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First, Mayweather is not scared of Manny Pacquiao. Of all my years as a boxing fan, from his methodical destruction of Diego Corrales to his latest shutout performance against Juan Manuel Marquez, this is by far the fastest I've ever seen Mayweather concede to conditions of a fight. First were the rumblings of a 154lb class, and the use of bulkier 10oz gloves. Both those demands were quickly batted down as Mayweather almost instantly conceded



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to a 147lb limit, 8 oz gloves and even a ridiculous \$10 million dollar penalty fee for each pound overweighed on the day of the weigh-in. What's most surprising is the concession to the purse split, as a 50/50 split was immediately agreed upon; something neither party has ever done with such haste.

The real question is why Pacquiao refuses to agree to these drug tests. With an estimated \$40 million dollar purse for each fighter looming on the horizon, you have to ask yourself, how much can a few drops of blood mean if a fighter isn't hiding anything? First came the excuse of Pacquiao's phobia of needles, yet there is video evidence of the tattooed boxer taking a blood test with relative ease fourteen days before his bout with Ricky Hatton. Then came the argument that taking blood so close to the bout would weaken the fighter, yet the amount of blood taken by the USADA is less than a tablespoon and have been commonly practiced on athletes during the Olympic games without adverse effect on athletic performance. Furthermore, Mayweather has agreed to subject himself to the same tests, so if there is indeed an issue of "weakening", neither party would be at an advantage.

Now I'm just as disappointed as the next fight fan. Part of me wishes that both sides would put their egos aside and just fight. But at the same time, I don't believe Mayweather's demands are unreasonable, at least not any more unreasonable than a title fight being stipulated at a catch-weight or the replacement of a referee because of the shared ethnic background of the opponent - two demands Pacquiao has made for previous bouts. In a competitive sport like boxing where steroid and PED abuse has occurred in the past, a move towards a stricter testing policy is not outside the realm of reason and should be considered a standard, not an exception.

My hope is that all this is merely marketing buildup by the promoters and that these two eventually face each other in the squared circle. But if there are indeed legitimate concerns behind the demands of testing, the entire denial fiasco is making it pretty damn suspicious for "Pacman", and well, as the old saying goes, where there's smoke, there's usually a fire.

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Year of Tiger 2010 Lunar New Year Celebration
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February 6 & 7, 2010
Factoria Mall, Bellevue

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Drummers, and More!*



The Seattle Symphony will present the second annual Celebrate Asia! on January 22 at Benaroya Hall. Hosted by KING 5 News co-anchor Lori Matsukawa, the evening begins with pre-concert performances by students from the Lien Tam Vietnamese Music Academy, Filipino guitarist Angelo Pizarro and Chinese Lion Dancers. Soloists will include violinist Chuanyun Li, Mongolian morin khuur player Li Bo, and Indian dance and song troupe Farmaish, in a "love-themed" program of contemporary and traditional works. The post-concert presentation will feature Japanese Taiko drummers. Celebrate Asia 2010 will take place in the Samuel and Althea Stroum Grand Lobby starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Seattle Symphony performance in the S. Mark Taper Foundation Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available from \$20-\$50 and can be purchased at (206) 215-4747, visiting the Benaroya ticket box office or ordering online at www.seattlesymphony.org.

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