

## Ring Kings: Mayweather vs Cotto Has Stellar Co-Main event in Canelo vs Mosley

On any other night in boxing, Saul "Canelo" Alvarez vs "Sugar" Shane Mosley would be the main event. On May 5 at the MGM Grand Arena in Las Vegas, NV, it will not be just another night as the world's greatest boxer, Floyd "Money" Mayweather Jr, takes on the world's toughest fighter, Miguel Cotto. Luckily for fans, the promoters have put together one of the best undercards highlighted by rising Mexican star Saul "Canelo" Alvarez facing off against future first ballot hall of famer "Sugar Shane" Mosley.

### Saul "Canelo" Alvarez



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Canelo is 39-0-1 (29 KO's) and currently holds the WBC Super Welterweight title. He has used his fists and naturally cinnamon colored hair to build an enormous following. Enormous might be an understatement as Oscar De La Hoya, one of the most popular fighters of all time can attest: *"I saw it first-hand. He is like a rock star. It's amazing how many people wanted to touch and see him."*



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*Don't let the baby face or the modest attitude fool you. In the ring, Canelo is a baby face assassin with poise and devastating power. He is the bull in the china shop with balance, focus, and unusual ring intelligence for his age. He fights in the bravado Mexican style, but will occasionally show patience and defense he has learned from other fighters he has watched. Growing up in the ring, one of his idols was Shane Mosley. While Mosley is one of his favorite fighters, Canelo welcomes the opportunity to face him in the ring and measure his skills against his idols: "I'm excited to face Mosley. I learned from him growing up in the sport. I know I can't underestimate him, and I'm looking to face the best Shane Mosley."*

### **"Sugar" Shane Mosley**



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Mosley is one of the most revered fighters of our time. He is a former lightweight, Welterweight, and Jr Middleweight champion. He has defeated boxing legend Oscar De La Hoya twice. With a record of 46-7-1 (39 KO's), he can brag that no one he has faced has been able to knock him out. Pound for pound greats Floyd Mayweather Jr, Manny Pacquiao, a much bigger fighter in Winky Wright, and the late Vernon "The Viper" Forrest were unable to knock Mosley out and those greats were the only fighters to defeat him.

Mosley has been overlooked before, and the situation is eerily familiar. In 2009, most critics didn't give him a shot against hot, Mexican Champion Antonio Margarito. Mosley was coming off a loss to Miguel Cotto and a tough 12<sup>th</sup> round TKO of Ricardo Mayorga. Many thought he was finished, but "Sugar" proved the world wrong as the Old Shane came out and poured a can of "Whup Ass" on Margarito beating him post to post from the opening bell for a 9<sup>th</sup> round TKO and the WBA welterweight title. Similarly, Mosley is coming off horrible performances and many see him as the old warrior. Mosley doesn't see it that way: *"I'm not an old warrior...I see me as a young killer. Don't compare me to Eric Morales. I'm better than Morales. There's no comparison. I'm coming to fight as a killer not like an old warrior."*

The soft spoken Mosley seems confident, angry, says he is physically and mentally in the best shape he has been in a long time.

Got everybody watchin what I do, come walk in my shoes/ And see the way I'm livin if you really want to/  
Got my mind on my money/ And I'm not goin Away/ so live your life

TI/Rihanna – "Live Your Life" - Mosley 2009 ring entrance against Margarito

Both Saul "Canelo" Alvarez and Sugar Shane Mosley can't be right. There will be one winner and one loser inside of the ring, but for fans in attendance at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, NV or watching live via HBO Pay Per View, this is a spectacular matchup and a huge win.

***"Ring Kings: Mayweather vs. Cotto," a 12-round fight for Cotto's WBA Super Welterweight World Championship is promoted by Mayweather Promotions, Golden Boy Promotions and Miguel Cotto Promotions. Also featured will be Canelo Alvarez vs. Sugar Shane Mosley, a 12-round fight for Alvarez's WBC Super Welterweight World Championship which is presented in association with Canelo Promotions and Sugar Shane Mosley and a 10-round welterweight fight between undefeated rising star Jessie Vargas and perennial contender Alfonso Gomez. Opening the pay-per-view broadcast will be a 10-round bout between super welterweight contender DeAndre Latimore and former World Champion Carlos Quintana which is presented in association with DiBella Entertainment. The mega event is sponsored by Corona, Hatfields&McCoys on HISTORY™, DeWalt Tools, AT&T, O'Reilly Auto Parts and Puebla-Cinco De Mayo and will take place Saturday, May 5 at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas and will be produced and distributed live by HBO Pay-Per-View® beginning at 9:00 p.m. ET/6:00 p.m. PT.***

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