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Floyd Mayweather Jr. Running Scared of Pacman

NEW YORK, NY Dec. 26 (PinoyGlobal) - The much awaited Pacquiao-Mayweather mega slugfest in Las Vegas has been tentatively called off. This is the news around the world as of this writing. The fiasco of this billed fight of the decade between the two ring superstars is because Floyd chickened out. This is the only reason I can image at the moment unless logic supports Mayweather's sudden dash for the exit door just when the agreement is about to be finalized. Coming up with this novel but flimsy excuse that the rules of engagement should be the US Anti-Doping Agency test – whatever that gobbledygook procedure is mystifies the millions of boxing fans around the world. Does Pacman who crosses himself before and during his fights look like a dope-addict? That's what this demands sounds to me.

Oddly enough, Floyd did none of that hysterical drama before he fought Juan Marquez, Oscar de la Hoya, Ricky Hutton to mention a few of the 40 he claims to have knocked out cold in the ring. If you ask me he should have demanded to change the rules of engagement when he fought Oscar who at the time enjoyed phenomenal prestige as a professional boxer. Floyd fought him nevertheless and defeated him after 12 rounds, and only by decision.

Pacquiao on the other hand won against Oscar by technical knock out on the 9th round when the latter called it quits or he would have slept in the hospital to recover his senses after being comatose for a month. This makes the sudden death of the agreement mystifying when Floyd asked to revise the accepted random rule, which is unacceptable to the camp of Pacman. Did he come up with this charade because he

fears that he could end up in the intensive care of a hospital if the fight takes place?

No amount of excuse can justify why the biggest purse for a boxing match such as this mega-extravaganza scheduled for March 13, is called off on the say of Floyd. To me this stunt is no more than a face saving gimmick because the boxers will be making the mind-boggling \$40 million each. No reason for Floyd to be fussy about the rules of engagement at this point in time when everything is almost perfected in the contract already?

Exasperated by the antic of a typical coward, promoter Bob Arum aptly asked, "Is he the boxing commissioner?" Really, what right does this prima dona in the ring have to overhaul the rules for the hyped boxing "thrilla" of the decade, if not the century, when equally famous boxers religiously observed and respected the current rule regarding blood drawing before and after the fight? One is to be done right after the announced agreement; another is a month before the actual encounter and the last blood test is immediately after the fight in the locker room to ascertain if one was drugged before the fight. The last step is crucial because Floyd might look drugged with all the heavy punches of Pacman landing on his face and head.

Nobody questioned this rule for years, why this weird brainstorm of putting them on the level of amateurs like Olympic contestants, who for all practical reasons, are novices in their respective chosen athletic fields? There is more than meets the eye in this ploy and I will help you

analyze the incontrovertible reasons why he has shamelessly reduced himself to a cry baby asking for his lollipop, as I continue.

For example, must the World Boxing Commission change the rules of blood drawing just because Floyd capriciously demands it without prior mutual consent of both boxers and their promoters? Is Floyd's hallucination getting the best of him, that if he agrees to the random blood testing he would be entering a lion's den? Isn't it too obvious of someone running scared that his profile or mug if you will – could be reshaped to something worse than a man's face crushed by the top-dance of a horse after Manny pummels him mercilessly with his legendary left and right iron-fists? Is Floyd that fragile and afraid that he will spend millions for plastic surgeries to redefine his deformed face after Manny is through with him in the ring?

I would give it to him that it took courage to challenge the present system of blood testing because the world is shocked with his onerous demand. The expected classic match would just be any other bout with a price tag no more than enough to pay for the hospital bills of Mayweather after the doctors finish patching up the wide open cuts, broken nose, jaws and ribs, were it not for the larger than life image of Pacman that commands a huge purse to fight? The hundreds of millions watching them on TV are what will make the gate swell beyond the wildest imagination of both sluggers. If it were Mayweather alone, the price would be peanuts! Only his father, whom he seemingly disparages, would hoodwink him into believing he could out class Manny. Any boxing fan without bias could tell that if the fight materialized it would have been in favor of the legendary Pacman.

I can almost see big names like Ali, Foreman, Leonard, Hearn, Tyson and even basketball and baseball superstars salivating at the purse Manny commands in his fights. And he is just in the prime of his glorious career in the ring. He is bound to pick up more millions of dollars if he survives through the years without a freak encounter with an unknown newcomer who may put an end to his exploits in the boxing world, which has been the fate of those do not stop while they are on ahead. Be that as it may, still he will rake in more

millions of dollars in the years ahead given his boxing prowess and fame today.

Candidly speaking nobody, absolutely nobody who came from poverty will pooh, pooh the \$40 million each of them will get in that protracted fight if things have not gone awry. In short, Floyd will be made for life and will never suffer the wretched-fate of fellow boxers and athletes who ended up in abject poverty and obscurity. To repeat what I asserted earlier, Floyd Jr. is scared to death to face the awesome Pacman in the ring, no ifs and or buts about it!!!

The sooner his corner stops yakking about a gobbledygook Olympic blood test style on this match the better will it be Floyd because he can lose graciously and still earn the appreciation and respect of his fans and boxing aficionados. He should drop this silly demand of a scared mouse running into a menacing bulldog - because nobody believes he is not scare of Pacman after he made the gimmick to have a gracious exit from a one sided bloody encounter against our boxing icon. Perhaps if he is man enough to accept his doomed fate in the hands of a superior fighter like Pacquiao who is loved and adored around the world for his courage and skill, maybe the boxing fans across the globe might be kinder and let him (Mayweather) retire without branding him a coward.

For him to imply that Pacquiao might be on drugs for refusing to dignify his stupid demand is insulting the intelligence of the tens of millions of Manny's fans all over the world. Pacquiao does not deny his addictions: he is addicted to singing, acting in the movies and chasing beautiful women who chase him first until he catches them in the rebound. He is also addicted to politics although he was already knocked out by a lady, Congresswoman Darlene Antonino Custodio, in 2007, in his first try in a province in South Cotabato.

But if Floyd persists on badmouthing of Pacquiao below the belt, I will be forced to remind him of what Churchill told Hitler who did the same to the great Briton at the height of WWII: "Hitler continue telling lies about me and I will continue telling the truth about you." Capis?