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*Borrowing from the classic style and prose of hall of fame sportswriter Jimmy Cannon (April 10, 1909 - December 5, 1973), the writer takes a look at the career of Floyd Mayweather, Jr. and discovers that time is not the only vandal.*

You're Floyd Maweather, Jr., aged thirty-five, the preeminent star in the sport of boxing. People love you, and they hate you. They love you because of how great you could be. They hate you

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because you seem unwilling to prove it. Still, you are the alpha figure in boxing today, and you love it. You make more money than any other fighter in the sport. In fact, you have the fantastic ability to make in one night more than what ninety-nine percent of fighters make for their whole careers. You're Floyd Mayweather, and you're the best fighter in the world...maybe.

Oh sure, you're still undefeated. No one can take that away from you. You wouldn't give them the chance. Yeah, you've beaten some of the very best fighters of your era. The names on your resume are nothing to scoff at. Not at all. Ricky Hatton, Oscar De La Hoya, Shane Mosley, Juan Manuel Marquez, Miguel Cotto. Big names. Huge. But there's more to a legacy than just "names," isn't there?

You started out the right way. No doubt about it. You began your career as good a prospect as any. Your hands were fast; your feet too. You were an exceptional amateur talent with the litany of accomplishments to prove it. You weren't just another athlete who boxed, you were a real fighter, born and bred. That picture of you in the gym as a tyke with boxing gloves on, it's legit. That was you. You were born for this. God made you to be a boxer.

You won amateur titles all through your youth, national titles even. Then you went to the Olympics and did your country proud. You earned a bronze medal in the 1996 Olympics. Almost everyone thought you got jobbed in your loss to eventual silver medalist Serafim Todorov of Bulgaria. That Bulgarian judge did all he could for the other kid. He did you in. You won it for sure, and you would've won the gold medal, too. Impressive stuff. Men have been well reasoned to be prouder for doing less. Not you, though. You aspired for something more. Greatness.

You were a "can't miss" prospect, and you didn't. You coasted through the rite of passage palookas and hobos they put in front of you with ease, just like you should. Your handlers did everything right. They lined up marks for you to look good against, and you did. They patted you on the back. Said you'd be champion one day. Told you that you could be the greatest. You ate it up. We all did. You were something special. Everybody saw it. Heck, after your seventh professional fight, Manny Steward said he thought you'd go on to be the best ever. Ever!

You won your first title in 1998 at junior lightweight by obliterating tough guy Genaro Hernandez. You'd been a professional for just two years, and you were already champion. By the end of the year, you started getting listed among the pound-for-pound elites. All you did was win, no matter who or what they put in front of you, and you did it convincingly. You started getting noticed.

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You said you wanted to be like Oscar De La Hoya and Roy Jones, Jr. You didn't just want to be the best in the business, you wanted to make the most money, be the biggest star.

Your junior lightweight run culminated in maybe the most impressive win of your career. When you met undefeated slugger Diego Corrales in 2001, you were sure to be up against your stiffest test. But you weren't. You beat Corrales like he was an amateur, knocking him down five times en route to the TKO.

After a few more wins, you were ready to move up in weight. You had dreams to chase. And money. Then it happened, the unthinkable. You almost lost. You! Lightweight champion Jose Luis Castillo gave *you* all you could handle. Kept you on the ropes with punches coming from all angles. Worked you over good. You were lucky. The judges gave you the nod, even though Castillo out-landed you, even though the crowd booed you. It was close. Too close.

You did the right thing. You took an immediate rematch. At the end of it, the official scorecards were closer than last time, but you got the call again. It was a tough test, but you passed. They wouldn't have robbed Castillo twice, right? You deserved to win. Maybe you learned something there, though. Maybe you learned taking the toughest fights might not be all it's cracked up to be. Maybe you learned you liked winning more than anything else. Winning and money.

You didn't let it deter you. Not at first. You moved up in weight again. You potshotted Demarcus Corey to an easy decision win in your junior welterweight debut. By now, you were one of HBO's bell cows. You were setting up big PPV dates, so they gave you something easy. It's understandable. You'd earned it. Next up, was blood and guts warrior Arturo Gatti. He had world class heart, but not the skills to match it. Not like you. You destroyed him. Easy money, and lots.

You skipped over light welterweight champion Kostya Tszu and moved up to welterweight instead. People were disappointed, but it wasn't like you had some kind of history with this type of thing. Not yet. HBO gave you another gimme in Sharmba Mitchell. It was your first fight at the weight, after all. You had big fights to set up. You wanted Zab Judah and you got him, even though he lost the championship in his previous fight against Carlos Baldomir. You beat Mitchell and got what you wanted.

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Against Zab Judah, you really showed your stuff. He was just as fast as you. Maybe faster. You found that out quickly. You adjusted, though. You had more than just fast hands. Much more. You had skill. You had stamina. After maybe losing three of the first four rounds, you won the last eight with ease. It was vintage stuff. A glimpse of perfection, perhaps. You showed how great you can be. For good measure, you followed it up by nabbing that linear title from Baldomir. He probably didn't win a round against you.

Your ship was about to come in. You figured out you didn't just want to be like Oscar De La Hoya, you wanted to beat him. A fight against the Golden Boy would open a lot of doors for you, and you knew it. You even moved up to junior middleweight to do it. It would be a tough test, but you believed in yourself. Besides, you reasoned, you'd make more money than you had ever made before in your life. It was worth the risk. It had to be. He was passed his best. You were not.

The fight was close. De La Hoya was bigger than you, and it showed. You made the adjustments. You eked out a majority decision win. Most people didn't see it that close. You were the clear winner. Your undefeated record remained intact. You took De La Hoya's title, but more than that, too. You took over his mantle as boxing's biggest draw. You called yourself "Money" Mayweather now, and for good reason. Money became your primary reason for fighting. You didn't care about titles. Or history. Or legacy. After all, you said you had proved all you needed to prove. What else could keep you fighting? Not the challenge of Miguel Cotto or Antonio Margarito at welterweight. Let them fight each other, you told yourself. Not Paul Williams. He was too big, a freak of nature. Not anyone that presented too much risk, you told yourself.

You saw an opportunity in Ricky Hatton. The junior welterweight from Britain was undefeated but a little crude. He was a huge draw like you, though, and you knew it. You signed the fight, and had him come up to welterweight to do it. You wanted all the advantages you could get. As boxing's new golden goose, you deserved them. Hatton came out fast. He knocked you off balance with a jab, but you settled in. He was no match for you. By the middle of the fight, you were dominating. You knocked him out in picturesque fashion in round number ten. He had rushed at you like a bull, and you made him pay.

After defeating Ricky Hatton in December of 2007, you decided to do that thing fighters do where they say they're retiring from the sport only to resurface a year or so later. Everybody knew it. You wanted some time off. It's understandable.

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That's when you saw him for the first time really. Everybody did. He was smaller than you. He had all those losses. But he was mesmerizing now. How did he destroy Oscar De La Hoya like that? How? How could he be so fast, so strong, so terrifying? That's when you decided to come back. Was it that he was taking attention away from you? Did you intend to fight him? It certainly seemed so at the time.

You returned in September of 2009. You picked the guy he had all that trouble with, Juan Manuel Marquez. You needed a tune-up first, and what better way to prove your superiority over him than by using his big nemesis as a tune-up? You made Marquez jump a couple weight classes to do it, but he took the fight. He was no match for you, especially after you didn't even bother to make weight. You won a wide, unanimous decision victory. You promised to fight him soon.

You decided to go after Shane Mosley first. Mosley was older than you, but he was one of the best of his era. He caught you with a huge right hand in the second round and almost put you down. You recovered nicely though. You still had your legs. His were gone. You out boxed him like everyone thought you would. It was a nice win, but it wasn't the win people wanted for you. You knew it. You promised to fight him next. You just wanted him to take drug tests. That's all. You're cleaning up the sport. He had to be on PEDs, you reasoned. He just had to.

You didn't fight again for sixteen months. When you decided to come back this time, you chose Victor Ortiz reasoning it'd be good preparation for who you really wanted to fight. At least it seemed that way. Why else would it have been Ortiz? Was he on your level? He had lost to Marcos Maidana. Still, both Ortiz and the one you said you really wanted to fight if only Bob Arum weren't stopping it, were hard-hitting southpaws. Ortiz was young and strong, but you would handle him. He proved to be dumb in that he let his hands down in front you after he tried to intentionally foul you. You starched him without mercy and won by knockout. It was all set up again.

You didn't fight again until May of the next year. You decided not to fight him this time because he wouldn't take the drugs tests or something. People started to lose track of the reasons. You decided to take on Miguel Cotto instead. You didn't want to fight him at MSG. After all, one of his opponents likened it to fighting the devil in hell. Why would you do that? You took home court in Las Vegas, just like the big money guy should. It was a big event. Cotto wasn't the same Cotto you didn't fight all those years ago. Antonio Margarito had suspiciously beat much of that out of him. What was left was demolished by the fighter you said you wanted to fight but never did. Still, Cotto had rebounded nicely of late. He'd won three in a row, including a redemption match against Margarito.

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The fight was more than you bargained for. He bloodied your nose. Nobody does that, but he did. He out-boxed you at times. You were winning, but you started to look your age. You seemed slower, more tired. You beat him with grit and determination. It was a good win. You closed the show like you should have. You swept him over the championship rounds. That's what you do. Those were your rounds, champ. In the last round, you staggered him. He looked like he was ready to fall. But there was that risk there. You saw it. You knew you had the fight won. Why risk losing your undefeated record? You didn't have anything to prove, you said to yourself. You'd play it safe. It doesn't matter what that other guy did against him. You were still undefeated. He wasn't.

Your outside the ring lifestyle may have gotten out of control a little bit. You liked partying with people you shouldn't be around. You liked going to the club and making a scene. You loved the attention, the worship of the sycophants. The Money Team, you called them. They're still with you. They're still your people. They weren't there when you went to jail, though. You were alone. That's okay. Everybody makes mistakes. It happens. You had a lot of time to think in there. No one messed with you. They knew who you were. You liked it.

When you got out, you didn't rush right back into boxing. Why would you? You'd been behind bars for three months. You weren't in a rush. Your legacy was secure, at least to you. You didn't need to fight him. Not yet.

He lost that December. That guy you beat easily a few years before, his nemesis Juan Manuel Marquez, knocked him out cold in the fifth round. See? You didn't need to prove anything against that guy. See?

You're getting ready for your return now. Time for you to fight again. You've targeted Cinco de Mayo weekend. After all, that's the most lucrative date in the sport, and you're boxing's big money star. You have to fight. You'll make more than anyone else in the world that night, and that's what it's all about, you say. You don't have anything else to prove. You've done it. You're the money man, now. Money Mayweather. And you'll make plenty of it fighting guys like Robert Guerrero or Devon Alexander, guys who you'll be heavily favored against just like always, for as long as you want. What else does a guy fight for?

But to some it seems that it should have been for more than just money. You could've been the

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greatest, just like Steward said, but you're not. And it's too late for it now. Too late. That's why you've affected people so. You can't help it if a whole lot of people feel lousy every time you fight now. But they do. They do.

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### **deepwater says:**

i am Floyd mayweather I never had to have a real job but I grew up poor. I hate my daddy for teaching me everything he knows. I once got in diego corrales head by rapping that he is a punk woman beater, I then got arressted for beating a woman and my kids. I am floyd mayweather and my whips keep getting repossesed. I am floyd mayweather and 50 cent broke up with me. I am floyd and I will never be mentioned as the p4p great because I took soft fights. I am floyd mayweather , has anyone seen ms jackson????

### **Radam G says:**

Danggit! That is a "YOU"-to-death piece. You Money May are the controlling boss. No doubt about it. You have people jumping through the loops with your bull\$nitology. But I ain't hatin' you. You da MAN! You, you, you, you, you, you can make more noise by not saying Jack than all the noisy pugilistic scribes on planet earth. Holla!

### **amayseng says:**

what a fantastic piece...

"what coulda been" should be floyd's nickname

if floyd picks alexander his ppv numbers will drop like a 2 dollar whore

deepwater makes a great point, all floyd has been given and all he does is see himself as a victim,

dude has had opportunitites most people couldnt dream of....

35. and he still dont know how to behave..

### **Carmine Cas says:**

This is a very well written piece. Floyd is still a child, and there always going to be the big what if in the end, however he is still going to be regarded as the best of his era. The only way he can cement his legacy is if he fights a healthy Martinez, but still there is so much he could have done. To contrast, Pacquiao fought great opponents before he got to welterweight however his

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opponents at welterweight other than bradley and marquez have more to be desired

### **the Roast says:**

So that was a Floyd history lesson? We all know that stuff already. Floyd should fight Alvarez then Martinez but he won't. Floyd will fight Alexander or Guerrero and no one will care.

### **pikon says:**

You openly dissected the boxing life of Floyd Mayweather Jr...This is the real Floyd as portrayed by a boxing writer not by a biased boxing fan....Must read by all Mayweather fans who don't know the real Floyd...Would you still consider him as the greatest boxer of all time as he claimed he is?...

### **ali says:**

You guys are hilarious lmao! Pac does or did alot of the sh!t that Mayweather has done and he gets a pass in u guys eyes. Be fair call a spade a spade..yeah Mayweather has done some things out side the ring I don't approve of like the fight he had with his dad and a few other things. But y'all seem to excuse alot of the sh!t Pac has done just because you are a big fan of his.

### **Radam G says:**

You are obsessed with hatred and make believe about Da Manny, SCLA Ali! You may need some M&P help. Hehehe! Holla!

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ali you make me laugh,(not be condescending at all)  
this in an article on floyd, because floyd professes himself to be the best of all time. if he is to state that then he is to be challenged and called out on behalf of it.  
when has manny pac ever said he is the greatest of all time? he at least is humble...

this article is about the fighter inside the ring, not outside..

floyd has left himself a bit short of being the best ever, just like my boy randy moss who was born and raised a bit south of myself...

moss could have been the best receiver of all time from a physical and talent standpoint, but

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mentally he didnt have what jerry rice did to accomplish all that he possibly could have. thus coming up short..

just like floyd, floyd didnt aspire to achieve all he had the opportunity he had to be the best ever.

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ali, im a fan of floyd and pac.  
i didnt agree with the pac dlh fight and i didnt agree with the floyd jmm fight...both had a physical edge...

but i am a fan of both..

i wont let floyd off the hook for not challenging himself at times...

### **ali says:**

Amayseng fair enough..

### **gibola says:**

Good article, but a tad harsh on PBF I feel. If he had fought Williams, Pacquaio and Margarito people would have said he avoided Hatton, Cotto and ODLH. This isn't the 50s anymore, fights aren't put together in double-quick time with a rematch a month later if it's a good fight. If Ray Robinson was around today he'd have the same BS of split titles, television companies, promoters, egos, etc. He would not be the same SRR of the 50s, he would have been SRR of the 2000s on HBO PPV, fighting twice a year. He would have had to fit into the game as it is now - don't beat up on PBF because of his being born in this era. Floyd beat a whole bunch of excellent fighters and he would have beaten Pacman, Williams, Margarito too. A bit like Roy Jones, he made his so-called tests look easy so he gets no respect for them. Corrales was killer til he got in the ring with PBF, Hernandez was too much, too soon, etc. He doesn't fight often enough and his personality is easy to dislike but he's a fantastic fighter, easily the best of this era and competitive with welterweights of any era.

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Gibola That's one hellva post fam

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Good job Floyd . Hope you and your daddy have a good camp

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#IJS...and thank you Ali. Good post by Gibola also

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Great post. I agree with most of what you said except the pass money to his kids. Unless Floyd's changes his spending habits that dude could be broke 10 years out of the game. However, I want to play a little devil's advocate with you. Although Floyd will probably retire with sound mind and body, it is at the expense of what could be considered at best mediocre competition since he beat Chico. I do not knock him for looking for the biggest payday with the least amount of risk however he does lose the right to call himself an all time great fighter. An all-time great talent, no doubt, however if you look at his competition since 2002 versus who was available to fight you cannot call Floyd an all-time great.

Real Talk, What Say You?

### **Radam G says:**

We will NOT! Money May and Pops Joy don't have da cojones to walk, instead of talk. If they could beat Da Manny, "Da BYTCH (Lil) Floyd woodna [sic] lost 100-million dollars by not taking da fight." Money is a "wangster!" And dat Fiddy spitin,' not Radam G. But y'all know me. I'm down wif O-P-P! Holla!

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### **Radam G says:**

YUP! Agreed. Neither will we ever know how Sugar Ray Robinson could have been. He ducked the whole "Black Murder Row" of middleweights. Opinions are rife about Money May just as they were about all the above that I named. Money May can stand his ground against any of the P4P ATGs. Holla!

### **amayseng says:**

the good doctor makes great sense with facts...

money may did not reach his god given potential,

just like randy moss did not reach his potential

jerry rice did... therefore although less skilled in comparison he is still considered the best....

money may is a phenom, but does not deserve to call himself the best ever

### **Radam G says:**

Amayseng, c'mon! Sugar Ray Robinson's fanboys, fanfaronades and flunkies shouldn't be calling him the P4P greatest of all times if one goes by the hard road that you have given Money May to travel. All fighters have fallen short and a bit cowardly and/or ducky-ducky at times. And they are all judged for what they have done, not what coulda, shoulda and woulda done.

No matter what, Money May is definitely one of the baddest mofus dat ever rolled up in dat squared jungle to whup easy arse after ducking hard arse and vice versal. And he has just followed a long line of whup\_@\$sers. Holla!

### **amayseng says:**

Radam who are your top 10 of all time?

### **Radam G says:**

1. Willie Pep 2. Benny Leonard 3. Money May 4. Muhammad Ali 5. Sugar Ray Leonard 6. Sweet Pea Whitaker 7. Hector "Macho Time" Camacho. 8. Sugar Ray Robinson. 9. Roberto Duran 10. Da Manny. That is a changing list. Not far out of my top ten are Tommy Burns, Henry Armstrong, Bob Fitzsimmon, Slappy Joe Calzaghe, Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Archie "The Mongoose" Moore, Finito Lopez, B-Hop and Roy Jones Jr. Holla!

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The Good Doctor Mayweather was 33 when he fought the 38yr old who came off great win over Margacheat. Come on everybody wanted Mayweather to fight Mosley and alot of people thought he had a great chance of winning that fight. It's always some kind of excuse when it comes to Mayweather in my Mike Ditka voice stop it.

### **Matthew says:**

Are you kidding me? Mayweather rated above Roberto Duran, Ray Robinson, Ray Leonard, and Muhammad Ali? Now I know you've gone off the deep end, Radam. Pacquiao has no business there either. I also hope you didn't have a straight face on when you put Camacho in your top ten. And to rate him above Robinson is an absolute joke. Largely a waste of talent, Camacho was. While everyone is certainly entitled to their opinion, I am also entitled to point out when it is ludicrous. But I digress. Mayweather doesn't even belong in the same sentence as any of those above-mentioned gentlemen. Let's not forget that Floyd left some fights on the table at 135 also. He avoided Freitas and Stevie Johnson at lightweight. I'm not saying he wouldn't have beaten them, but we'll never know.

### **Matthew says:**

I would also pick a philosophical bone with your statement that Leonard ducked Hagler and Hearn (I assume that was who you were referring to). First of all, Leonard fought Hearn at his peak, when he had a reign of terror at 147, and he slayed the dragon. I agree that they should have fought a rematch much earlier than they eventually did, but to say that he ducked Hearn is misleading (should he have fought Hearn again before taking on Hagler?). While it cannot be in question that Leonard took his time in finally fighting Hagler, the fact that he was the less active fighter and had to fight Hagler at middleweight more than disqualifies calling it a "duck."

### **Radam G says:**

You don't have the seeing that I see, Matt! You are looking, but you are not seeing. I live off "THE DEEP END!" And I know the tricks of the trade. Sugar Ray Robinson mostly fought taxi drivers, bell boys, drunken soldiers and sailors, midget-size Italians and high-on cocaine funeral morticians. Accept it, Matt! It's like that!

Your greats are in the figament of your imagination. My greats were/are artmasters of whup-@\$\$ domination. You got mad respect, though. But when a mob gets something "This-is-the-way-it-should-be jive in their craniums, they will try to stone a Jesus's ho!

"He, who has not sin, cast the first stone!" Matt, LET IT GO! LET IT GO! It ain't nuffin,' but annotha (sic) luv T-K-O!

And ya' know ME! I'm down wif O-P-P! Hehehe! Holla!

### **Matthew says:**

Once again, I suppose we'll have to agree to disagree. The bottom line, which was eloquently

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stated in the article (and by a few other readers) is that we'll never know how if he truly could have become an all-time great, since he left a lot of fights on the table. All-time great talent? Yes. All-time great resume? Not even close.

### **Radam G says:**

I'm an insider, who knows that the great SRL smoothly pullout and ducked Aaron "Hawk Time" Pryor in the amateurs and pros. And ducking is a reality of smart fighting in the art of war.

The USA is ducking Syria. Jack Dempsey ducked "The Brown Panther" and old-@\$@ "Unforgivable Blackness" Jack Johnson. GOAT Ali ducked Doug Jones after getting a gift decision over him. And The Greatest Of All times ducked Ken "Jaw Breaking, half Mandingo Warrior/half Black Superman" Norton in the ordered fourth bout after GOAT Ali got a gift decision over him in Bout III. Hammering Hank Armstrong got four gift draws over my great, great uncle, who fought under the moniker, "The Moro kid." He ducked old unky in bout V for a title shot. I ducked Nun Maribeth after she put a Kung fu beatdown on my arse with her 'fists as fast as lightning."

The seedy game of boxing is full of bullsytology and mythology that ear-witnesses accept as Jesus-Walked-Water Reality. And dat ain't BIG JIVE! In the P-Island, we have animals and incests that walk on WATER every day of the week and six times on the weekends. They be showing off for tourists. Gettin' PAID! Pay will make any ceature play.

Hehehe! The "threatre of the unexpected" is everywhere. Holla!

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

[QUOTE=ali;25782]The Good Doctor Mayweather was 33 when he fought the 38yr old mosley who came off great win over Margacheato. Come on everybody wanted Mayweather to fight Mosley and alot of people thought he had a great chance of winning that fight. It's always some kind of excuse when it comes to Mayweatherin my Mike Ditka voice stop it.[/QUOTE]

Very true my friend but you are using emotion in an argument where logic triumphs. Sure everybody wanted them to fight but that does not make it a great, even, or good fight. Shane was not the same at 38 as he was at 32 when he and Floyd were both at the same weight class and Shane was in his prime while Floyd was in the beginning of his if not already in it. Rather than fight a 32 year old sharp Mosely he fought a 38 year old okay Mosley. Also that Margarito fight was a year and a half before they fought. In addition, I can tell from your posts you are a smart guy, I must ask you how often is the boxing public at large right? Not often. People that were true fight fans felt like that fight was going to turn out the way it did. Even Shane's own trainer said it. Naseem's quote was of the nature of this:

"[I]You are going to hit Floyd and hit him hard. But it will be like stepping on the tail of dragon. Once you do it, you are really going to have to fight because he will bring the fire once you touch him[/I]

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Now since you say there are always excuses, I have to ask how do you defend Floyd's fight record between 2002 and 2010. Look at who he fought:

Sosa

Bruseles

Chop Chop

Zab

Baldomir

Ndou

Mithcell

Hernandez

Jesus Chavez

Gatti

Hatton

ODH after Shane twice, Hop, Trinidad and Sturm, all of which were hard to brutal

JMM, coming up 2 weight classes and didn't make weight for the fight

versus who was available and better than almost anyone listed above

Tszyu, Barrera, Pac, Prime Cotto, Prime Margarito, Prime Mosely, Casamayor, Prime Vernon Forrest, Clotey, Prime Williams, Cintron.

In addition, look who is available now: Martinez @ 154 (said he would come down to 147), Saul @ 154, Trout @ 154, and he's choosing Alexander?

Look, I get it. The 0 in the right hand column does mean something. Floyd is about money first, legacy second. Floyd likes his millions to come easy and I would do the exact same thing. However, before the Floyd backers say that the detractors do not have an argument just look at the facts. I guess the thing is that out of all the people listed above, I do not think a single one could have beaten him. Unfortunately, because Floyd has chosen the easy (but more profitable and better for your long term health) road, I will never know.

Also as a quick disclaimer, I am not a Floyd lover or hater. For the record I am a Cotto guy and have been since he was an amateur. I have always and will continually say Floyd is a top 5 defensive fighter ever, a top 3 talent possibly ever, but he lacked something that made him want to challenge himself.

### **Matthew says:**

Well said, Good Doc.

### **amayseng says:**

agreed, the good doctor is on point

### **Radam G says:**

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And Money May, just as Sugar Ray -- that will be Robinson -- is 100-percent CORRECT! It is PRIZEFIGHTING -- not pridefighting or legacy-first bullsyet. Sugar Ray Robinson is a rode model for Money May and the Sugarman was one for GOAT Ali also. SRR clearly said that he would not fight "Colored fighters, because it ain't no money in fightin' 'em!"

"And dey too tough and hardheaded to fight for pennies," that jive is all over Youtube and Daily Motion. You modern-day haters of Money May, Da Manny and the late, great "Macho Time," ought to cut out the hate, propaganda, make-believe and bullsyetology about the fake-@\$\$, untainted reps of long-ago yesteryear fighters. Same old sh\*t, different playas.

Cyberspace bullsyeters, groupies and fanfaronades are what is new. Boxing haven't changed. The good and the bad are mixed into tangling of the straight-up seedy STILL! And it will forever be the top dawgs prizefighting and the bottomfeeders for peanut pay and chance, and those in the middle pridefighting for a minute. And if they rise to the top, as Marvelous Marvin Hagler did, they cut that syet out.

Anybody in da know know that Sugar Ray Leonard and the Marvelous One gave Donald Curry a step-a-side phat check to let SRL and TMO get it on for the biggest prize to be made. No-d@mn body was concerned about legacy first in fighting Curry. They didn't fight his @\$\$ PERIOD! Because it was no money in it.

Fans and fanfaronades have mirage power. And that it all they will ever have. And nowadays -- hehehehe -- cyberspace warring. Holla!

### **ali says:**

Great post good doctor

### **stormcentre says:**

Gotta love the Roasts avatar on this thread!!!