

## Mayweather vs. Pacquiao Press Conference Quotes



### FLOYD MAYWEATHER JR.

"This fight could've happened a long time ago, but it's the right time now. It's an unbelievable matchup and I know the fans can't wait for this. The timing is right and the timing is now.

"We finally made it happen. Everything is about timing.

"There was no resentment towards (former promoter) Bob Arum, I was just happy to become my own boss after years of working hard and dedicating myself to boxing and also learning the business side of it. With time, I eventually had to become my own boss. There are no hard feelings towards Bob Arum at all.

"It's always good to see the best fight the best, that's what's so intriguing about this matchup. "I think that us meeting after the Miami Heat basketball game, meeting one-on-one, I feel that that is the reason why this fight happened.

"It really came down to my team and his team sitting down and communicating, getting on the same page basically.

"There is no sense of relief that the fight is made. My focus is just on living my daily life and focusing on what I have to do. I can't live my life for anyone else.

"We have faced all the top guys in this sport and have beaten all the top guys. After this fight, which I believe I will be victorious, then we will move on to another guy.

"May 2 we have a tough task ahead of me. Manny Pacquiao is a good fighter, but last time I checked I faced eight southpaws and won eight times, so I am not worried.

"You best believe that I will be in top shape and be the best Floyd Mayweather I can possibly be.

"It's always great to get back to the great city of Las Vegas. Lights, camera, action. The MGM Grand is the best hotel on earth. It was always my goal to be fighting there. The first time I went there for a fight was when I was 17, I saw James Toney and Roy Jones.

"I have had an unbelievable career. It all started with my father. If it wasn't for him I wouldn't be where I am today. When you put all the pieces to the puzzle together, I just feel like I'm the center piece. Every day when I think about my career I don't regret anything. We will go down in history as some of the best fighters, the fighting Mayweathers.

"I hope the fight meets the hype. All we can do as fighters is go out there and perform and do what we do best.

"I have nothing to prove on May 2. I know about my skills, I know what I can do and I know what I bring to the sport of boxing. I am truly blessed to have broken all the records in boxing. Right now I don't see any particular fighter breaking any of my records.

"I think that styles make fights, and I think that our two different styles make for an exciting fight.

"Any fighter is dangerous. When I face different opponents, I can figure a guy out instantly. I know what he does well and what he doesn't do well. My job is to find out what he does do well.

"If a fighter lost before, losing is in the back of his mind. For me, all I've done in my career is win, so winning is always in my mind.

"How much money I'm making really isn't my focus. I wouldn't be where I'm at today if it wasn't for all the writers and media outlets. I am thankful for each person, whether it was a good story or bad story. For 19 years, you guys kept me relevant. As far as the money persona, it really has reinvented itself. I was 'Pretty Boy Floyd' and then I come back as Floyd 'Money' Mayweather. It's all about reinventing yourself. I want to continue making smart investments so my grandkids are OK.

" I always have the remedy to do what I have to do to come out on top.

"I'm pretty sure my father has a great game plan so we can go out there and do what we do best. Our game plan is to be smart, be first, take our time and get the job done.

"I think that Manny Pacquiao is a very interesting fighter. For him to get to where he is now, it's obvious that he has had to do something right.

"No one should have been waiting until I became 47-0 to bet on me, they should've been betting on me from the beginning."



## **MANNY PACQUIAO**

"I am so happy that this fight has been made, and I know that boxing fans feel the same way.

"In Miami we talked about the fight and I understood that I was the B side and he was the A side.

"I believe that this fight has been well worth the wait. More people are familiar with us as fighters, even people who aren't fans of boxing know about this fight.

"All the Filipino people are going to watch this fight.

"Training camp is going well. We are very happy. I am updating my training each day on my Instagram.

"I like being the underdog going into a fight. It has been a while since I've been one. This time around it gives me much more motivation and I am determined to prove that I can win.

"This fight is very important to me and in boxing history. We don't want to leave a question mark in the mind of boxing fans. Boxing fans have been eager to see this fight for five years. They have been asking me the same question and it is finally happening.

"I keep fighting because boxing is my passion, I love boxing. I have been able to help my family through boxing.

"The Filipino people are very excited for this fight and I can't wait to bring a victory to the country.

"I don't want to judge, but I am very confident about this fight. I was more worried about my fights against [Oscar] De La Hoya, [Antonio] Margarito and [Miguel] Cotto, than I am with fighting Floyd Mayweather.

"Pleasing the fans is the most important thing to me; I want to make them happy. I get emotional sometimes in the ring because I just want to make them happy.

"I don't get discouraged anymore with a loss in boxing. It is a part of the game and I have taken the losses and have made myself a better fighter. It's about building yourself up and turning yourself into a better fighter.

"I will win May 2."



#### **FREDDIE ROACH**

"I think that Floyd had a better chance of beating Manny Pacquiao five years ago than he does now. Floyd's legs are more shot now and he has slowed down quite a bit. I think we can take advantage of that.

"Floyd says that he wants to exchange with fighters more now to make it a more exciting fight, but I think that isn't true. He doesn't care about the fans at all and the only reason he has to exchange more is because his legs won't take him out of the fight.

"If Floyd has to exchange with Manny Pacquiao I think that's good for us and that's why I think we're going to win this fight.

"I think that this fight will change the game of boxing.

"Manny called me up and told me that he can't train in the Philippines because it's too crazy with all the fans there, he can't focus.

"I have a rule in training camp this time that if you aren't being productive in the gym for training, then you can't be around. The strategy of this fight is very important and different from past fights. We can't have any spies in the gym; we are just working on the game plan and focusing on what Floyd is doing. I know how Floyd sets up people and makes them walk into shots.

"Manny is very motivated for this fight. You have to take Floyd out of his confidence zone. Manny knows how to beat him. We will make the right move before we attack him.

"I wanted to have some young, upcoming fighters as sparring partners for Manny. There are young fighters from Chicago, Massachusetts and Finland who are coming in to spar with Manny. Their styles are perfect fits for Manny. They may get knocked out and sent home, but we'll see. I have all the sparring partners lined up.

"Our game plan is to win every round. If we get the knockout, then that's just a bonus. Floyd will dip into Manny's power. That's the mistake that someone will make against a southpaw. We have to win the first round and take Floyd out of his comfort zone."

“Sorry Floyd, but we are going to kick your ass!”

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