

Bob Arum Says Bradley-Marquez Is Best Fight of the Year

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It's months before Timothy "Desert Storm" Bradley and Juan Manuel Marquez set foot in the ring to exchange fighting skills, but there they were in the posh Beverly Hills Hotel hyping their showdown.

On one side was Palm Springs' Bradley, no longer the wide-eyed newcomer to mega fight

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central. On the other was Mexico City's Marquez, the remarkable veteran of four world championships in four separate weight divisions.

"This is going to be one of the Fights of the Year," said Top Rank's Bob Arum, adding that it will surpass Manny Pacquiao vs. Brandon Rios and Floyd Mayweather vs. Saul Alvarez in excitement.

The undefeated Bradley (30-0, 12 Kos) faces Mexican challenger Marquez (55-6-1, 40 Kos; on right, in Chris Farina-Top Rank photo) on Oct. 12, at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. HBO pay-per-view will televise. Tickets go on sale today.

On paper it's one of those fights that's very difficult to pick a winner.

Bradley's last battle in the ring, on March 16, against Ruslan Provodnikov, was a brutal affair that saw the Palm Springs speedster engage in a blow for blow slugfest of epic proportions. It nearly cost him his senses.

"I tried to knock him out," said Bradley honestly. "He just laughed at my punches."

If not for Bradley's winning most of the middle rounds with his boxing ability, then he surely would have tasted the first defeat of his professional career. But he hung on and though wobbled and battered he took the win on points. So far it's the Fight of the Year.

Arum thinks the next Bradley fight will be another contender for that status.

Marquez's last fight was a thrilling knockout win of Philippine's great Manny Pacquiao. That was last November and since then the boxer known as "Dinamita" has looked around for the best possible opponent, someone that can give him a historic challenge. He sees that in Bradley.

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“He has something I want and that is the world title,” said Marquez, adding that he seeks to become the first Mexican-born fighter to win five world titles in five separate weight divisions. “This is an opportunity to fight the best, and the best is the champion Bradley.”

The Mexican fighter knows that Bradley has a speed advantage and a youth advantage and perhaps more.

“I’m training especially for the speed,” Marquez said.

Bradley knows that he cannot afford a mistake inside the boxing ring against Marquez.

“He has this huge legacy. He’s a legend,” said Bradley of Marquez. “Don’t miss this fight.”

Arum truly believes Bradley vs. Marquez is the fight to watch.

“It’s the most competitive fight,” Arum said.

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SouthPaul says:

Bradley's weight gain also caught my attention. Looking pudgy .

Carmine Cas says:

This is an interesting fight, Bradley gained a lot of weight again and he looks somewhat shot from his previous tilt. I hope that is not the case, Bob Arum talking out of his arse again saying it's going to surpass the other two fights lmao

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Radam G says:

Hehehehehe! Et tu Brute! Da BobFather is also down with O-P-P! If this bout happens, it will be a total syetfest. As Amayseng so elegantly indicated, the Cali Cranium Crusher has put down the roids and PEDs and holla and holla and holla and holla at the fatty buffet tables. Who does tCCC think he is? Perhap he is biting off the Nigerian Nightmare, Samuel Peters. Or even the Cali Crusher/Nightmare Chris Arreola.

Since this bout with Hulkquez may not happen, because Hulkquez doesn't want to be tested by VADA, plus he doesn't want tCCC to come in over 10-pounds the night of the fight, Da BobFather could just match bubble back and butt Bradley against Chris. Bradley is living large all over that body. Maybe he is trying fat on his torso to balance with his size-nine dome and 13-size doggs. Hehehe!

I'm just jiving, Bradley's floozy fanfaronades. Don't catch a tude. And start hallucinate something racist about me, and starting pulling up old Radam G's posts and faking there is some racism in 'em. NYET! Racist comments are for losers and trolls. Holla!

amayseng says:

It's true I was harsh on Bradley but something is up for sure.

Dudes adrenal glands and thyroid are jacked out of sync from the roids
now he is paying the price.

If he actually makes weight this may be his last fight.

Physically he has ruined himself.

Radam G says:

Ditto, Amayseng! Holla!