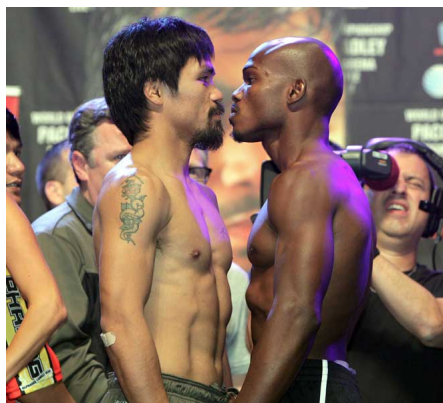


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NEW YORK (JANUARY 25, 2014) – Bob Arum and Todd duBoef, CEO and President of Top Rank, respectively, and Michael Koncz of MP Promotions are pleased to announce that an agreement was reached today for undefeated two-division world champion TIMOTHY "DESERT STORM" BRADLEY to defend his World Boxing Organization (WBO) welterweight title against Fighter of the Decade CONGRESSMAN MANNY "PACMAN" PACQUIAO. Promoted by Top Rank®, in association with MP Promotions and Tecate, Pacquiao-Bradley 2 will take place, SATURDAY, APRIL 12, at the MGM GRAND GARDEN ARENA in Las Vegas, Nev. It will be produced and distributed live by HBO PAY-PER-VIEW.

Both fighters and their teams will embark on a U.S. media tour the week of February 3, including press conferences in Los Angeles and New York on Tuesday, February 4 and Thursday, February 6, respectively. Ticket information and other details on the promotion and the media tour will be released shortly.

When Pacquiao and Bradley rumbled the first time, on June 9, 2012 at the MGM Grand, Bradley's hand was raised via a controversial split decision, ending Pacquiao's welterweight title reign as well as his seven-year, 15-bout winning streak. Though both fighters claimed victory neither was satisfied. Destiny may have played a hand in their first battle but it will be survival of the fittest that determines the winner of this exciting rematch.

Pacquiao (55-5-2, 38 KOs), the lone congressional representative from the Sarangani province in the Philippines (he was reelected to a second term, running unopposed last year), is the only fighter to win eight world titles in as many different weight divisions. A three-time Fighter of the Year and the Boxing Writers Association of America's "Fighter of the Decade," Pacquiao's résumé features victories over future Hall of Famers, including Oscar De La Hoya, Ricky Hatton, Marco Antonio Barrera, Erik Morales, Miguel Cotto, Shane Mosley and Juan Manuel Márquez. From 2008 to 2010, five of his seven victories were world title victories in five different weight classes, from 130 to 154 pounds. No active boxer has sold more live tickets in the U.S. than

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Pacquiao, who is also credited with over eight million pay-per-view buys. He returns to the ring after a scintillating beatdown of former world champion Brandon Rios.

Bradley (31-0, 12 KOs), from Palm Springs, Calif., a two-division world champion who unified the junior welterweight titles twice during his previous four-year reign, returns to the ring after three consecutive career-best victories. After moving up in weight and beating Pacquiao in 2012, Bradley co-starred in the 2013 Fight of the Year last March, winning a brutal 12-round decision over Ruslan Provodnikov though Bradley was suffering from a concussion throughout most of the fight. In his most recent fight, in October, Bradley gave a virtuoso performance in defeating three-division world champion and Mexican icon Juan Manuel Márquez proving that Bradley is indeed one of boxing's elite pound for pound fighters.

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Radam G says:

T Bradley is getting KTFO! No more magic! He will be a pathetic tragic. On him, don't bet a DIME! Put it all on Da Manny knocking him da double fudge out, and you will think that you have won a gold mine.

Forget about the gold at the end of the rainbow. You will see the bet-yet Da Manny's knocking-out-an-@\$ show. Holla!

brownsugar says:

Should be interesting Bob saw fit to extend Bradley's contract in the event Bradley renders his cash cow non relevant.

Carmine Cas says:

This fight will be a good, I see Manny having his work cut out for him being that Bradley isn't going to be right in front of him.

Does anyone know how long his extension is for?

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King Beef says:

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lol, I wonder if Bradley got his \$\$\$\$
he was asking for

Spinach Chin says:

I don't think Pac knows an "easy" way. He would have preferred Marquez! Champion inside and out!

Grimm says:

The threats, the taunts and the mockery after meeting no 1 may well be Bradleys undoing, as he probably will be looking for an end without controversy - and show up as the less intelligent version of himself. If so, he'll play into Pacquiaos hands. Otherwise, he's an odd nut to crack - not great, in some departments almost not even good, but odd and difficult. That alone can take a man very far.

Pacquiao will for sure come to fight in a different state of mind than last time. He will be looking for the KO in a way he hasn't for some time.

Radam G says:

People will believe anything. Big Foot didn't need an extension. [Anybody can fight fight to fight.] The only type of cow that Big Foot will be for Da BobFather is a crash cow.

Nobody wants him. Come April, you will see all the scumbags that used him as a T-baby will tell him: "April's FOOL! Did you really think that you beat Da Manny the first time? You have just been knocked da F#** OUT! STEP! You are released from any said contract. Get da heck outta of Dodge!"

This the hurt business. Holla!

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Wow! First, there was the lie that he held out for Da Bobfather to give him \$10mil. Now it is six.

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Hehehe! Sounds like poop from posers who are not in da loop. Holla!

jzzy says:

This will be a tough fight for Pacman because Bradley will try to make this a track meet. But Bradley can't win this fight backing up. Manny will have to lure him into exchanges, this will be a tactical chess match.

Radam G says:

This bout will be easier for Da Manny than his second and third dance with Erik Morales. Bradley is gonna get KTFO! Da Manny is running down like a hound dog. And butcher him like a hog. Holla!

#1 PacFan says:

Manny wins by KO in 5!

Carmine Cas says:

Yeah I read 6 million as well, should have shot for 10 lol

The Shadow says:

Next to Floyd, Bradley's got the best contract in boxing bar none. AND he clears more than other fighters because he doesn't have an agent/manager.

He had all the cards. He's making \$6m in a fight that won't clear a million PPV buys.

He made \$4.1m vs. Marquez.

In his contract, he's likely got a minimum guarantee of \$3m per fight for some easy arse fights because Top Rank's welterweight division is so bad.

After Pacquiao, he has Marquez again, unless he jumps ship, where he will net the same amount.

If he were to go for the best competition and stiffer fights with GBP, he would average a million, fight on SHO where he prove to be a non-draw, be one among many on their stacked all-star roster, and perhaps MOST importantly:

If he were to get Floyd -- which would be likely but far from a guarantee -- he wouldn't make NOWHERE near \$6m before PPV upside. He would get \$3m at most.

With his extension, Bradley -- with no drawing power -- is getting a 30% split with one of the

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biggest draws of all time. Once Pacquiao retires, he will be one of Top Rank's building blocks for the future (they will invest in the urban market this time, after losing out on Floyd).

AND he will get easier fights.

I'll say it again: he's got the best deal on boxing.

Radam G says:

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ultimoshogun says:

I'm in agreement with those who feel this will be more competitive than the first.

The Shadow says:

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Hey, you shoot for the moon and land among the stars. He had no business commanding \$10m.

He's only worth \$3m in this promotion so his outlandish demands, along with all the sweet leverage he had, landed him close to what Miguel Cotto got in total guarantee plus a far greater percentage than Cotto got vs. Mayweather.

In fact, Pacquiao-Cotto was a 65-35 split. Bradley's getting 30%!

Cotto is the 3rd biggest PPV draw in boxing. Bradley's making out like a bandit.
#BestDealInBoxing

The Shadow says:

Sorry, y'all! Misread the figures. He's NOT getting 30%, only around 25%. My bad. STILL! It's a far better deal than he should get!

BomberBill says:

Very much looking forward to this fight. I enjoyed Bradley's balls'n'all effort with Provodnikov (courageous and game all the way), and, his superior performance against Marquez, in my opinion, earned him solid respect. Pacquiao bounced back nicely against Rios. Better fight this time round between these two. Can't wait.

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Welcome to TSS BomberBill....

Bradley for all his personality faults did fight ballsout against the Russian, should have got the L in my opinion but fought a smart and calculated fight against JMM.

I will take Pac with just a clear cut win as the first fight 11-1 in rounds. Tim gets on his bicycle once again

after eating some Pac leather...