Boxing Mayweather, McGregor ready to rumble

By TIM DAHLBERG Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - Conor McGregor has been kept pretty much under wraps ever since his fight with Floyd Mayweather Jr. was announced, emerging occasionally to trash Mayweather only to disappear again behind the closed doors of the UFC training center.

It's not by accident. The biggest selling point of the spectacle that is Saturday night's 154-pound fight is the unknown.

Is McGregor good enough to land a big punch on Mayweather? Did he acquire enough boxing skills in just a few short months to make what should be a lopsided fight competitive?

Inquiring minds want to know, and there are enough of them to make this the most watched fight in history. Some 50 million people in the U.S. alone are expected to gather with friends and family to see it all unfold.

"I will be the king of both sports," McGregor crowed. "I'm already the king of fighting, I'll soon be the king of boxing.'

Not so fast, said Mayweather, who comes from a boxing family and famously began throwing punches before he could walk.

"After 21 years I've been hit with everything and I'm still right here," Mayweather said. "If you give it you must be able to take it."

It's a fight that really makes no sense other than millions of people want to watch it. But the economics of the fight wouldn't make any sense, either, if people saw McGregor — the UFC star who has never boxed professionally — in action and decided he just wasn't good enough to be in the ring with a fighter like Mayweather.

No mystique, no 5 million buys on Showtime pay-perview. That's why there was never any chance of

Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, and Conor McGregor face off during weigh-ins Friday in Las Vegas for their Saturday boxing bout.

McGregor having a tuneup. And that is why the only

boxing anyone outside McGregor's inner circle has seen was him hitting the heavy bag in a comical media day performance and a few seconds of a UFC clip purportedly showing him knocking down Showtime announcer and former fighter Paulie Malignaggi.

worries, No said McGregor, who says his boxing talents shouldn't be underestimated.

"I've been lacing up the gloves my entire existence,' McGregor said. "Of course, we will come with a different approach than people are used to, we will paint many pictures inside the ring. It's not going to end well for Floyd. It's not going to end well for all the people who are doubting me and are so convinced that this is what it is.'

McGregor weighed in at 153 pounds Friday to 149 $\frac{1}{2}$ for Mayweather. A crowd that nearly filled the T-Mobile arena — many waving Irish flags — cheered loudly for McGregor while booing Mayweather.

McGregor's fan base is driving this fight, united in their fervent hope that the Irish UFC champion can muscle Mayweather around the ring and deliver knockout punches to his head. Sports books in this gambling city

have taken so many longshot wagers on McGregor winning by a knockout early that they will suffer their worst loss ever should it actually happen.

What should be a 100-1 fight began as 11-1 in Mayweather's favor. Now it's 5-1, though a lot of big money — including a few million dollar bets — has been wagered on Mayweather in recent days.

"I don't see him lasting two rounds," McGregor said. "He messed up with the 8-ounce gloves. Keep your hands up, keep them down. I don't care. I'm going to break through whatever is in front of me.'

For the flamboyant McGregor the fight is a chance to make money he couldn't dream of in the UFC and gain a fan base outside of mixed martial arts. Estimates vary, but he could take home \$100 million for a challenge of Mayweather that seemed improbable when he first started talking about it two years ago.

He's got youth on his side (he's 29 and Mayweather is 40), and he'll probably go in the ring much heavier than Mayweather after rehydrating following Friday's weigh-in. He's also got a reputation as a big puncher and the prevailing wisdom is he'll try to maul Mayweather much like Marcos Maidana

did in their 2014 fight. Other than that, every-

thing favors Mayweather. He's unbeaten in 49 fights

as a pro and has a chance pass Rocky Marciano to on the perfect record list with win No. 50. Not only has he beaten every fighter put in front of him but he's found ways to deal with big punchers like Miguel Cotto, Diego Corrales and Canelo Alvarez.

He's also a pure boxer with an innate ability to adapt to any fighter put in front of him.

Mayweather is SO confident of his chances that he's spent much of the week before his fight having meet-and-greets in the early morning hours at the strip club he owns not far from the T-Mobile arena where they will fight.

Though he's made hundreds of millions in the ring, Mayweather has a tax lien of \$22 million to the IRS, so the lure of \$200 million to come out of a two-year retirement and face a novice boxer was great. But he said this will be definitely be his last fight, and he wants to go out with a dominating performance.

"I gave my word to my children and once I did that it came to an end," Mayweather said. "What better way to go out than with a bang.²

The fight is expected to match or surpass the 4.6 million pay-per-views sold for Mayweather's 2015 fight with Manny Pacquiao at \$99.95 a household. Industry observers say people across the country will use the telecast as an excuse to party in tense times and 10 people could watch each pay-perview.

Tickets in the arena haven't done nearly as well, largely because promoters wildly overestimated what people would pay to watch in person. Ringside seats were \$10,000 and nosebleed tickets started at \$2,500, though prices have been dropping rapidly.

Golf Johnson, Spieth, Fowler part of logjam at Northern Trust

By DOUG FERGUSON Associated Press

WESTBURY, OLD N.Y. — Two swings cost Dustin Johnson the lead. It wasn't long before Jordan Spieth and Rickie Fowler caught up to him in The Northern Trust, setting up a weekend of star power in the opening FedEx Cup playoff event.

Johnson, finally looking like the No. 1 player who looked unstoppable in the spring, appeared on the verge of building a big lead at Glen Oaks Club until consecutive tee shots wound up on the wrong holes and forced him to scramble just to escape with bogey.

Fowler made up a fiveshot deficit in six holes playing alongside Johnson, making a 15-foot birdie on the last hole for a 66 to join Johnson and Jhonattan Vegas (65) atop the leaderboard. And then Spieth put together a stretch Friday afternoon reminiscent of his British Open victory, minus a shot from the driving range, in a 65.

Spieth began the back nine with five straight birdies, matching his longest birdie streak on the PGA Tour. It ended with a bogey on the par-3 15th when his tee shot nearly found the water, but then he answered with a 40-foot birdie putt up the slope on the 16th.

Even without his best year with his best club, Spieth has won three times and captured the third leg of the Grand Slam. But his putter doesn't leave him for long.

Spieth made pars from the bunkers on the last two holes to join the others at 6-under 134.

He wasn't alone in running off a string of

birdies. Matt Kuchar looked as though he might miss the cut until his caddie encourage him to try to get back to even par. Kuchar ran off four straight birdies and kept right on rolling, ending his round of 64 with eight birdies on the last 10 holes.

Kuchar and two-time Masters champion Bubba Watson (68) were one shot out of the lead.

Watson is at No. 113 in the FedEx Cup, and only the top 100 after The Northern Trust advance to the next playoff event at the TPC Boston. Watson says he won't play the rest of the year once he is eliminated. A big finish this week could delay that another month, a nice problem to have.

Jon Rahm, who played with Johnson and Fowler, had a 68 and was two shots behind along with Justin Rose (68) and Russell Henley (72).

Seventy players made the cut at 2 over par. That included Geoff Ogilvy, who went bunker-to-bunker-tobunker on his final hole and had to make a 4-foot putt for double bogey. If he had missed, then it would have let 11 players back into the tournament. Among those missing the cut were Hideki Matsuyama, the No. 1 seed going into the playoffs, who three-putted the last hole and missed by one.

The cut ended the season of 13 players, a group that included Presidents Cup captain Steve Stricker and former PGA champion Jimmy Walker.

Fowler, meanwhile stuffed it on No. 4 and rolled in an 8-footer on the par-3 sixth over water, and just like that they were tied.

Rory McIlroy chipped in for birdie on the tough par-3 second and shot 68. He was seven shots behind.

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PREP BOYS SOCCER Monday

n at Mac-Hi, 5 p.m Tuesday La Grande at Riverside, 4 p.m. Pendleton at Lewiston (ID), 4:30 p.m. Umatilla at Mac-Hi, 4:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Monday Mac-Hi at Hermiston, 3 p.m. Tuesday Baker at Riverside, 4:30 p.m. Mac-Hi at Umatilla, 6 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Saturday EOU vs. Montana-State Northern (Big Sky Invite), 11 a.m Blue Mountain vs. Umpqua (at Spring-ield), 11:30 a.m. Blue Mountain vs. Pierce (at Springfield),

2 p.m. EOU vs. Grand View (Big Sky Invite), 3

Blue Mountain vs. Skagit Valley (at Springfield), 3:15 p.m. Blue Mountain vs. Chemeketa (at Spring-

field), 5:45 p.m. Sunday

Blue Mountain vs. Edmonds (at Springfield). 9 a.m

Blue Mountain vs. Tacoma (at Springfield), 1 p.m

Tuesday

Blue Mountain at Walla Walla University, 6 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Monday EOU at Vanguard (Calif.), Noon Tuesday EOU at Hope International (Calif.), Noor

COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER

Today EOU vs. Embry-Riddle (AZ) (at Caldwell, ID), 11 a.m. Blue Mountain vs. Southwestern Oregon (at Tukwila, WA), 2 p.m

Prep scores

VOLLEYBALL Irrigon 3, Umatilla 0 (25-19, 25-15, 25-12) Irrigon 3, Condon/Wheeler 0 (25-11, 25-12, 25-15) North Douglas 2, Ione 0 (25-12, 25-22)

College Scores

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Baseball

MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division				
	w	L Pct	GB	
Boston	73	55 .570	_	
New York	68	59.535	41⁄2	
Tampa Bay	64	66 .492	10	
Baltimore	63	65.492	10	
Toronto	60	68.469	13	
Central Division				
	w	L Pct	GB	
Cleveland	71	56 .559	_	
Minnesota	66	62 .516	5½	
Kansas City	64	63 .504	7	

Saturday's Games Seattle (Gallardo 5-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Gray -8), 10:05 a.m. Minnesota (Gee 1-0) at Toronto (Estrada 5-8), 10:07 a.m. Baltimore (Gausman 9-9) at Boston (Rodriguez 4-3), 1:05 p.m. Texas (Hamels 9-1) at Oakland (Manaea B-8), 1:05 p.m. Detroit (Farmer 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 2-4), 4:10 p.m. Kansas City (Hammel 6-9) at Cleveland (Clevinger 6-5), 4:15 p.m Tampa Bay (Snell 2-6) at St. Louis (Leake 7-12), 4:15 p.m. Houston (Peacock 10-2) at L.A. Angels (Skaggs 1-4), 6:07 p.m. NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Atlanta	57	69.452 19	
New York	56	71 .441 201/2	
Philadelphia	47	80 .370 291/2	
Central Division			
	w	L Pct GB	
Chicago	68	59.535 —	
Vilwaukee	66		
St. Louis		64 .500 41/2	
Pittsburgh		68.473 8	
Cincinnati	55		
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os Angeles	91	36.716 —	
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Wild Card Standings

American League				
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New York	68	59.535	+21⁄2	
Minnesota	66	62 .516	_	
Seattle	66	63 .512	1/2	
Los Angeles	65	64 .504	11/2	
Kansas City	64	63.504	11/2	
Texas	64	64 .500	2	
Tampa Bay	64	66.492	3	
Baltimore	63	65 .492	3	
National League	•			
	w	L Pct	GB	
Arizona	71	58.550	$+1\frac{1}{2}$	
Colorado	69	59.539	_	
Milwaukee	66	63.512	31/2	
Miami	64	63.504	41/2	
St. Louis	64	64 .500	5	
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NORTHWEST LEAGUE				
North Division				

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e at Vancouver Eugene at Everett, 7:05 p.m.

LITTLE LEAGUE

World Series At South Williamsport, Pa. All Games Broadcast on ESPN Saturday's Games International Championship Game 27: Tokyo vs. Tamaulipas (Mexico)

United States Championship Game 28: Greenville (N.C.) vs. Lufkin (Texas), 12:30 p.m

Sunday's Games At Lamade Stadium Third Place

Game 29: Loser Game 27 vs. Loser Game 28, 7 a.m. Championship

Game 30: Winner Game 27 vs. Winner Game 28: Noon

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Chicago	12	8	5	41	46	
Columbus	12	12	3			41
New York	12	10	3			
Montreal	10	8	6		41	38
Atlanta United FC	10	8	5			
Orlando City	8	10	7		26	
Philadelphia	8	12	6	30	34	36
New England		11	5	29	39	40
D.C. United	7	15	4	25	21	44
WESTERN CONFE	REN	ICE				
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Seattle	11	7	8	41	40	33
Sporting K.C.	10	5	10	40	31	19
Portland	11	9	7	40	47	44
Houston	10	8	8			
FC Dallas	.0	6	9		36	
Vancouver	10	9	5			34
San Jose	9	11	6			
Real Salt Lake	9	13				
Los Angeles	6	13	5			
Minnesota United	6	14				
Colorado	6	14	4	22		34
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Football

NFL Preseason

Friday's Games New England 30, Detroit 28 Seattle 26, Kansas City 13 Saturday's Games Buffalo at Baltimore, 4 p.m. Arizona at Atlanta, 4 p.m. N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, 4 p.m. Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m. Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 4:30 p.m. Houston at New Orleans, 5 p.m. LA. Chargers at LA. Rams, 5 p.m. Oakland at Dallas, 5 p.m. Green Bay at Denver, 6 p.m. Sunday's Games Chicago at Tennessee, 1 p.m Cincinnati at Washington, 4:30 p.m. San Francisco at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Friday's Games

Minnesota 89, San Antonio 70 Chicago 96, Connecticut 83 New York 74, Washington 66 Saturday's Games Indiana at Atlanta. 3 p.m Sanas at Washington, 4 p.m. Sunday's Games Chicago at New York, Noon Minnesota at Los Angeles, 4 p.m. (ESPN2) Dallas at Washington, 4 p.m. Phoenix at Seattle, 6 p.m.

Golf

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Rickie Fowler Jordan Spieth Matt Kuchar	68-66—134 69-65—134
Bubba Watson Jon Rahm Justin Rose	71-64—135 67-68—135 68-68—136 68-68—136
Russell Henley Patrick Reed Paul Casey Patrick Cantlay	64-72—136 70-67—137 69-68—137 67-70—137
Chez Reavie Xander Schauffele Daniel Berger	69-68—137 71-66—137 69-68—137
Justin Thomas Camilo Villegas Harold Varner III Martin Laird Pat Perez	68-69—137 66-71—137 67-70—137 69-69—138 70-68—138
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Mo Martin	69-67—136	-6
Brittany Lincicome	68-68-136	-6
Marina Alex	66-70—136	-6
Cristie Kerr	70-67—137	-5
Nicole Broch Larsen	69-68-137	-5
So Yeon Ryu	69-68-137	-5
Stacy Lewis	69-68-137	-5
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Holly Clyburn	67-70-137	-5
Sarah Jane Smith	71-67—138	-4
Sung Hyun Park	70-68—138	-4
Jennifer Song	70-68—138	-4
Beatriz Recari	69-69—138	-4
Shanshan Feng	68-70—138	-4
Michelle Wie	71-68-139	-3
Mirim Lee	71-68—139	-3
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Friday At The Ottawa Hunt & Golf Club Ottawa, Ontario Purse: \$2.25 million Yardage: 6,419; Par 71 Second Round Leaderboard In Gee Chun Mo Martin 67-67—134 69-67—136 Bri Cri Nic So Sta