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Freddie Roach has a full plate to deal with in the coming months, with his biggie clients Manny Pacquiao and Miguel Cotto gloving up in April and June, respectively. But the Hall of Fame trainer told me he will try to sneak in a look at the next fight booked for Floyd Mayweather, the sort-of rival to Pacman who tackles Marcos Maidana May 3, in Las Vegas.

I asked Freddie if he thinks the 30-year-old Argentine banger, coming off a career-best win over Mayweather Lite aka Adrien Broner (now 27-1), has a chance to get the better of "Money."

"Maidana is a great puncher, he has a punchers' chance, but he's going up against a superb boxer, who's going to be very careful, jab a lot...this fight very definitely might put us to sleep, be a little bit boring," he said.

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Freddie guesstimates Maidana (35-3 with 31 KOs) has about a 3% chance of winning against the 45-0 master craftsman. "He's the smaller guy, a good puncher at lower weights. I don't think he's in the same league as Floyd," he said.

There you have it, friends. Weigh in, in our Forum and share YOUR guesstimate at what sort of chance Maidana has to upset the "Money" train. 3%? 5%? More? You think he's more of a live dog than Canelo was? Talk to us!

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The Shadow says:

Well, considering Maidana can either win, lose or draw, he has about 33% chance.

That being said, I agree with our new man Rome -- welcome aboard! -- that Mayweather may stop Maidana come May 3. Most likely, it ends in a decision, IMO.

deepwater2 says:

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Smart and dirty, that's what I heard him say too in a few interviews. Do you think Maidana punches hard than Mosley?

jzzy says:

Unless Mayweather has aged alot since the Canelo fight, I don't see Maidana as a real threat. Mayweather is in a different class and will always

be a few steps ahead of El Chino, who is a plodder with limited boxing ability. Maidana will have much trouble trying to close the distance on

Mayweather while eating numerous jabs and counter rights. This will be an action fight, a good matchup of boxer vs. puncher. Mayweather is a master, and by the looks of his first week of training, he'll be ready for Maidana.

Skibbz says:

I picked up that garcia will have Maidana training to throw around 100 punches a round. Good pressure or perfect counter oppurtunities? I personally don't believe Maidana will show anything that could trouble mayweather. He's fought much stronger, fitter and skilled pressure fighters in the past and I don't believe Maidana has a real chance at the win. Then again we will never know until they face off in the ring, but I will hold that Maidana isn't capable of applying effective pressure on Mayweather simply because they are on different skill and knowledge levels.. As Joy sr has said in the past... Unless Maidana hits floyd with a shot that aint nobody ever seen before then he won't get him out. I think Maidana will underestimate Floyd's power too.. Floyd will be hitting him clean, and at angles that will have Maidana off balance all night. Who's going to be buying the PPV?

gibola says:

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We know the deal. It's easy to sell. To the untrained eye, it seems like his style could trouble

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Floyd when real folks know his style is made to order.

That and all the talk of a 100 punches per round will have people thinking it can happen and pissed when it doesn't. And guess what. The public's residual anger just leads to more residual revenue for Floyd Mayweather hahaha...

A complete mismatch, which is saying something, considering this is his second consecutive unification fight. He's just that good. I think he will go to the body quite a bit and put on a vintage performance that may even convert some haters into fans.

The Commish says:

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I couldn't agree more, I think Robert will push Maidana to his limits and beyond in the training. He may genuinely want his fighter (and need) to throw that high rate of fire but as many have found out it's a very different prospect when you're faced with Mayweather in the ring. I think there will be a "moment" where Maidana takes the leash off around his neck and throws caution to the wind... Perhaps the speculated Joy Jr KO will come then!

deepwater2 says:

Floyd is gonna jab tithe body a lot. If mm can absorb it and counter he can do something . Floyd should be the fav in this one but I always give a tough puncher a chance .

amayseng says:

It is all about the footspeed and agility. Floyd has it and MM does not.

Easy win for Floyd who pot shots to an easy, boring decision. At least the Ghost tried, Canelo

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had no killer instinct and embarrassed himself.

MM will try, he may even have some good rounds early due to activity. Then Floyd will pull away.

No I will not be buying this one.

Pac yes

Sergio vs cotto yep

stormcentre says:

Maidana probably hasn't been hit by anyone in a prizefight that hits as hard as Floyd.

That will be one telling factor.

Imagine what Cotto or Canelo would do to Maidana with their straight right hands?

Floyd has been in with guys that could KO Maidana in 1 or 2 punches, and he's still beat them.

Add to that Floyd's superior smarts, speed and defence and Maidana is in for a tough night.

It's wise to coach Marcos to beware of the elbow, but he will need to also be aware of how, when and why Floyd uses it.

In other words if Maidana goes in there thinking that that's all there is to it, he will be in for a big surprise.

Floyd often uses the elbow as a part of smothering and other "tricky" inside tactics that break a fighter's rhythm and frustrate them.

When they're tired, they naturally take a little break thinking its clinch time, then the game changes as Floyd opens up, and then he does it again.

This goes on a lot in Mayweather's fights that he has a lot of ring generalship and control over.

Maidana will find himself out of distance, reaching, missing and getting hit a lot. Some he will see others he won't.

Don't get me wrong, I like Maidana. He's a solid fighter.

But his strength, fitness, skills and experience are not even close to the league that Floyd occupies.

That's why he's Floyd's next opponent.

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kidcanvas says:

thats why floyds fighting him freddy ffs man ... think ud know by now.. 0 threat

brownsugar says:

Personally I think Maidana will make for the most action packed Mayweather fight in a long time. This will not be the same Maidana who followed Devon Alexander around for 12 rounds without a single clue...and quite possibly a better Maidana who nearly love tapped a cocky Adrian Broner into submission.

Under Garcia's direction Maidana will throw out the old play book and add tactics that will result in Maidana giving side long glances at the ref while holding up his palms with that "what'd I do?" look on his face.

Look for Maidana to actually be sporting some muscle tone for the first time in his carreer and marvel as he turns that right elbow up to the sky in an attempt to rain punches from heaven over Floyds shoulder.

I believe this will be the first fan friendly fight Floyd has had in years.

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Hit it on the head commish. I also have to say that I have been critical of Garcia and this just adds to my criticisms. Throwing 100 punches a round leaves his fighter open to 50 easy pot shots from Floyd. In addition, he is asking Maidana to gain a ton of conditioning which he has historically not had. Lastly, people that have actually gave Floyd some problems have used a controlled fury (Cotto, Castillo, Zab and DLH to an extent) not just bombing away. If this is Garcia's plan for Maidana, then it is going to be a long night. The again, it may be that anyway.

dino da vinci says:

[QUOTE=Editor Mike;46194]

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