

Canelo Alvarez's Dominate Performance Just A Reminder Of How Great Floyd "Money" Mayweather IS



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What a difference six months and six days make? On September 14, 2013, Canelo Alvarez was the one. He was the one Floyd Mayweather Jr completely dismantled and made look (for lack of a better term), so regular! Canelo was supposed to be the one that finally defeated the undisputed pound for pound king. Instead, Canelo looked like a slow footed, club fighter who was selected on short notice to fight the greatest fighter of the current era. Canelo happened to be the guy carrying the hopes of Mexico and an entire population of people wanting nothing more than to see Mayweather lose. Floyd Mayweather Jr was that good. Excuse me, he was that great! I digress. Saul Canelo Alvarez's domination of Alfredo Angulo was a long, drawn out reminder of how great Floyd Mayweather jr. IS.

I must preface what I'm about to write with "In Complete Contrast To What He Did against Floyd Mayweather Jr. "



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Canelo Alvarez was fast, elusive, aggressive, and busy in his 10 round TKO dominance of the once feared Alfredo Angulo. From the opening bell (Insert Preface Here), Canelo jumped into Angulo's proverbial hind side. Canelo came out landing multiple shots to Angulo's body. He fought with an unparalleled fire and ferocity. Canelo disrespected Angulo's skill, and for 10 brutal rounds, he beat and battered his Mexican cohort into submission (insert preface here).

Boxing fans came to expect Canelo Alvarez to perform at an elite level all the time. Heralded by Oscar De La Hoya as the biggest thing ever to enter the boxing ring, Canelo received the highest praise a future Hall of Famer and legend could give. Imagine if your co-worker, boss, or a competitor said, "You were the greatest worker ever to perform in your field." You would feel like you won the lottery. Canelo Alvarez was flying high for 42 fights. He was undefeated, young, powerful, the toast of his country... then the Mayweather fight happened.

After the Mayweather fight, Canelo was labeled as an untested, overhyped boxing fraud, who should have never been in the ring with Floyd Mayweather Jr. The question being asked was who has Canelo beaten to deserve a fight of this magnitude? Well, Canelo isn't the first fighter and will not be the last to have his credentials scrutinized after being beaten down by the world's best boxer Floyd "Money" Mayweather Jr.



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"Money" Mayweather is so good, because he forces his opponents to throw away everything they did well in previous fights. His change of pace, pressure, unworldly boxing acumen, multiples angles, and speed make good fighters crumble. He does not overwhelm you with power shots, but he does turn you, elbow you, forearm you, and rake a glove across your face to direct and redirect you around the ring. By the time an opponent gets a movement rhythm, he changes everything and starts popping you with stinging accurate shots. The opponent becomes frustrated, and has to begin readjusting. At that

point, the game is over. You will either (A.) meet a fate like Ricky Hatton or (B.) become Victor Ortiz. In other words, you will lose. Mayweather is that good.

Is he one of the greatest of all time? He is definitely earning comparisons with the greatest collective Lightweight and Welterweight era of all time - 1980's (Leonard, Hearn, Duran, Benitez, and Pryor). What I have seen, he might have frustrated Pryor into a DQ, he would have punished Benitez, he definitely would not have given into Duran's psychological games, and probably would have outboxed him in a helluva fight, he might have been able to take away Hearn's jab, avoid the big right hand, and beat him late, and with Leonard.... (Sugar Ray Leonard is my all time favorite, so this is hard to say); Mayweather is a smarter fighter than Leonard. Proof: You will never see Mayweather lose his cool and abandon who he is as a fighter like Leonard did in his 1st fight with Duran. Skill wise, they are evenly matched: Speed, athleticism, angles, and ring generalship. The only advantage Leonard holds is power. If he hit Mayweather like Mosley did, he would have finished him. Game Over! But, if If's and Butt's were candy and nuts, we'd all have a merry what? Xmas. Exactly!?!? No one knows what would have happened.

What we do know is for this current era, Floyd Mayweather Jr. is the greatest fighter, and he is assembling quite an impressive resume of wins. At some point, we will all say, he beat all-time great fighters named De La Hoya, Gatti, Marquez, and Canelo. While you might hate him now or want to see him lose or maybe you aren't impressed with who he has beaten, you will one day say, "Floyd Mayweather Jr. is great!"

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