



THE KEITH THURMAN CONUNDRUM!

**“Keith Thurman Has Two Choices:
He Can Run Away from an Old Man, Like Broner,
or Get Pushed Around the Ring
by an Old Man, Like Matthyse.”
- World-Famous Freddie Roach**

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (July 18, 2019) – Trouble, oh Keith’s got trouble, right here in sin city! With a capital “T” and that rhymes with “D” and that stands for DEMOLISHED! World-famous **Freddie Roach**, half Hall of Fame trainer and half Professor Harold Hill, was in a lyrical mood on Wednesday after watching boxer laureate **Senator Manny “Pacman” Pacquiao** (61-7-2, 39 KOs) go through a light workout before heading over to the final press conference. The amazin’ Manny, 40, boxing’s only eight-division world champion and the reigning Fighter of the Decade, is just two days away from challenging undefeated WBA welterweight super world champion ketchup king **Keith “One Time” Thurman** (29-0, 22 KOs), from Clearwater, Florida. The Pacquiao – Thurman welterweight world title attraction headlines a **PBC on FOX Sports Pay-Per-View** event, live from the **MGM Grand Garden Arena** in Las Vegas, **this Saturday**, beginning at 9 p.m. ET / 6 p.m. PT.

“Thurman is ten years younger than Manny and Manny is the one who has been more active. This will be Manny’s third world title fight in 12 months! The pressure is all on Thurman to perform. I think he will make a show of it early and come after Manny. That’s when reality will set it,” said Roach. “Thurman will try to keep up with Manny’s pace and that’s when ‘One Time’ finds out what it’s like to fight All Time. Thurman will then be faced with an unenviable choice. Does he run away from an old man like Adrien Broner, or get pushed around the ring by an old man, like Lucas Matthyse? Manny will have the Fighter of the Year award wrapped up after this one.”

A bemused Manny laughed out loud after hearing Freddie...but he didn’t disagree.

“There is a big percentage that this fight will not go 12 rounds. That is not a prediction, just my analysis. If he goes toe-to-toe with me that will be lovely. It will make it a shorter fight.” said Manny. “Keith Thurman is a good fighter. His record shows that. His record also shows who he has fought. His era of opposition is a lot different than mine. The difference between the mentality of my era compared to Keith Thurman’s is I have a strong passion for the sport of boxing and he seems to have other interests. I still have something to prove at age forty. This is not about my legacy. It is about adding an important milestone to my résumé. It is about proving that at forty I can still fight anyone, that I am still relevant in boxing. I have pushed myself to the limit in training camp and I am prepared to push myself to the limit on July 20. Keith Thurman has talked a good game. We will see how far he is willing to push himself on Saturday night.”

ABOUT PACQUIAO VS. THURMAN

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The Pacquiao-Thurman Premier Boxing Champions on FOX Sports Pay-Per-View begins at 9 p.m. ET/ 6 p.m. PT and will also feature undefeated former world champion **Omar "El Panterita" Figueroa Jr.** taking on **Yordenis Ugás** in a WBC welterweight title eliminator, plus hard-hitting former world champion **Sergey Lipinets** goes toe-to-toe against rugged veteran **John "The Gladiator" Molina, Jr.** and undefeated power-puncher **Luis "Pantera" Nery** faces slick-boxing **Juan Carlos Payano** in a bantamweight bout.

Promoted by MP Promotions, Mayweather Promotions and TGB Promotions, remaining tickets for the event can be purchased online through AXS.com, charge by phone at 866-740-7711 or in person at any MGM Resorts International box office.

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