

# 'Pretty Boy' vs. 'Golden Boy' fight for ages

After giving the boxing world and Arturo Gatti a boxing lesson in Atlantic City last weekend, Floyd "Pretty Boy" Mayweather Jr. only added to his declaration that he is the best fighter pound for pound and has once again challenged the "Golden Boy," Oscar De La Hoya.

Mayweather, arriving in the East with an unquestioned record (34-0, 23KOs) and with lightning strikes, completely dismantled the pride of New Jersey in six rounds, taking home the World Boxing Council's super lightweight belt in the process.

And although Mayweather weighed in at 140 pounds, the 1996 Olympic boxing bronze medal winner is willing to step up in weight to prove that his heritage as the progeny from a family of outstanding boxers makes him the king of all he surveys.

And that includes De La Hoya, a 1992 Olympic gold medal winner, who has won six world titles since becoming a professional. Just by coincidence, De La Hoya is trained by Floyd Mayweather Sr. who used to train his own son a few years ago.

De La Hoya last fought at 154 pounds against Bernard Hopkins and wouldn't have any trouble making a weight of even 147 if he was to fight young Mayweather; however, De La Hoya has stated that he would not fight Junior because this would place the father against his son.



## SPORTS PACE

By Huel Washington

The son and the father aren't on the best of terms since Pretty Boy evicted his father from the house he gave him and took back the SUV. But they aren't meeting in the ring as combatants, just the Dad as a trainer, and the youngster as a fighter who happens to have the best skills in the sport today.

In baseball, the Alou brothers played with each other and against each other. The same is so for the Alomar's — Sandy and Roberto. In tennis, the Evert's — Chris and Jean — played against each other. And so did the McEnroe's — John and Patrick.

And everyone knows that since coming on the tennis circuit, Venus and Serena, the Williams sisters, have played each other 13 times on the tour and practice with each other every week.

In boxing several decades ago, the Hogue twins — Willie and Joe — not only fought each other, but both threw left hooks and knocked each other out: a double knockout.

In professional football,

Tiki Barber of the New York Giants played against his twin brother Ronde Barber of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Some of the media want to brand Junior and Senior Mayweather's as having a family feud that can't be overcome. That's not true. And in at least one press conference, young Floyd told the media that although his trainer is his uncle and two-time champion Roger Mayweather, his father called him and gave him a few

pointers.

The senior Mayweather has been schooling Junior in the sport since he was very young. And Uncle Roger was with young Floyd during the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. He has been trained well.

De La Hoya already has enough money to last him for a lifetime, but another \$20 or \$30 million wouldn't hurt.

The Mayweather matriarch, Bernice, mother of fighters Roger and Floyd Sr., handles the rest of the brood

and is always on hand to see that things do not get out of control. She still lives in Grand Rapids, Mich., but comes to Las Vegas often and attends most of the bouts her sons are involved in.

She would be at ringside, probably cheering, for her grandson Floyd Jr. if the match is ever made between Pretty Boy and the Golden Boy—a bout that would probably top many of boxing matches that take place in Sin City throughout the year.

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