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World's No. 1 pound-for-pound boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. (File photo)

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MACAU — After battering Chris Algieri, Manny Pacquiao and promoter Bob Arum of Top Rank were bombarded with questions about a familiar name — Floyd Mayweather Jr.

The two were in unison that they wanted the Mayweather fight to finally take place.

“The people deserve that fight. The fans deserve that fight. I think it’s time to make that fight happen,” said Pacquiao.

A Mayweather vs. Pacquiao fight initially surpassed in 2009, after another dominant performance in the ring by the Filipino.

It has been derailed at least twice by issues that include drug testing and income sharing.

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Both have traded barbs against each other in the past as fans grew weary when the two boxers chose and fought separate opponents in the last five years.

Arum remarked that all issues preventing the mega-fight from happening next year should be resolved to give the fans and the sport the super fight that it wants.

“I think that fight should happen. I think boxing fans deserve that fight. Boxing, if it is to be considered as a major sport, the fight has to happen. All the nonsense has to cease and everybody should be working together to make that fight happen,” Arum said.

Pacquiao vs. Mayweather is complicated by network wars, promoter wars and ego between the two superstars.

Pacquiao and his business manager recently stated that they are willing to take a lesser share of what is projected to be the highest grossing fight in the sport.

They reportedly insisted on an even split during the early talks which Mayweather rejected.

Mayweather answered Pacquiao by posting an Instagram video last Tuesday when the Filipino boxer was knocked down and knocked out cold in a 2012 fight.

Pacquiao replied by challenging his rival to fight him already, since he can easily be knocked out.

“*Pinost niya, dapat lumaban na siya. Madali pala akong mapatulog* (He should step up and fight me since I am easy to knock out),” stated Pacquiao in a report on ABS CBN.

The war of words or social media between the two only serve to fuel the public’s interest on a

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fight that has been very difficult to deliver.

“Let’s get it done, let’s make the fight in the first six months of next year,” Arum pleaded.



**WBO welterweight champion Manny Pacquiao (center) fights WBO junior welterweight champion Chris Algieri during their world welterweight title boxing match at The Venetian Macao in Macau, China on Nov. 23. Pacquiao won via a unanimous decision. ( AP photo/Kin Cheung)**