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One of them is a certified all-time great and holds the record for middleweight title defenses and at age 48, two months shy of 49, is the oldest fighter in history to hold a legitimate world title. The other is currently the greatest pound-for-pound fighter in boxing and has won a legitimate world title in five different weight divisions who just happens to be undefeated after fighting professionally for 17 years. Together they've won a combined 45 world title bouts. Yes, I'm talking about IBF light heavyweight title holder Bernard Hopkins 54-6-2 (32) and pound-for-pound king welterweight Floyd Mayweather 46-0 (26).

Recently, there's been talk of the two of them meeting in a catch-weight bout and most likely that speculation will soon begin to escalate. Hopkins (*pictured above, in Tom Casino-Showtime photo*) is without a doubt the shrewdest fighter in boxing history outside of the ring and is self managed. He came from the penitentiary, wasn't an Olympian, didn't have any big money or corporate sponsors backing him and even lost his pro debut. Yet he's been managing himself for a decade and knows where every penny comes from when it comes to making and promoting a fight. You could say unlike Mayweather, Hopkins is more of a small government guy who travels light who doesn't bring or carry anything that isn't needed. In addition to that he's a strategic professor in the ring. He understands exactly what he can and cannot do and changes his style according to who the fighter is in front of him, and he doesn't need many rounds to size his opponent up and figure out what they can't do, then he forces them to do it over and over again. There's never been another boxer/fighter like him in or out of the ring, ever.

Mayweather is also one of the best fighter/managers ever. Where he differs from Hopkins is, Floyd was an Olympian and was brought along and looked after on the way up and even into his tenure as a title-holder and champ. Floyd is like Muhammad Ali in that he's not hip to where all the money comes from or how it's divvied up, but understands there's a lot of it and he's the draw and must get the lion's share of it. Mayweather is more of a big government guy who travels with an entourage and is his own entity to a degree. In the ring Mayweather is basically the same fighter stylistically every time out. He more or less forces his opponents to address what he does instead of the opposite. Floyd does what he does and the onus is on his opponent to make him do what he doesn't want to, something that we've seldom seen done by any fighter who he's fought. Listening to Hopkins and Mayweather negotiate a possible bout between them would be more fascinating to hear than watching them or anyone else actually fight.

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Unfortunately, Hopkins-Mayweather or Mayweather-Hopkins will probably never become a reality, because it makes no sense and is too risky and a potential disaster for both fighters. The negotiations could very well be the high point of the whole project if by chance it were to be realized.

In Mayweather's last fight he wasn't even breathing hard at the end of the bout after dominating Saul Alvarez for 12 rounds, the fighter who was perceived to be the biggest threat to him weighing between 147/154. This past weekend Hopkins dominated the IBF's number one light heavyweight contender, Karo Murat, and he wasn't breathing hard either after 12 spirited rounds. Everyone knows that Mayweather is only interested in partaking in big fights and Hopkins reiterated the same sentiment after beating Murat. Hopkins also implied that he thinks his next big fight will be fought at a weight south of the light heavyweight limit of 175. He's publicly said he'd be willing to go down to 160, a weight he hasn't fought at in almost nine years, to meet Mayweather in a super-fight. Mayweather has never fought above junior middleweight and has barely weighed over 150 and change for any of his 46 bouts.

Let's assume Mayweather would agree to meet Hopkins in a 160 pound catch-weight bout, which I doubt, but in boxing you never know. Does anyone believe Hopkins would resemble the same fighter who fought Murat or Tavoris Cloud in his last two bouts? I don't. I think he'd look more like Sugar Ray Leonard versus Terry Norris, a shell of the fighter he once was. At 160 Bernard would be an empty package. Could he make 168? Absolutely. Then again Hopkins can't even dent any of his opponents weighing 175 because there's not much left of his punch. He was taking free shots at Murat all night and I never got the sense that Murat was particularly bothered by anything. He was a little bewildered at times but that was it. At 160 Hopkins would resemble "Cotton Hands" more than "The Alien" and it wouldn't take Floyd long to realize that. It's doubtful that Bernard could get down close to 160 and remain a noteworthy fighter against a quick and accurate fighter like Mayweather. And if Hopkins lost to Mayweather he'd never live down that he lost to a fighter who turned pro as a junior lightweight despite his advanced age.

If you're Mayweather, do you really want to chance that Hopkins might turn back the clock for one night and become the fighter who took apart Felix Trinidad and Oscar De La Hoya at 160? Floyd couldn't do a thing with that Hopkins. And if there is a boxer alive walking the planet today who could not only solve Mayweather's style but also get inside his head, it's Hopkins. Floyd would have no advantage over Hopkins in ring sense and would be facing the one fighter in the sport who possesses an even higher boxing IQ than he does. Bernard would also be one of the few fighters Mayweather has ever faced who held a size and strength advantage over him (if there's anything left of him at 160) who would actually know how to use it. On top of that, Hopkins is the only boxer in the world who keeps himself in shape as good or better than Mayweather does when he's not fighting.

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What if Mayweather did beat 49/50 year old Hopkins at 160? I doubt it would do all that much for his legacy weighed against the risk if he lost. Then again who knows, the public and even gullible boxing people might be taken in by a Mayweather victory. I think there's a chance that people wouldn't understand that the 160 pound guy getting into the ring with Floyd that night (a guy who'd be nearly 50 by the time the fight took place) had no resemblance to the real Bernard Hopkins. Hopkins would be so weak at the weight there's probably four or five other active fighters who'd beat Hopkins at the same weight. He's even said that he would need months to get that low. How much left as a fighter would he have after draining down so low? And what if Hopkins was able to out-muscle Mayweather and smack him around a little bit, which isn't a major leap? Does Mayweather want to be remembered for losing to the oldest title holder in history who was fighting 15 pounds below his optimal weight? I think not.

What happens to Floyd if he loses? His reputation could never recover. He couldn't even argue that he was fighting a guy thirty pounds heavier than he was, since he would have been the one who forced Hopkins down to 160.

Hopkins fighting Mayweather at any catch-weight limit is a joke and makes no sense for either fighter. But I wouldn't be the least bit surprised if boxing fans spent their money to see it. With the right promotion they'd buy Mike Tyson or Lennox Lewis versus either Wladimir or Vitali Klitschko.

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The Shadow says:

Good piece, nice analogies and great points. I don't agree that Hopkins has a higher IQ than Mayweather, however. Mayweather is significantly smarter, IMO.

Mayweather is always 10 steps ahead of his opponent. Hopkins is more like four or five.

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Other than that, nice, sensible breakdown of the whole mythical matchup.

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amayseng says:

both guys have phenomenal boxing iq's.

I dont see how anyone could make a distinguished point on who has the higher boxing iq nor would I try. both floyd and bernard are superior boxing minds and well ahead of their opponents.

what we do know is that bhop has to rely more on his mind at this 48 year of age due to his naturally diminishing skills and physical attributes than when he was younger.

a 36 year old floyd has also made the transition and has adapted very well himself.
hell floyd had no problem taking both the ghost and canelo to school.
bernard put on a clinic with both pascal and cloud and you can add a clinical brawl to that as well this past weekend.

when i watch these two guys fight i put down my competitive rooting for one guy and just sit back and take notes on the lessons that are being presented.

having said that, a floyd bernard fight wont happen.

Hopkins should head to 168 and beat froch in England and retire with two divisional titles and floyd should fight Garcia next. papa psycho garcia will sell this fight on his own

The Shadow says:

The demise of Bernard's physical gifts have been greatly exaggerated. He still has world level hand speed, top-notch reflexes and fairly decent workrate.

Sure, he may have lost some but if you watch, he's faster than most of his opponents. Aside from Chad Dawson and maybe Calzaghe, who was the last guy to out-speed him? Think about it.

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[QUOTE=spit bucket;39232]Would like to see if Bernard would befuddle Adonis Stevenson[/QUOTE]

That is a tall order for an almost 49 year old hopkins. Stevenson can crack and box a bit

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I am good with it though, I hope he stays relevant, he truly doesn't receive the exposure he deserves, especially in a time when adult and children obesity so high in america.

He should be all over tv doing interviews inspiring and educating on how healthy living can truly make a difference. hell I am always educating my patients on the benefits of such an example with a better life as the result...

teaser says:

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bhop has implemented the shoulder roll defense in the past as well.
i was very impressed and have been for a long time with Hopkins.

I think a floyd hopkins fight would make money, lots of intrigue for sure, however i really dont want it to happen, i think it will be too taxing physically for a 49 year to make that weight. especially since he hasnt fought there for like 9 years.

floyd should fight Garcia, great hype and intrigue, papa garcia will fuel the promotional bit and i think garcia presents a good competitive fight, with floyd winning.
this will give khan time to have an impressive fight and be lined up after garcia.

as i stated 125 times Hop should fight Froch in England, great atmosphere and another belt to win.

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be 49 and retire with two divisional belts, that would be historic.

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Now THAT'S a fight! I'd like to see him battle with Carl Froch, too. OOOH-WEEEE those would be epic. I'm convinced he smokes Froch, too. GGG, the jury is still out. GGG doesn't KO Hopkins, that much we can safely assume.

Froch is fascinating because he's so mentally strong. Yet, after the fight with Ward, who employs similar sould-sucking tactics, Froch was clearly drained of his spirit.

I think if Hopkins faces Froch, that could be the end of the Cobra. It's remarkable to see how many souls that mofo has taken. He does something to his opponents that causes them to lose

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all belief in themselves.

They go to bed thinking, "man, this old piece of garbage beat ME??!" Then when they go to the gym, their confidence is shot.

They hesitate throwing simple combos that worked before. Now, because those same combos got countered by an old man, subconsciously they become gun-shy. They're mentally shot.

Boxing is a mental game.

Another example: take a look at Pavlik after the fight. "I just couldn't get off." No sh*t, Sherlock. It's called "angles." Never again the same.

To this day, Foreman still has nightmares about the right hand in Zaire that sent him into seclusion and made him see Christ.

And you know what they say about a**-whoppins that make you see God...

Unlike Ali, Hopkins doesn't make you see God. He makes you turn to the bottle...I wouldn't wanna fight that guy.

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The Shadow says:

[QUOTE=brownsugar;39259]Nice writeup Shadow....maybe Bhop can change his name from The Alien to Soul Reaver.[/QUOTE]

Thanks. Yeah, that would be a fitting nickname! It's something to behold when a fighter loses his fighting spirit.

Mayweather, similar thing. I call him The Undertaker of boxing. There are fights where you can LITERALLY PINPOINT THE MOMENT where he snatches your soul. (CIP: Round 8 vs. Ricky Hatton.)

The effect of Hopkins is more damning, though, I believe, bc he's not supposed to do what he's doing as an old man and that messes up their minds. "I've been lied to," they think. "I'm a fraud."

Before they can get their cognitive dissonance under control, poof! There goes your soul. (Look at Tarver between rounds.) The Reaver has struck again. It's remarkable.

Carmine Cas says:

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Great points guys,

I like what Amayseng said, Hopkins should expand his brand by educating people how to stay healthy at an advanced age.

Dropping down to 160 is very risky and it might be just to keep his name relevant, just like fighting David Haye at HW.

I like the idea of him fighting Froch in UK or trying to tame GGG. However Hopkins does deserve a huge money fight so I don't blame him for trying to get Floyd in the ring, if he can somehow make the weight and adapt to it MAYBE but it's a long shot. As far as him being smarter than Floyd, I don't know. But I think he can definitely get in his head and he is one of the only other fighters who keeps himself in shape all year round.

The Alien is a good nickname for Bernard because as stated in the last couple posts he takes something from you, he takes you to the ring (his ship) probes you and you're never the same fighter again, your being has been taken hahahaha

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Yeah, it was after Jimmy Young it happened but that was just the straw that broke the camel's back. It was the ghost of Ali that sent him over the edge. After that defeat, he said he was depressed, homicidal and felt like nothing after that. To this day he says the same thing.

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Nice info, bro. I realize they're all on the take. however, based on recent history, the IBF is the one sanctioning body that at least follows its rules. I don't discount for a minute that they're no good. I just think there are worse organizations out there.

WBC bends their rules as they please. WBA is a joke. WBO is kinda suspect also.

Did the Muhammad Ali Act have anything to do with you winning by any chance?

Radam G says:

No! The Muhammad Ali Act initiated by politicians McCain and Reid has no teeth. It's for show and is barely enforced. Most boxers have never heard of it, and are still getting ripped off and √obbed big time.

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The MAA is boxers' 9-1-1 -- a big ✓OKE. Hehehe! Holla!

amayseng says:

looks like Khan is the frontrunner for a floyd opponent as Alexander has signed on another fight...

shame, floyd should fight garcia that would be a decent fight, garcia adapts and is solid overall.

i am thinking Gbp may want to keep garcias record perfect to carry the company once floyd retires in what eighteen months or so?

canelo already has an loss now and most likely once he moves up in weight may have some difficulty picking up another belt, although i assume he will, he is a good fighter.

my preference is floyd vs garcia, hopkins vs Froch, khan vs a maybe peterson on the ppv event, giving khan a chance to shine...

wait, how the hell does peterson still have a belt when LM smoked him?

why wasnt his belt on the line?

i cant remember

Radam help me out

The Shadow says:

Damn, RG, I'm convinced. That video is INCRIMINATING. Those bodies....yuck!

Amayseng, you are demanding of PPVs! A PPV like that is too expensive to put on.

You have three separate massive PPV draws (Mayweather, Khan, Froch) plus two card-carriers in Hopkins and Peterson (main eventers, some call them) on one card in three separate bouts that each would draw seven-figure gates, seven-figure premium ratings and even 300K+ PPV buys -- the de facto number for PPV box office success. (B-Hop-Froch and Khan-Peterson could draw that in in domestic UK buys; then add the likely \$4m license fee from Showtime for each fight.)

It's as unlikely as seeing Santa Claus chillin' on the beach.

Lucas M. was WBC Interim champion and didn't want to risk that against Peterson. IBF doesn't allow unifications with interim titles.

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Lucas didn't want to give up his interim belt because he believed he'd be entitled to a mandatory shot at Danny Garcia (wtf?).

So instead of scrapping the bout altogether, they contested it at welterweight with an official limit of 141 pounds. Therefore, Peterson keeps his title but everyone knows that Lucas M. was really his daddy.

Radam G says:

A-Seng, The Shadow shot you the answer. He said it all -- one of the trick of the trade of keeping your alphabet-sanctioning organization belt.

See, also, if you don't pay the sanctioning fee of those corrupted alphabet-sanctioning organizations, they have the options to strip you or let you keep your belt. Holla!

The Shadow says:

RG, I'm watching the documentary. I'm at the part with William Guthrie. Un-freakin'-believable. The case with three opponents training for him when he thought he was fighting Virgil Hill reminds me of this debacle with Devon Alexander and Amir Khan.

Alexander thought he was fighting Khan. Yet Khan's team knew he wasn't fighting Alexander because everyone knows who Khan is fighting next.

It's been 80-90% done for months with contingency plans in place in the event of an emergency. And Khan needs months of training to prepare for his next challenge with Coach Hunter and Unca Raja wannabe Coach Rick, the "Mittologist" (GTFOH...).

Yet, Alexander was in camp for a while training for Khan when challenger Shawn Porter probably knew in advance that Alexander might be a fight that would happen.

Like you said Sensei, it's a seedy, shady game. Goodness gracious.

The Shadow says:

By the way, the Nazis always said, if you repeat a lie often enough, people start to take it as truth. The public is so incredibly easily influenced.

Go watch the comments sections of some articles where F. Roach claims Khan can beat you-know-who, and see the reactions of the agreeing public. (Circa 2011)

Here's a quote from a poster:

[!]

"Speed, Jab, Defence, all problems for Floyd. Khan has problems with pressure fighters and big punchers, Mayweather brings neither to the table."[/!]

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Then go look at some the articles -- also in 2011 -- where Khan says he has the style to beat you-know-who and look at people agreeing.

Here are different comments from fans:

[I]- I think Khan can beat Mayweather coz he is trained by Roach. Oscar almost beat Floyd using Roach's gameplan to bad Oscar got tired early.

- Khan has more stamina and faster to than Floyd

- Besides Khan's got a good jab, nice bodyshot and more speed then Floyd, all factors which can pose problems for Floyd. And hey zab couldn't catch Khan with those counter shots well and I'm betting that'll be Floyd's gameplan in that fight. So point is...this = good fight

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[I]- This would be Mayweather's hardest fight since De La Hoya.

- khan would toy with mayweather and knock him out in the 8th round much like he did with judah. ... khan will knock out mayweather easily ...the toughest part about a mayweather fight is getting him into the ring.

- Khan toyed with judah a guy mayweather struggled 12 rounds with

- mayweather knows khan kicks his *** thats why he dont want it[/I]

I think y'all catch the drift...

Now, Khan gets too brave vs. Danny, starts throwing dumb uppercuts of the kind that got Buster Douglas knocked out by a light Evan Fields. He gets hurt and then gets stopped after taking a bunch of hard shots (his chin is not as bad as they say it is). Suddenly, you-know-who will stop him in five.

In the comments sections, people laugh at the matchup. It's a mismatch.

Although the first argument was that despite Khan fighting lesser opposition than you-know-who, styles make fights, suddenly that adage doesn't hold true after he's stopped by a relatively unknown Danny G., who we've later come to know is the truth.

Now, after several articles of different media, promoters, trainers, and, most importantly, himself, feeding the same illusion of Khan having the style to trouble YKW, you start to see comments that go something like this:

[I]- Khan gives Mayweather a lot of trouble if the 2 meet, I doubt he wins but it will be very competitive! Mayweather is not a big puncher (and neither is Khan) so I don't see khans whiskers getting wobbled. Speed vs speed and Khan has got to be one of the fastest fighters out there!!

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- Khan is right, fight him at his own game. Use your speed. Khan has a better chance than ANYONE at 147 to beat Floyd, that is a stone cold FACT.[/I]

For point of reference, look at the announcement of Pacquiao-Mosley and see how people crapped all over that fight. Yet, it sold over a million PPVs.

Promoters couldn't care less about hardcore fans who really don't buy that much anyway.

Their markets are sponsors, networks and the casual fan-- and probably in that order.

Radam G says:

Sad, but that is beautiful seediness and shadiness -- just super tricks of the trade. And those not in da know don't have a clue about this game of fame, flame, shame and something that will never be tame. It is war and love. And we know that all is fair in those two bytches. Hehehe! Holla!

The Shadow says:

RG, assuming you aren't him, what do you think of Nonito? I never hear you speak much of him?

Radam G says:

Hehehe! No! I'm not the "Filipino Flash." But I'm down with him. But his pulled a P-cultural No-No for a minute. And Pinoys don't put out our dirty laundry out. We publicity shun the offender and bring him/her in order by hollering at the offender in the native tongues.

√ust so that you will know, quite a few of elite pugilists tune into TSS and post in pseudonyms. I know the fighters, trainers and flunkies by their syntax. But when tFF came here we holla in Cebuano and Tagalog -- a couple of P-Islands' dialects.

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I've thought that, too! You can see a lot of stuff from syntax! Hahaha that's how certain identities have been revealed to me, too! I've suspected guys like Sergio Mora and Andre Ward to peep around here.

I know promoters, managers and things of that nature. In fact, simple syntax can reveal A LOT about a person.

What no-no did he pull?

Radam G says:

He hollered misinformation about his parents abusing him and Filipinos mocking him, and that he was the late, great Michael √ackson type of scared of his pops.

He's back now with his pops helping in the corner. And he's made peace with all in general. The END! Holla!

the Roast says:

This is a fight that will never happen. B-Hop aint goin down to 60 and Floyd aint goin up.

Radam G says:

BTW, @The Shadow, I hope that you got a big dig into how crooky the game really is. Nobody rises to holding a title belt and making BIG bucks without being baptized in the deep kimchee of pugilism payoffs, hookups and connections.

The cyberspace posers in this Universe and all the jive-arse weak universes of super bullsyet don't have a clue of da game's whup-arse black and blue -- everybodee and dey momma will do it to you.

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You're damn right. I knew of the payoffs and that type of stuff. But it was still shocking to see the bribery taking place right before our eyes, caught red-handed and like Shaggy, Bobby Lee acts like "it wasn't me!"

Some of the biggest robberies I've seen take place on untelevised undercards. I was covering a Don King card a few years ago -- where I met the guy for the first time!! -- and one of his "prospects," a local kid with the scary, menacing, fear-inducing nickname "Twinkle Fingers" got SMOKED like you wouldn't believe against a rugged, 37-year-old Mexican veteran.

Dude, he got beaten from pillar to post and was lucky to survive. Yet, he was awarded the victory. Everyone was flabbergasted. Especially Twinkle Fingers. But King got a prospect to build.

In Denmark, when the old crook Mogens Palle used to run shows, he'd have opponents fighting under pseudonyms and fake records come in and take a beating. Sometimes, the designated jobber would fight back and clearly beat whatever one-dimensional Danish scrub he was trying to build.

A couple examples come to mind. One dude, a cruiserweight, was fighting in a four-rounder. He got floored THREE times in the first round, yet somehow he won a unanimous decision! Mathematically, AT BEST, he shouldn't have gotten anymore than a draw.

Another time, as Palle was trying to build him for a Tyson-fight, Fat Boy Slim Brian Nielsen fought a dude, Thomas Williams I think his name was, who took a clear, comical dive.

In another bout Tony Tubbs also mysteriously retired on his stool after boxing the sh*t outta the Danish Pastry.

And for some reason, Palle's fighters all held a belt by a mysterious organization called the IBC -- an organization I haven't seen before and haven't seen since. It looked like they were funded exclusively by Palle's organization. LOL

Of course, King is the biggest thief of them all. 30% to Carl King and 30% to himself?? GTFOH!! I assume that's what you refused to do so he wanted no mo' of Lil Kim Ho, LMFAO!

This game is insane! That documentary definitely offered a lot of insights, too! Feel free to share some more anecdotes under the guise of fistic fiction, pseudonyms and what have you.

brownsugar says:

[QUOTE=the Roast;39326]This is a fight that will never happen. B-Hop aint goin down to 60

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and Floyd aint goin up.[/QUOTE]

I was beginning to think you went MIA like those who disappeared after the great change.

Mayweather's dad said no way this fight will happen....Roy Jones recently posted on BS that he would drop to 170 lbs and through his great skill and pedigree hand Floyd his first loss. Jones indicated that he knows how to defeat the Mayweather Style.

I hear James Toney will be the next to proposition Floyd with a catch weight fight for the best shoulder roller bragging rights.

Radam G says:

The Shadow, you are not even close for da Don (mafia ways) King. He holla more this: his son Carl would get 33 percent. His daughter -- I won't post her name -- gets 10 percent for a administration fee. The trainers that DK picks for you get 5 percent, your own trainer get 5 percent and the DK-picked cutman gets 2 percent and DKP takes 25 percent. And charges you for using his choice of training-camp gym.

And to top that off, the corrupted alphabet sanctioning organization take 3 percent or a minimum of \$1,500 of your purse, whichever is cheaper to sanction the bout and give you those low-quality, cheap-arse tin-and-plastic belts.

Uncle Roger May is right. "Most people don't know syet 'bout boksin!" Especially the darkside. And, of course, about the dirtbag crew of cutthroats. Many of a fighter have been found expired on abandoned, floating boats.

Keep your arse off the waterfront and at the dock of the bay. Scumbag hit-he bytches kill unlucky pugilists there.

In this seedy, shady game, only the strong survive. And a few weaklings who are always ready to take dive. Holla!

Radam G says:

The bottomline, when DK got through with your arse, you'd be lucky to get 15 percent of the purse. In order words, a \$100,000 purse was only \$15,000 for the fighter, and the taxman was gonna scrape \$2,500 of that, so you would be left with \$12,500 of a purse of \$100,000. WTF! And a lot of these fighting champions would get a side, legit √job or high-crime one like working for the pusherman as an enforcer and seller.

A lot of the fighters without inside connection do and did things a lot, such as porn and down-low he whoring with super-rich dudes, who like boxing dudes.

The game is tore up from da flo' up! And has a high amount of fringe fighters and failures givin' da butt up. Da game is machiso in dat squared √ungle, but the fighters, who are not cutting it

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and the naive ones like Sugar Ray Leonard, who has admitted to being a victim of sexual crimes and/or male-on-him sexual times, are a dime a dozen.

As they say, boxing has been "a redlight district crime." But many of the insiders don't talk about some of the high rollers coming to prey on the none-connected under achievers.

Oh, YUP! "From da bricks to da sticks and to beat da @\$\$ of a no-good d***\$, people are extremely naive and none believing to the utmost seediness and shadiness of our sport. Sodom and Gomorrah are paradise in regards to redlight-district-arse boxing -- the amateurs and pros. Holla!

amayseng says:

how has nobody killed Don King is my question

Carmine Cas says:

Wow lol, more reason for centralization, but the game is prob too deep and dirty to change

Radam G says:

@A-Seng, EASY, EASY QUESTION to answer.

DK is protected by people in high positions. Don't forget that Prez Bush 41 pardoned him of double murder. And -- while in office -- Prez Bush 43 spoke from the White House on a couple of DK's PPV shows.

DK help Bush 43 steal the election from that vice prez dude Gore who served under Prez Clinton.

Let me just get to the point about DK's security. The crooks at the top fixed him up with moonlighting Secret Services personnel, moonlighting CIA arsewhoppers and the true top of the line of killing and spying suckas -- moonlighting and retired DIA personnel. And let me not forget the moonlighting and retired SEALS who protect DK from all willing -- foreign and domestic -- people that he screwed wanting to kill him.

See the game of boxing and the crookedest playas in it are covered in plain sight because the average Joe and know nothings don't know nuffin [sic] or believe syet! They just pose their trifling arses off in cyberspace nowadays. See that is why Editor Mike has to give jiggy with known boxers who ride into this Universe with the true and the whole true often without tact. One name that comes to mind is taking-a-long-vacation, TSS archmaster poster Deepwater. Come back, SHANE -- I mean -- DEEPWATER!

Dude spitted the same truths that I do, but he was not always tactful about his delivery. Likewise, some other long-gone boxing and ex-boxing guns that use to lose their minds up in herre [sic], because of the naivety and big FIBBING of the posers here. You know 'em all. But

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many of them, such as Kountedout, Frank Z, Condor, Big Daddy, Leroy Peters, Anony and T Doggy Dogg have gone. Thanks to heaven. The He bytches were just agitators, instigators and BIG-L clowns.

BACK TO DK:

I've seen boxers, trainers and others roll up on DK ready to punch him out, kick him into the dirt, shoot him in the cranium gangsta style or cut him up into a thousand pieces, but from outta hiding in right plain sight his security detail would intercept the perpetrator and beat the insane idiot senseless while carrying him away.

DK would just grin and keep doing what he was doing. Days or months later you would see the perpetrator peacefully around with umpteen injuries, or you would hear that he suddenly died of cancer or an accident -- like drowning in the bathtub, a brook or a pond.

I'm straight-up da real for it TOO! No bulljivin!' The boxing scribes know it. The fanboys probably don't. Not-going-to-be-make-it-big Fighters and managers have accidents and illnesses all the time after messing with the wrong big wig in this shady, seedy game.

See, my friend A-Seng, the pugilistic scribes and real insiders of the game with hookups and connections know this. And about all the different kinds of protection of boxing elite -- from the fighters to the talking heads and the promoters.

Believe me you, there are always some delusional fanfaronades causing problems in da boxing game just like at the stadiums of footballers and baseballers and the arenas of basketballers and hockeyers.

For boxing it is trouble come double on steroids, bullsyet, anger and probably evil. Sometimes the fights in the crowds are better than the ones in the squared jungle.

With all the above, boxing is BIG, BIG MOOLAH BIZ. And promoters like DK, da BobFather and nowadays Big Money crossdresser -- I mean Oscar -- are de facto virtual reality presidents, emperors, kings and dicators of countries -- the boxing countries.

TR, GBP and still the nowadays weaker DKP make more money and have more money than than two thirds of the countries on this planet. So you better know that they have some killas protecting their nine and six and are ready to mix and kill a behind.

Killers and fools have not been able to get to DK since in the 1980s when he was in Jamaica and some enforcers and anger boxers whupped his arse and pull off his hairpiece. See DK has had the power to make all of the photos of that mishap disappear, because you know that he is known for his hair. Hehehehe! And he got an optical illusion on many of a people about its reality.

And I'm certain that the whuppers of his arse in Jamaica but in da day are now long dirt napping. OMFG! DK can kill your arse like the USA government. He probably has some drones

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too. Hahaha!

Boxing has a lot of dark, dirty secrets. Holla!

amayseng says:

that is some crazy a\$\$ **** Radam,

DK is his own Mafia to an extent.

tyson thumped him in a hotel once didnt he?

i am an average Joe to the inside game, but i am a student of the game so keep shoutin

and educating, i'll try to take it all in

The Shadow says:

RG, don't forget how he paid off some NOI goons in the Bahamas while they were whoopin' his a** over stealing \$950,000 from Ali for the Holmes debacle.

As the legend goes, while the X's and the Shabbazz'es are stompin' the sh*t out of King, he's slippin' some of them some money on da low to ease off.

According to himself, one of his proudest moments happened in Jamaica in 1973. Then-heavyweight champion Joe Frazier, scheduled to defend his title against hard-hitting Olympic champion George Foreman, lost his title, as we all know, on a 2nd round TKO.

King rode to the fight in a limo with Frazier, yet left in a limo with new champion Foreman!

Someone in-the-underworld-know told me about 10 years ago, "Don King got JUICE! That n**** got assassins and killers sittin' on roofs ready to lick shots at a drop of a dime!" He said it with such conviction I never doubted it.

You telling me about security, SEALS and CIA makes all the more sense now.

Then I read all these crimes he would do, from him stomping someone to death -- or as he called, "unfortunately being instrumental in the fatality of a fellow man" -- over a measly \$600 debt to running numbers, to parlaying with the Italian mob, Don King is as MAFIA as it gets.

This dude is ruthless. Everyone should check out out Jack Newfield's book. You wouldn't believe some of the things King got away with.

What you just said about guys turning up with broken legs and injuries doesn't surprise me in the LEAST! And I think he got more bodies than those two he got pardoned for. Guys who can kill in public, to me, at least, seem too comfortable killing. One way of getting comfortable is

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experience.

Mike Tyson was a loose cannon and a cash cow. Tyson could milk him some more. That's why I think he was spared. For King, money is first, last and only!

Who is Deepwater? It's not the Sugarman, is it??

Radam G says:

You tell him, The Shadow. DK got punched a few times until the gangsta U.S. Government under Bush 41 and 43 gave him security details from the protect-the-U.S. Prez Secret Services and all the above that I'm mentioned. Holla!

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Is King still as connected? Haven't people been anxious for him to be gone by now? I do know this: the man is charming as hell. Just like they said the devil would be.

After robbing Lennox Lewis and Great Britain of the undisputed heavyweight championship, I saw this dude appear alone on UK television with a bunch of people against him -- including Lennox himself -- and it took King a few minutes, a couple of Shakespeare quotes, a big smile or two and "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!" to seduce the HELL out of these people. (I'm gonna find that video, give me a few...)

People know he's a crook. Yet, he will get you anyway.

RG, it's a testament to what I already know about you that you escaped and didn't get screwed even though he had you be his Ho (pun intended -- no offense!).

Who was your manager? Not asking for a name, more like, who did you have who could stand up to his artillery??

The Shadow says:

Here it is. Enjoy: [url]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X6QQxmAkPp4

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You will never think of what DKP's schmucks call me when I was hollering at Missy Elliot and she put me in her "liking all types/kinds of boys" music video. You will not know which Asian that I am. Hehehe!

I know you will find that video. But not a clue of my boxing-days name. Holla!

Radam G says:

Oh, YUP! Only the grim reaper is gonna be DK's brother's keeper. He is boxing's Don. Holla!

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Noooooooo!!! You hit that, bro?? Damn! LOL, Lil Floyd messin' with Rapido's leftovers!

And of course I'll find it haha, little escapes the diligent Shadow!

The Shadow says:

And absolutely, that whole you-gotta-be-broke-to-be-a-boxer is some crap.

Yeah, it's a working man's sport and it appeals to those but there are many distinguished champions.

In spite of what Lil Floyd says, his dad kept that boy hooked UP! Big Floyd had that drug money. Like Ali, Ray Leonard wasn't some broke bloke from a broken home. Middle class, baby.

Klitschkos are two of the most dominant champs. PhDs, baby!

Juan Masterful Marquez -- CPA, baby!

(Mike Tyson could easily be a PhD if he wanted to. He already has the vocabulary of a professor, from a scientific standpoint (they count that in the amount of words you have in your vocab, btw). He's that bright. In his case, his environment restricted him.)

On a much smaller scale, The Shadow is going for a national championship and he's been nothing but a nerd, athlete and skirt chaser his whole life. Not an ounce of physical toughness in him but plenty of guile and refusal to quit, YEEEEHHH!

Like Iron Mike says, "boxing is a thinking man's sport. Tough guys get hurt in this business."

Carmine Cas says:

Some great info fellas, keep it coming