

## Preview: Mayweather/Baldomir

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There's a couple of good fights on tonight, and per usual ... my cousin Scott "The Fight Doctor" Swerbinsky is here to break them down for us. On HBO Pay Per View, "Pretty Boy" Floyd Mayweather moves up a weight class to take on Carlos Baldomir for his Welterweight belt. And on Showtime, WBO Heavyweight Champion Sergei Liakhovich defends his crown against veteran Shannon Briggs.



Once again we have a possible dilemma on our hands. Most people know boxing is a crazy sport. Saturday night, there are two pretty solid title fights on two different networks.

HBO Pay Per View has Pound for Pound King "Pretty Boy" Floyd Mayweather taking on Carlos "Tata" Baldomir. Rival network Showtime will give us heavyweights Shannon Briggs vs Sergei Liakhovich for Liakhovich's WBO championship belt.

Normally, when there is a conflict I have a tough time deciding which way to go. Not this Saturday.

Anytime I can watch the best in the business, no matter what sport it is, that's the way I will go.

Floyd Mayweather is simply fun to watch. He destroys anything in his way and is a true champion. If there is a fighter that is the definition of the "sweet science", it is the Pretty Boy. Lighting quick hands. Silky smooth defense. Rock solid chin. Pinpoint accuracy. You name and he has it.

Come Saturday night from the Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas Floyd Mayweather(36-0, 24 KO's) just might see his toughest opponent of his career. Carlos Baldomir (43-9-6, 13KO's) has seen almost everything and hasn't lost in over nine years. That being said - he has never seen anybody as skilled as Mayweather.

I look for a good fight with them standing toe to toe. Baldomir will not back down from anyone in the ring. That will probably lead to trouble for the champion. Floyd has been able to pick apart everyone he's ever fought and I see him doing it again and taking away Baldomir's Welterweight crown.

Floyd is simply the best in the business and I predict a late stoppage or a easy decision win. He keeps his undefeated record and gains a belt.

As far as the Heavyweight match on Showtime goes, it is also a title fight. Liakhovich is one of the many belt holders in the big man division. He is 23-1 and the least known of the champions. Challenger Shannon Briggs is 47-4-1 and has always been a mystery to me. He is simply a

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freak of nature who can't seem to put all the pieces together.

I have always been a fan of Shannon Briggs and I expect him to take the title on Saturday. I sure don't expect anything flashy like we'll see from the other fight.

I'll take Briggs by KO or split decision to gain what seems to be a sixteenth of the Heavyweight crown.

Overall, I expect a good solid night of fights. Like I said earlier, anytime you can see the best do his thing, it makes for a good evening.