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Mayweather still Super

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For a while, it looked like "Pretty Boy" Floyd Mayweather Jr. was going to dance away his title, the way he kept backpedaling against Jesus Chavez' never-ending charges Saturday night. Then Mayweather loaded up the cannon shots and boomed them off Chavez's chin for two rounds, and when the 10th round was due to begin, Chavez was still sitting on his stool and Mayweather was still the undefeated WBC Super Featherweight champion.

It goes into the record books as a ninth-round technical knockout, one that took the sell-out crowd of 7,100 completely by surprise at Bill Graham Civic Auditorium because Chavez had done so well before his corner refused to let him come out for the 10th round. Some fans even booed because Chavez had not been cut or staggered.

During the nine rounds of San Francisco's first title bout since 1962, Chavez almost always was the aggressor. HBO had him trailing Mayweather by only one point, 86-85, although the three judges had Mayweather ahead 89-82, 88-83 and 87-84. Chavez's trainer, Ronnie Shields, decided that the toll taken by the last few rounds had been too heavy to withstand.

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Cannon shots: Floyd Mayweather, right, lands a left hook to Jesus Chavez's head in the battle for the WBC Super Featherweight championship Saturday. Mayweather remains undefeated after TKO victory in the ninth round.

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heavy to withstand.

"Beginning in the seventh round, Jesus was getting hit by uppercuts very badly," Shields said. "I'm not going to let my fighter go out on his back." "He felt the fight should be stopped because I was getting hit," said Chavez (35-2, 24 KOs). "I agreed with him. I was getting hit; I was getting hurt. Safety comes first."

Chavez kept pressing throughout the fight and in the early rounds, Mayweather (27-0, 20 KO's) lay back on the ropes and let Chavez punch away. Chavez would occasionally land a solid blow but Mayweather, noted for his excellent technique and defense, blocked most of Chavez's punches and then peppered him with hard, short shots.

"His nickname is El Matador; he fights more like a bull," Mayweather said. "I knew what his game plan was going in. I was going to let him punch himself out — but he was a tough guy." In the sixth, Mayweather went into a continual backpedal and hardily threw a punch, practically giving the round away.

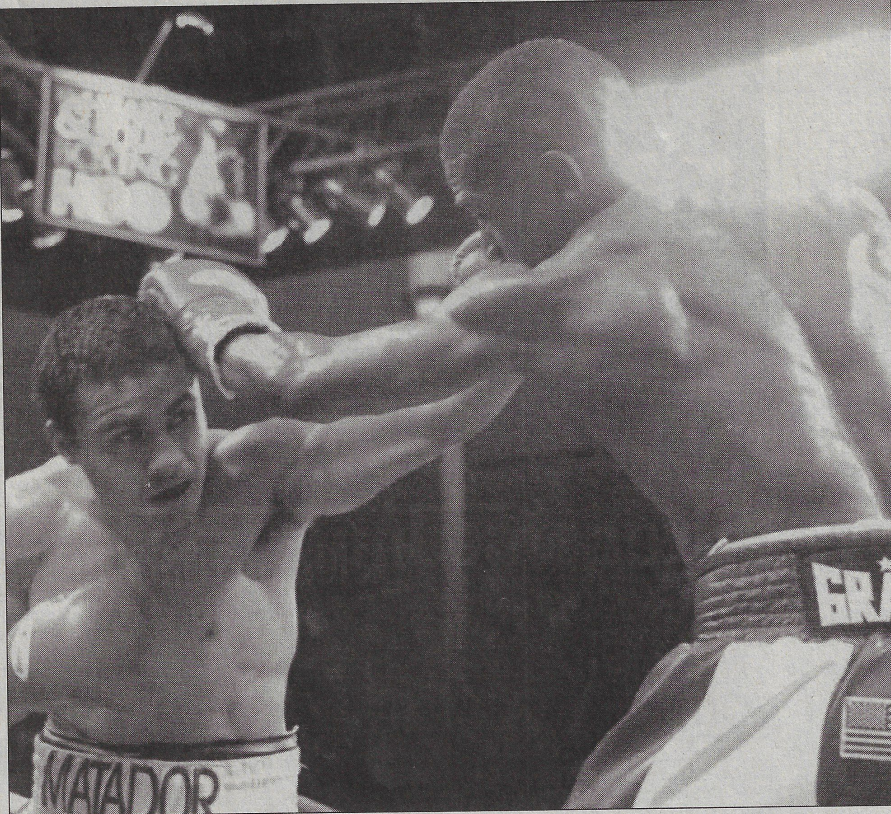
But he was more active in the seventh, and in the eighth and ninth his crisp uppercuts jolted the head of the crouching Chavez repeatedly. For the first time, Chavez was forced to halt his charge after Mayweather fired away, and Shields evidently saw disaster coming if the fight continued.

Mayweather connected on 197 of 456 punches (43 percent) while Chavez wore himself out throwing 925 punches and landing only 185, or 20 percent. "A lot of guys I fight just come to survive, just come for the check," Mayweather said. "Jesus earned it tonight." Now Mayweather, who struggled to meet the 130-pound limit, said he's moving up to 135 or 140 pounds. After all, what's the sense of coming to San Francisco if you can't enjoy the cuisine? "I couldn't hardly eat at all for the last four days," Mayweather said. "All I was training on was liquids."

Bantam butt

In a fight that could have been staged in an alley instead of a ring, a split decision draw was called after the ring doctor stopped the IBF Super Bantamweight title fight between champion Manny Pacquiao and WBO champ Agapito Sanchez. The fight was halted because a head butt in the midst of the sixth round prevented Pacquiao from continuing, and after the scorecards were tallied, the draw resulted.

Pacquiao (33-2-1, 24 KO's), a native of the Philippines, could hardly walk down the ring steps after the fight because of a leg injury and was bleeding badly from his right eye and left ear. Sanchez also was bloodied over



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Left jab: Above, Floyd Mayweather Jr., right, takes a jab to face from Jesus Chavez. Right, Mayweather exults after the championship fight was stopped before the 10th round began.

the left eye. Sanchez (33-7-2, 20 KO's) landed the heavier blows but referee Marty Denkin deducted two points from him for illegal fighting. His head butt opened a deep cut over Pacquiao's right eye in the second round and Sanchez was penalized a point in the third round when he rubbed his glove laces over the cut as the referee broke up a clinch.

Sanchez also lost a point in the fourth for low blow to Pacquiao's left thigh which toppled both to the mat. As Pacquiao got up, he staggered like a football player with a bad knee. By the sixth round, Pacquiao was bleeding from the ear but had opened a cut over Sanchez' left eye. Then the final head butt ended the bout, leaving the outcome to the judges' scorecards. Richard Bays scored it 58-54 for Pacquiao; Marshall Walker scored it 57-55 in favor of Sanchez and Raul Ciaz scored it a draw at 56-56, so each fighter retains his title.

Both corners had totally divergent views of the fight. "He cries too much," Sanchez said about Pacquiao. "He has no heart." Pacquiao's trainer, Freddie Roach, called the draw a "tremendous miscarriage of boxing justice. Sanchez repeatedly

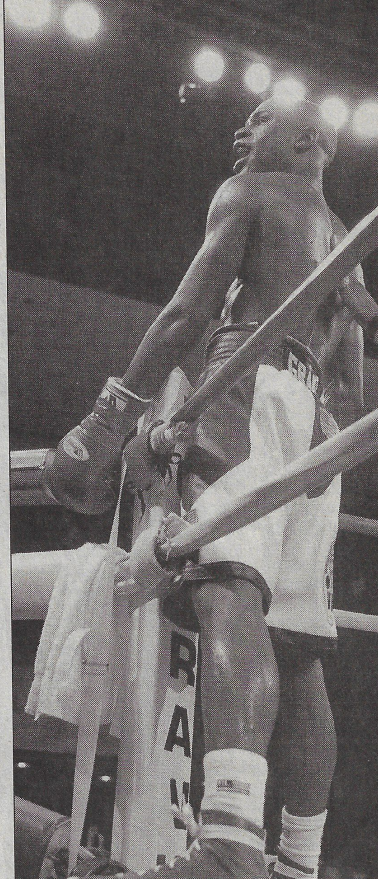
made intentional fouls. How could one judge (Bays) have Manny ahead by four points and he not win the fight?"

Been there, done that

One of the ringside spectators was San Francisco District Attorney Terrence Hallinan, who fought in the Civic Auditorium in the 1960 Olympic tryouts as a middleweight. "I got knocked on my ass the first two rounds but I won the last round. That's my style," he said.

Undercard results

Lightweight Arturo Morales of Pittsburg, the only local fighter on the card, improved his record to 7-0 by winning a unanimous four-round decision over Mahan Washington of Las Vegas (14-15). . . . Brooklyn super lightweight Dmitriy Salita (4-0, 3 KOs) remained undefeated by scoring a technical knockout over Miguel Mares of Houston after three rounds. . . . Light heavyweight Jorge Kahwagi of Tijuana, Mexico, made sure that Perry Williams' pro debut was short and bitter by knocking out Williams 40 seconds into their scheduled four-rounder. It also was Kahwagi's pro debut. *E-mail Ron Thomas at rthomas@sfxaminer.com.*



SATURDAY'S GOLDEN GATE RESULTS

6025 1st. 1 Mile, 3 Year Olds & Up, Claiming \$6,250, Purse \$7,500.

HORSE	WT	PP	ST	1/4	1/2	3/4	STR	FIN	JOCKEY	ODDS
Copper Mountain x113	1	2	1hd	1 1/2	1-3	1-6	1-5	J Whitaker		4.00
Moornrunner	120	3	6	5	6	5-hd	2 1/2	C Schwaneveldt		1.50
Charlie Hoan	113	5	3hd	31	3-3	4-4	3 3/4	R Frazier		12.20
Soviet Gypsy	120	2	1	2-2	2 1/2	2 1/2	3-hd	4-4	M Hernandez	5.70
Moscow Mac	118	6	4	5-8	5-6	6	5-2	F Mason		6.80
Seven Lochs	118	4	3	4-5	4-3	4-1	6	K Tohill		3.00

Time: 22:51.46; 14:11:51.124-37:1:37:55
 Scratched: Derby Mc Q.

Winner: ch Wangum-Alpine Miss (Timeless Moment)
 Trainer: Howard Belvoir, Owner: Mary Ann Whitaker.
 Exacta Pool: \$65,893. Quinella Pool: \$9,347. Trifecta Pool: \$79,821.
 Copper Mountain -10.00 ----- 4.40 ----- 3.20
 Moornrunner ----- 2.80 ----- 2.40
 Charlie Hoan ----- 2.80 ----- 4.40

6026 2nd. 1 1/8 Miles, (Turf Chute) 3 Year Olds & Up Starter Allowance Purse \$20,000.

HORSE	WT	PP	ST	1/4	1/2	3/4	STR	FIN	JOCKEY	ODDS
Special Belief	117	2	7	5-2	5 1/2	6 1/2	5-hd	1 1/2	J Matias	52.50
Flowing Rhythm	119	6	1	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	A Miranda		4.40
Thunder Dragon	117	4	4	3 1/2	3 1/2	3-1	4-2	3 1/4	J Arriaga	7.30
This Cats A Flying	119	7	2	4-2	4 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	C Schwaneveldt		17.60
High Drama	119	5	5	7	7	7	6-1	5-8	R Baze	4.40
Krisinisen	119	1	3	2 1/2	2-4	2-3	3-hd	6-2	R Warren Jr.	7.70
I'm A Jewel	119	3	6	6-hd	6-1	5-hd	7	A Delgadillo		14.30

Time: 24:43.49; 59:11:41.91:1:40.291:52:16
 Winner: ch Cost Conscious-Special Fancy (Hawkins Special)
 Trainer: Lorenzo Martinez, Owner: L A Martinez, Eugene Robinson, & Jim Veeck.
 Daily Double Pool: \$34,360. Exacta Pool: \$105,279. Quinella Pool: \$14,407.

Special Belief ----- 107.00 ----- 30.20 ----- 10.60
 Flowing Rhythm ----- 6.80 ----- 4.20
 Thunder Dragon ----- 6.00 ----- 6.00

\$2 Daily Double (1-2) paid \$308.00.
 \$1 Exacta (2-5) paid \$362.20.
 \$2 Quinella (2-5) paid \$377.00.
 \$1 Trifecta (2-6-4) paid \$2,557.30.

6027 3rd. 6 Furlongs, 2 Year Olds, Maiden Claiming \$32,000-30,500, Purse \$16,000.

HORSE	WT	PP	ST	1/4	1/2	3/4	STR	FIN	JOCKEY	ODDS
Golden Peace	118	3	3	4-1	3 1/2	2-1	1-2 1/2	R Baze		3.30
DQ Danzhound	118	2	1	2-1	2-2	1-hd	2 1/2	A Delgadillo		2.00
Sail The Sky	118	1	6	1-hd	1-hd	3-5	3 1/2	A Miranda		17.60
Sheikh Fever	116	4	4	7	6-2	5-2	4-8	J Arriaga		24.40
Olivera's Miracle	118	7	2	3-1	4-3	4-4	5 1/2	A Lopez		1.80

6030 6th. 5 1/2 Furlongs, 2 Year Olds, Maiden Claiming \$12,500, (Ca Breed) Purse \$9,000.

HORSE	WT	PP	ST	1/4	1/2	3/4	STR	FIN	JOCKEY	ODDS
Dash N Ash	117	1	5	4 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	1-3 1/2	1-6	J Matias	1.30
Lori M'love	117	3	11	9-2 1/2	6-hd	3-2 1/2	2-4 1/2	M Perez		2-4 1/2
Queenoftheball	117	5	8	5-hd	4-1	4-3	3-1 1/2	B Russell		3-1 1/2
Grand Sequoia	117	2	4	1-hd	1 1/2	2-hd	4-2 1/2	A Delgadillo		4-2 1/2
Trace In Pecos	117	7	9	10-4	10-4	8-2	5-2	J Arriaga		8-2
Cougar Colors	117	11	10	8-1	9-3	7 1/2	6 1/2	R Frazier		7-1/2
North Shore	117	4	6	6 1/2	7-1	5-6	7 1/2	R Warren Jr.		7-1/2
Bornonapirateship	117	6	3	3 1/2	3 1/2	6-hd	8-5	J Kneel		8-5
Star In A Hurry	117	8	7	7 1/2	8-1	11 1/2	9 1/2	C Schwaneveldt		9 1/2
Who Ate My Soup	117	9	12	12	12	12	10-hk	M Hernandez		10-hk
Package Deal	117	12	1	2 1/2	5-hd	9 1/2	11-1	R Baze		11-1
Triplamate	117	10	2	11 1/2	11 1/2	10-9	12	C Bisnono		10-9

Time: 21:85.45; 64.57; 73.10:39.98
 Winner: b Half Term-Stardust Debbie (Debonair Roger)
 Trainer: Armando Lage, Owner: Lester Hunsucker
 Claimed: Queenoftheball by Golden Racing Stable, Trainer: G Dorochen
 Claimed: Package Deal by Bento, Morris/Dorochen, Trainer: G Dorochen
 Pick3 Pool: \$30,724. Daily Double Pool: \$12,716. Exacta Pool: \$200,832
 Quinella Pool: \$23,537. Superfecta Pool: \$67,980. Trifecta Pool: \$192,996

Dash N Ash ----- 8.40 ----- 5.40 ----- 4.60
 Lori M'love ----- 30.80 ----- 13.60
 Queenoftheball ----- 7.40

\$1 Pick3 (3-7-1) paid \$66.60.
 \$2 Daily Double (7-1) paid \$46.40.
 \$1 Exacta (1-3) paid \$131.70.
 \$2 Quinella (1-3) paid \$128.40.
 \$1 Superfecta (1-3-5-2) paid \$13,565.40.
 \$1 Trifecta (1-3-5-2) paid \$911.30.

6031 7th. 6 Furlongs, 3 Year Olds & Up, Claiming \$6,250, Purse \$7,500.

HORSE	WT	PP	ST	1/4	1/2	3/4	STR	FIN	JOCKEY	ODDS
North Tide	120	1	5	2-hd	3 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	A Delgadillo	1.30
Bullet Buck	120	7	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	2-2	R Baze		2-2
Major Review	120	2	4	4-hd	2-1	3-1	3-4	J Kneel		3-4
Shawn M D	120	3	11	6-3 1/2	4-2	4-5	4-7	C Bisnono		4-7
Truckin' Man	118	9	3	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	K Black		5 1/2
Mr. Rambler	118	6	9	10-1 1/2	10-3 1/2	7-1	6-1	J Arriaga		6-1
H Bar Lester	118	4	10	7-hd	7-1	6-1	7-2	C Schwaneveldt		7-2
Wurtha Fortune	118	10	7	8-1	9 1/2	8-4	8-4	M Perez		8-4
Mountain Province	120	5	8	9 1/2	8 1/2	8-hd	10-2 1/2	O Ocedeno		10-3
Regal Bob	120	11	6	11	11	9-hd	9-4	B Russell		9-4
Tricky Tourist	x115	8	2	3-hd	6-1	11	11	J Whitaker		11

Time: 22:33.45; 37.57; 62.10:99.98
 Scratched: Ship Atoyate.
 Winner: br g Majestarian-Silly Pity (Seaford)
 Trainer: Junior Coffey, Owner: Allan Mindell.
 Exacta Pool: \$34,360. Exacta Pool: \$105,279. Quinella Pool: \$14,407.

6032 8th. 5 Furlongs, 2 Year Olds, Maiden Claiming \$12,500, (Ca Breed) Purse \$9,000.

HORSE	WT	PP	ST	1/4	1/2	3/4	STR	FIN	JOCKEY	ODDS
Star In A Hurry	117	8	7	7 1/2	8-1	11 1/2	9 1/2	C Schwaneveldt		9 1/2
Who Ate My Soup	117	9	12	12	12	12	10-hk	M Hernandez		10-hk
Package Deal	117	12	1	2 1/2	5-hd	9 1/2	11-1	R Baze		11-1
Triplamate	117	10	2	11 1/2	11 1/2	10-9	12	C Bisnono		10-9