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Reactions were mixed on Manny Pacquiao's performance on Saturday (US) in Macao, in that the vast majority decided that either the old Pacman is back, or, if not quite at the level of "vintage" Manny, that he's close enough to restart the salivating at the prospect of a Pacquiao-Mayweather clash.

I am not going into that rabbit hole, believing that the impediments which prevented that fight from being made in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 are still present, and I don't detect even a hint of change in that realm. So, I figure, speculating about fight between Mayweather and Pacquiao (*seen celebrating in Chris Farina-Top Rank photo*) is pretty much a masturbatory exercise, and best left to others so inclined.

Two days later, if asked to offer a single element of Manny's effort that stands out for me, I have to choose from a few, not being able to cordon off just one. His **stamina** was marvelous, and continual. There weren't but a few parts of several rounds when it looked like he was conserving energy. I attribute that to some extra oomph in training, derived from his wounded pride; Manny said he wanted to come back and show the world that the KO at the hands of Marquez was truly an aberration, and not the new normal for him.

His **battle plan** was exemplary. The left to the gut the great work with the right hand, which allowed him to slither and slide out to his right, and keep Rios from winging left hooks and/or cutting off his path of escape, the discipline in sticking with it, the resistance of temptation to start loading up more, seeking a KO, and therefore leaving himself open to a counter which could spur a flashback to that Marquez moment...Manny gets an A for tactics and strategy.

Trainer Freddie Roach has to get an A, as well, for **superior game-planning**. He tried to tell us that Rios was a mere "tough guy" and doesn't possess enough grounding in the arts and the

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scientific elements of pugilism to hang on the same playing field as Manny...and he was right. Public opinion has swung from Roach as the 'It Trainer,' to Robert Garcia, and now its swung back again, with the anti-Garcia crew now noting they didn't hear or see what they'd hope to hear in the corner in between rounds to attempt to goad Rios into a re-set of tactics to switch the momentum in the Macao clash.

As always, the superlative Forum crew at TheSweetScience.com exhibited the keen eye and knack for communicating their insights post-fight. Let me share some of the feedback from our Forum faithful now:

Pacman fan **Amayseng** dug Manny's effort as much as I did, it seems, maybe more.

"Manny peppered Rios and boxed his ears off in a boxing lesson. Manny fought smart and controlled," he wrote. "Rios is a walking punching bag when fighting an elite athlete and boxer like Pacman. I hope Rios didn't take so much punishment that he STUTTERS the rest of his life like he was doing in that video making fun of another individual who is disabled and handicapped to certain extents due to a disease...or DONT I??"

Clearly, that gym meltdown featuring embarrassing behavior by ex Team Pacquiao member Alex Ariza and Roach won't soon be forgotten by Amayseng...

The inimitable **Radam** weighed in, in his patented fashion:

"Bam Bam was full of fright, instead of fear. From the first time that he got clocked, his noggin he couldn't clear. He couldn't handle the big-fight atmosphere. He definitely didn't have "The Eye of the Tiger," but the eye of a-struck-in-the-path-of-a-headlight deer. To himself, he and Team Rios, told a lot of lies. Just before the start of the bout, he had dragonflies, instead of butterflies. With condition coach Alex Ariza, he ought to cut ties. Or to elite boxing, say his goodbyes. Holla!"

Reader **Jzzy** also came down hard on Rios and company:

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"Manny exposed Rios for what he is, a loser with limited intelligence, class and zero boxing ability. Garcia provided no help whatsoever from the corner, where was their plan B? This was reminiscent of the Pac/Clottey fight, another lopsided paint job by Manny. Rios absorbed a frightful amount of punishment and yes he is a punching bag well on the way to Palookaville."

Mortcola too had a stinging assessment of Rios:

"No sign of decline in Pacquiao," he said. "Pac was destroying Marquez before he walked into that punch. And Saturday night he showed more speed and stamina than in years. Maybe the new god-fearing version really doesn't like to hurt people. But more likely is that he hits hard enough to bust the big welters' faces and bodies up, and KO some of them, but the size difference shows in whether he gets the KO. But still, that was a prime, quick, focused fighter in there. And Rios is already slurring."

A sweet review came from our guy **Brown Sugar**:

"Even though the uncompromising non-stop aggressive style of Paq's youth is gone, he still fought a masterful fight against an opponent who was as made to order as a pepperoni pizza. Manny floats like a dragonfly and stings like a hornet. Rios was being out-classed in every department and had no chance to win while suffering the most lopsided loss of his career. I was surprised he sounded offended when Max asked him if he felt like a punching bag. Manny looked sharp last night, putting on a performance that would have made Mayweather proud. Speaking of Mayweatherit's time to make that fight."

Sug also offered up a roster of possibilities for Manny's next:

"Prosvnikov is a friend and won't fight. Broner is unproven at the weight. Thurman is an Al Haymon fighter. Cotto is too big. Garcia is on Showtime. Marquez is chasing a rematch with Bradley. Bradley can't sell tickets but Paq can...so we'll see. Matthysse has been eliminated. I wouldn't mind seeing Alexander getting the call...but it's unlikely. Khan needs to prove he can compete at the top level again. That leaves Mayweather."

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By the way, I have no problem with fight fans and consumers calling for That Fight to be made. They need to speak up and demand the fights they want to see, be it Mayweather-Manny, or fights that "can't" be made because of The Cold War.

Ultimo Shogun brought up a nice point, that of Manny's class. Rios could absorb some of that, as it says something about a person in how they react in both good times and bad. Manny acts the same after winning and losing: with class and dignity. He's a role model, after all.

"Manny's a class act...the way he hugged Rios and then his corner (including Ariza) after the fight was surprising to me," US said. "Always good to see great sportsmanship like that despite all the ugly things that were said between the two camps."

Feel free, friends, to continue the high-level of discourse in the Forum, and riffing off some of the points made here!

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leon30001 says:

There is but one, ONE impediment to the fight that we all deserve to have seen by now...and that is quite simply, and blatantly, glaringly obviously, that Floyd Mayweather does not want to fight Manny Pacquiao. PERIOD!

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Speaking of Paq's next opponent... Call me insane in the membrane but I'd like to see Manny take on Robert Guerrero if he's not getting a title shot. Guerrero may be a little flat footed but he's a I'd bet he'd be able to come up with a better strategy than Rios. What the heck.... they could put the fan friendly Andre Berto in with Manny... a fight that's sure to create many entertaining highlights.

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2 problems i have with Garcia though Bsug,

when the original video of margacheato and rios mocking roach a few years back i believe garcia was seen in it laughing along at them mocking his disease.....unacceptable..

secondly, he didnt ask roach for an extra few mins, he told him.....of course roach is gonna say get the f out..

you have two alpha male trainers, in that exact situation neither will back down...

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i understand, you are correct, if he was alpha he wouldnt allow his two fighters to mock a disease like a couple of 13 year old asshole junior high bullies...
let alone be in that video laughing.

of course ariza is a bitch, he struck an elder who has a disease....

i couldnt count how many fights i walked away from not out of fear, but because i didnt want to hurt the other guy, it wasnt fair for him.....Ariza is the opposite, he is a bitch..

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i think the ghost beats broner....

a couple different ways. out works him, out scores him.... on the inside...

the ghost has a granite chin. broner cant pot shot him to a victory.

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Agreed. Pac may even TKO Broner. One problem I see in that match up for Broner is that he is a notoriously slow starter. I had him down 3-0, and 4-2 to Paulie, Lil Gavin Rees took the first two rounds from him as well as Ponce De Leon (who a lot of people thought won). If he did that to Pac, it would be 5-0 before he knew it.