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BOXING-MAYWEATHER BEATS PACQUIAO BY UNANIMOUS DECISION

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USPA NEWS - Floyd Mayweather Jr. definitively answered the question that has consumed boxing for more than five years. Yes, Mayweather is indeed the greatest fighter of this generation, proving so Saturday night before 16,507 at the MGM Grand Garden Arena by masterfully out-boxing Manny Pacquiao.

Pacquiao is a great champion and a strong fighter. Now I see why he's been so successful in the sport," said Mayweather, 38. "He had his moments in the fight, but as long as I moved on the outside he wasn't going to be able to catch me. He's a really smart fighter, though.

"It was only when I stayed in the pocket that he could have those moments. He's a really tough competitor. My dad wanted me to do more, but Manny's really awkward and I had to watch him closely."

Pacquiao revealed at the post-fight press conference that he suffered a right shoulder injury in training approximately two-and-a-half weeks ago, one that hindered the ability to throw his patented hook. Hall of Fame trainer Freddie Roach says they considered pulling Pacquiao out of the bout, and Top Rank CEO Bob Arum said surgery is a possibility.

Regardless of the injury, Pacquiao had his moments and the best one came in Round 4. The 36-year-old blasted Mayweather with a clean left hook, a blow that staggered the Las Vegas-resident to the ropes and forced him into a shell.

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