

Eddie Sanchez Wins GBU America's Title From Carlos Bojorquez

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TEMECULA, Calif.-Eddie Sanchez used his long arms to capture the GBU Americas junior middleweight title from Carlos Bojorquez in an all action fight on Friday and Kaliesha West maintained her undefeated streak.

The two Riverside county trained boxers finally met after nearly fighting three years ago and Sanchez showed more than 2,000 people at the Pechanga Resort and Casino that arm length can be useful.

"I was trying to box him and hold him off with my long arms," said Sanchez (16-6-1, 9 KOs), whose last bout was a decision loss to former world champion Verno Phillips. "He hurt me a couple of times but I played it off."

Bojorquez, who lives in Riverside but trains in Mira Loma, was the aggressor most of the fight and was able to land his heavy punches. But he could never land the big punch.

"He was moving his head away from my right hand," said Bojorquez (25-10-5, 22 KOs). "I thought I won."

Sanchez used an early body attack to score early in the fight. But Bojorquez figured out the ploy and found his left hook toward the end of the fight that kept him in the fight. The judges scored it 99-91, 97-93, 96-94 for Sanchez.

"Eddie Sanchez can fight with anyone if he has enough time to train," said Lou Messina, his advisor. "He never had an amateur fight. He's like a mustang he learns in the ring."

Fighting in front of a hometown audience West showed off her inside game against Elizabeth Cervantes (1-7) in a four round bantamweight fight.

"Last time I boxed her," said West (6-0), who is ranked number 10 in the world. "This time I went toe-to-toe."

From the opening bell the Moreno Valley boxer worked on beating Cervantes body with withering left hooks and right hands down the middle. Cervantes was able to land her own punches but not at the same frequency and impact as West.

The judges scored it 40-36 for West. There were no knockdowns.

Mira Loma junior welterweight Jose "Pepe" Reynoso (8-1) was far too sharp for Colorado's David Hernandez (5-5-3). The southpaw Reynoso used an accurate jab and good subtle movement to keep Hernandez from gaining leverage for his power punches throughout the six round bout. The judges scored it 60-54 for Reynoso.

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Welterweights Alan Velasco (8-02) used his height and reach to out-box the shorter Julio Lanzas (6-14-4) from Colorado. Velasco's defense and straighter punches proved more convincing to the judges who scored it unanimously 60-54 twice and 59-55 for Velasco.

Jerry Mondragon won his pro debut against Mira Loma's Hector Resynoso (2-4-1) in a featherweight bout. Referee Ray Corona stopped the fight at 1:14 of the second round. Reynoso suffered three knockdowns in the fight. Mondragon fights out of Fresno.

Ontario's Alex Bogarin (7-5) beat Hugo Nunez (3-5-1) of Oregon in a four round welterweight contest. Bogarin used a piercing jab to keep Nunez from his rhythm. The judges scored it 40-36 twice and 39-37 for Bogarin.