

Preview: Miguel Cotto vs. "Sugar" Shane Mosley

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Floyd Mayweather is widely considered the best pound for pound boxer in the sport right now. Ask people who their #2 fighter is, and you'll get different answers. If you ask me, I'll tell you Miguel Cotto. And tonight, Cotto puts his 30-0 record on the line against "Sugar" Shane Mosley in what has the makings of a classic. I'll be cueing this one up on pay per view tonight, and there are also a couple good fights on the undercard. My cousin previews the fantastic main event.



Live from Madison Square Garden in New York we have ourselves a fight of the year candidate this evening as Miguel Cotto (30-0, 25 KO) will be putting his undefeated record on the line when he steps into the squared circle with "Sugar" Shane Mosley (44-4, 37 KO).

This welterweight showdown has the makings of a classic.

Miguel Cotto is widely considered one of the best fighters in the world today. Outside of the hardcore boxing fans, not too many casual observers know him. This would be a great fight to check him out.

Shane Mosley is better known of the two fighters due to his wins over "The Golden Boy" Oscar De La Hoya. He has been in the boxing spotlight for years and wants to get back to the top with a victory over the younger Cotto. Mosley will have his hands full tonight.

Cotto is coming off of a spectacular win against Zab Judah in June. The fight was as brutal as they get and Cotto pounded on Judah and got the TKO victory. The fight displayed the true grit and determination that Cotto has. He was hurt a few times and just kept coming as he always does. He has great power in both hands and loves to work the body. The speed he has is another major asset.

This title fight is named "The Fast and Furious" for a reason.

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The hand speed of Shane Mosley is unmatched. Outside of pound for pound king Floyd Mayweather, I don't think I have ever seen a faster pair of hands on a boxer.

In order for Shane to have an advantage in the bout, he is going to have to use that speed to offset Cotto's power. He'll have to get to him early. The longer the fight goes, the more dangerous Cotto will become. He loves to wear down his opposition with vicious body shots.

Mosley is on a nine month layoff and has looked spectacular in his last five fights. In order to beat the younger hungrier Cotto, he will have to be at the top of his game again. Shane is a good counter puncher and will have to be willing to trade shots in order to win tonight.

I see Cotto's power being too much for Mosley to handle. If Shane can land good shots early on and stun Cotto, he might be able to take his belt from him. Cotto will wear him down and finish him off later in the fight or take the decision. If Mosley was to win, I think it would come by an early knockout before Cotto gets into a rhythm.

The undercard has two big names on it as well. Joel Casamayor will take on Jose Armando Santa Cruz. He should have no problem improving on his 34-3-1 record.

Another great fighter ... Antonio Margarito will be in action tonight. In his last bout, he was defeated by Paul Williams and looks to regain his winning ways versus Golden Johnson. Margarito should have his hand raised and move on to bigger and better things in the near future.

What a great main event preceded by excellent undercard action. This could possibly be the best boxing fight card we have seen in quite some time. 2007 has been a great year for boxing fans and this just adds to it. I can't for the bell to ring and the action to start.