

The Ten Best Pound For Pound Fighters

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1) "Pretty Boy" Floyd Mayweather (140 lbs.)

Speed. Power. Defense. You name it, he's got it. It is so hard to find a flaw in Floyd's game. He seems to get better with each fight. Fun and exciting to watch.

2) Winky Wright (160 lbs.)

Opposite style from Floyd, his defense and counter punching makes him dangerous. He makes his opponents fight his fight and makes them look silly doing it. HUGE fight looming with my #3 guy.

3) Jermain Taylor (160 lbs.)

Beat the former pound for pound king Bernard Hopkins, not once but twice. What do you do for an encore? Take on the next guy on the list. Heart of a lion. Balls of steel. Most guys take a tuneup or two. Not this guy. Enough said.

4) Marco Antonio Barrera (130 lbs.)

Will also fight anyone. Has been through every type of fight imaginable. Will it catch up to him like it did Erik Morales? We will find out soon enough I'm sure. Unreal will and determination. Slick counter puncher and solid defense.

5) Manny Pacquiao (130 lbs.)

He beat the #4 guy on my list ... BAD. A rematch is looming. His defense is something that really concerns me. His offense should concern anyone he steps into the ring with. Hands of dynamite. The more he fights, the more he will climb my ladder to the top.

6) Antonio Tarver (175 lbs.)

Silky smooth. Excellent power. Solid defense. Great ring presence. Will be rising up this list as he will end Bernard Hopkins career soon. At the top of his game at an age where fighters normally decline, not Tarver. He is getting better every time out.

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7) Rafael Marquez (118 lbs.)

Another guy who will fight anyone anytime and make them look like a first time fighter. His heart and determination is unmatched.

8) Jose Luis Castillo/Diego Corrales (135 lbs.)

They will settle this the old fashioned way ... with a trilogy. How sweet for fight fans. The first matchup was a classic, one of the best fights I've ever seen. I can only hope the third is half as good, which would still be fight of the year.

9) Miguel Cotto (140 lbs.)

The biggest challenger to the King, Floyd Mayweather. Just how good is Cotto? His power is amazing. Great speed. Good feet. Solid chin. The total package, soon to be #1?

10) Ivan Calderon (105 lbs.)

I love this guy. I don't know if he has ever lost a round. If he was only 50 pounds heavier, he would be king of the world. He is a real joy to watch as he dominates everyone put in front of him.

The best of the rest:

Joe Calzaghe: Dominated Jeff Lacy, if he follows that up, he might crack the Top 5.

Antonio Margarito: Hopefully we'll see a step up in competition.

Ricky Hatton: I just haven't seen enough of this cat.

Shane Mosley: Looked pretty good against Vargas. Who's next?

Oscar De La Hoya: Just doesn't fight enough to be a real threat to crack the Top 10.

James Toney: Just too damn fat to be considered elite.