy who I have most empathy for as a person and most appreciation for as a boxer.

I honestly believe he is the only boxer alive in the past 25 years who I can see beating Mayweather. That's how high I rate Rigondeaux.

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But please don't be silly. Rigo is bada\$\$\$. But he is not "new age" because such a thing simply don't exist.

If anything, the new age fighter is the guy who signs with Al Haymon, becomes more business conscious, takes greater ownership over his management and subsequently a less reckless approach to his career. That's the new age fighter, if such a thing exists.

Make no mistake about it: Lomachenko getting the chance to do something that early in his career is done to maximize his earning potential.

Just look at the purses he's been getting at this stage in his career. It's unheard of. And that is what he fights for.

2) Here's the 411 on Andre Ward: Ward was NOT fight a light heavyweight as an amateur (which is 178, not 175, by the way...). EVER. He was a middleweight. Just like he was when he started in the pros.

Andre Ward was 165 pounds before, during and after the Olympics. Saying Ward was a light heavy is one of the biggest misconceptions and lazy truths in circulation today.

The ONLY reason he competed at 178 at the Olympics was because the US had TWO superb prospects at 165 in Andre Dirrell and Ward. For an amateur boxing expert like yourself, I'm surprised you don't know this.

Dirrell had beaten amateur standout Gennady Golovkin of Kazakhan (some of you may be familiar with him now), who he went on to lose a disputed decision to in the semifinals. So the US team asked Ward, the more mentally and physically strong guy to compete at 178 to improve Team USA winning chances.

Even when Ward fought at 178, he was 165!

And he's more than willing to fight Kovalev. But like he's said, behind Kovalev, who's not even close to being PPV attraction -- the next career step for Ward -- who else is there for Ward at 175?

He knows -- and so do the Duvas, don't think for a second they don't -- that he absolutely humiliates and possibly stops Kovalev. Then what?

Seriously, despite what the casual fan may think, it's not good to move up and down, up and down. Just because Floyd does it doesn't mean everyone else can. Mayweather is an anomaly, a freak of nature, whether his detractors acknowledge it or not.

But Ward is meticulous. They are building and preparing his body for the eventual jump, which will come when they believe the time is right. That's smart.

Besides, there are far bigger money fights for Ward at 168. While he may have cleaned out the

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Froch in the UK, Groves, Degale, Golovkin, Kessler in Denmark, Bute if he gets his act together, and the biggest one of them all: Julio Cesar Chavez and his golden, built-in Mexican fan base.

3) Dawson was a HUGE scalp for Ward. You're just saying that now because his stock is down because he got himself knocked out versus Adonis Stevenson.

Dawson was a P4P regular and had been for years and years and years. During that period, he had never been rated lower than 2-3. Keep in mind, Dawson beat himself against Stevenson through his own arrogance before the fight and during the fight. (Dawson is an idiot. No denying that. He's an idiot on more levels than fans will probably ever know. But he was/is also a great technical fighter.)

Rodriguez was a nice comeback fight after a long layoff. Ward would fight Klitschko if he had to.

I don't think it's fair to discredit Ward if/because you don't like him. And please, please, please don't be fooled by the nonsense of fighting for pride or legacy.

Those guys get hurt, braind damaged, chopped up, chewed and spat out.

It's common sense, really. Only a fool would get punched in the face for "honor." To quote Shark Tank's Kevin O'Leary, the following mantra holds true in business and even truer in professional boxing:

"It's ALL about the money ALL the time."

And that's all there is to it.

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I'm going to just let you ride off that cliff. Because your quick-draw blowing without knowing is badly showing. If you only knew! You have to study for tons of hours, but I only had to do it for a few.

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I honestly believe he is the only boxer alive in the past 25 years who I can see beating Mayweather. That's how high I rate Rigondeaux.

But please don't be silly. Rigo is bada\$\$\$. But he is not "new age" because such a thing simply don't exist.

If anything, the new age fighter is the guy who signs with Al Haymon, becomes more business conscious, takes greater ownership over his management and subsequently a less reckless approach to his career. That's the new age fighter, if such a thing exists.

Make no mistake about it: Lomachenko getting the chance to do something that early in his career is done to maximize his earning potential.

Just look at the purses he's been getting at this stage in his career. It's unheard of. And that is what he fights for.

2) Here's the 411 on Andre Ward: Ward was NOT fight a light heavyweight as an amateur (which is 178, not 175, by the way...). EVER. He was a middleweight. Just like he was when he started in the pros.

Andre Ward was 165 pounds before, during and after the Olympics. Saying Ward was a light heavy is one of the biggest misconceptions and lazy truths in circulation today.

The ONLY reason he competed at 178 at the Olympics was because the US had TWO superb prospects at 165 in Andre Dirrell and Ward. For an amateur boxing expert like yourself, I'm surprised you don't know this.

Dirrell had beaten amateur standout Gennady Golovkin of Kazakhan (some of you may be familiar with him now), who he went on to lose a disputed decision to in the semifinals. So the US team asked Ward, the more mentally and physically strong guy to compete at 178 to improve Team USA winning chances.

Even when Ward fought at 178, he was 165!

And he's more than willing to fight Kovalev. But like he's said, behind Kovalev, who's not even close to being PPV attraction -- the next career step for Ward -- who else is there for Ward at 175?

He knows -- and so do the Duvas, don't think for a second they don't -- that he absolutely humiliates and possibly stops Kovalev. Then what?

Seriously, despite what the casual fan may think, it's not good to move up and down, up and down. Just because Floyd does it doesn't mean everyone else can. Mayweather is an anomaly, a freak of nature, whether his detractors acknowledge it or not.

But Ward is meticulous. They are building and preparing his body for the eventual jump, which will come when they believe the time is right. That's smart.

Besides, there are far bigger money fights for Ward at 168. While he may have cleaned out the competition at super middleweight, he has yet to empty the cash register.

Froch in the UK, Groves, Degale, Golovkin, Kessler in Denmark, Bute if he gets his act together, and the biggest one of them all: Julio Cesar Chavez and his golden, built-in Mexican fan base.

3) Dawson was a HUGE scalp for Ward. You're just saying that now because his stock is down because he got himself knocked out versus Adonis Stevenson.

Dawson was a P4P regular and had been for years and years and years. During that period, he had never been rated lower than 2-3. Keep in mind, Dawson beat himself against Stevenson through his own arrogance before the fight and during the fight. (Dawson is an idiot. No denying

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that. He's an idiot on more levels than fans will probably ever know. But he was/is also a great technical fighter.)

Rodriguez was a nice comeback fight after a long layoff. Ward would fight Klitschko if he had to.

I don't think it's fair to discredit Ward if/because you don't like him. And please, please, please don't be fooled by the nonsense of fighting for pride or legacy.

Those guys get hurt, brains damaged, chopped up, chewed and spat out.

It's common sense, really. Only a fool would get punched in the face for "honor." To quote Shark Tank's Kevin O'Leary, the following mantra holds true in business and even truer in professional boxing:

"It's ALL about the money ALL the time."

And that's all there is to it.[/QUOTE]

Thanks for the response. You are wrong on several points.

Floyd who hasn't fought any great fighters, and ends up drawing to Maidana in my opinion (it's certainly plausible to say Maidana won the fight 115-113, is Mayweather is 44-1-1, arguably 44-2. He'd struggle against JLC (even understanding that Maidana is the bigger guy), let's not even talk Duran.

Gamboa was willing to fight Mikey Garcia for free. Lomachenko didn't really care about the money, rather he just wanted to make boxing history, but if you can get a slice of the cake, then why not take it..No one is that naive to think that boxers usually are willing to have legacy fights only. So, you're imagining things. So yeah, I don't care, the number two comes after the number one. Lomachenko wanted a world title fight in his first pro fight, the money issue was some background bull.

You're misreading me again. Welcome to the new age - that is just given to the freshness of the amateurs that I like, that joined the pros. Down to fight anyone rather than cherry pick. They're just that sure of themselves, that shrewd, not too scared to take a loss. That's why I like Keith Thurman too.

What you mean 'beating Mayweather'? He's 122lber.

Ward was a Light Heavyweight. He fought Clemente Russo and Makarenko. Makarenko was actually a cruiser (heavy in ams) who moved down.

Ward was a middleweight in 2001 (and 16-17 years old), and then became a light heavyweight by 2003 and was 20 for the Olympics. Not really a big deal.

It's very much over-exaggerated. Anyway, after a little more research, he wasn't 165lbs, he said he was 170lbs, and LHW starts off from 75kg+...he was clearly big enough for the weight, or was Andre Ward the only little dude to ever be in light heavyweight? lol This was at age 19-20, now he's 31 and claims he has plans to make heavyweight, well...



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Ward was fast and highly athletic in his fight against Russo too, I've seen it 4 times. They were of completely similar size too.

My interest hasn't really lied with American amateur boxing, because they truly suck shiit. American's are looking to Errol Spence LOL what a joke. Kazakhstan and Cuba are the front runners today.

All of a sudden, Ward wants it to be a PPV? Sounds like a duck when it's coming from someone who isn't a PPV attraction himself lool Ward did 1.3m views with Dawson and around 1m with Rodriguez. Kovalev did 1m views with Agnew. Who the F is Agnew? Kovalev did 1.3m with Sillakh too. These aren't the names that Ward fought, these are far less known.

No, Dirrell did not beat Golovkin. Golovkin beat Dirrell.

Floyd doesn't move up and down, he barely put on a pound for the Canelo fight recently who was his biggest opponent.

Ward will only fight Froch in his hometown in Cali. I wasn't asking Ward to move up and down like a yoyo, the sort of \*\*\*\* you can get away with at the start of your career when you're young.

Sure, there is some business to be done, but he doesn't do business.

Dawson really isn't a 'huge' scalp. I don't rate a drained Dawson. I don't rate a 175lb Dawson much. A regular B level fighter isn't a huge scalp. He's not a 'great' fighter. Great is a very lofty term.

Dawson was not a P4P 'regular', we could all see that he had limited scope and now for sure his confidence is probably owned because of losing to the best in the division. Can boxers recover from knockouts like that? I think I've got the right to doubt Dawson in that case, nevertheless, Dawson had limited scope either way. He had a win against Hopkins, it just wasn't the right fight for Hopkins, especially at his age.

I think you have a naive view thinking its just about money, money being the ends. You're a fool enough for being a professional boxer where you're getting hit in the face, just like you were when you grew up as a little kid. Top amateurs like Serik Sapiyev didn't turn pro, what takes you to the top and keeps you at the top isn't definitely money.

I leave you with one of my favourite boxers statements: 'money cannot buy what I have' - Mario Kindelan, rejecting a \$1m pro contract.

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[QUOTE=Radam G;53396]Wow! Your assumptions are badly blinding you. SOG Ward is the highest paid super middleweight in history. You don't even have clue of how much money he has made. And just from the "Super Six Tournament" and clubbing "Superbad" Chad Dawson.

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I'm going to just let you ride off that cliff. Because your quick-draw blowing without knowing is badly showing. If you only knew! You have to study for tons of hours, but I only had to do it for a few.

Keep doing t your way. And you will never get up to the big pay. So don't fake it, until you make it. Because nobody has to take it. Holla![/QUOTE]

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Make me a fan, Ward.[/QUOTE] You got jokes, The\_\*\*\*\*\_AJ. Trust me! You are the butthurt here. Hehe! Holla at what The Shadow noted to you. You have a lot to learn. Faking it will never get you to making it. Many before you have gone that route. And you can see their graves at cyber space's boothill. You are a thrill. Haha! Keep us laughing. Holla!

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Hehehe! Oop\$! \$o that i\$ it! Not two cap\$ule\$ right before bed. And one right after I wake up.

Danggit! Not Da Manila, a chilla, a thrilla, a blood spilla, without anybody being a gorilla ICE? Just play nice!

Okay! I will take your advice. Haha! Holla!