

Chris Martin Stays Unbeaten in San Diego

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Chris "San Diego Kid" Martin (18-0-2, 5KO's) kept his undefeated record intact Friday by out-boxing veteran Adolfo Landeros (20-14-1, 9 KO's) enroute to a unanimous decision win in front of a sold out crowd of about a thousand at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Kearny Mesa.

The main event was televised on Tecate's "Solo Boxeo" series which runs on the Telefuturo network every Friday. Oscar de La Hoya's promoting entity, Golden Boy Promotions, teamed up with Don Chargin, Bobby D and Jorge Marron to deliver a five bout card which delivered some exciting moments throughout the evening to a very responsive crowd.

Chula Vista's Chris Martin used his superior movement to control the distance between he and his hard charging opponent from Mexico City for most of the fight. In the first round, Landeros came in trying to get close but Martin adjusted well and kept him at bay.

In round 2, Martin used the jab well as Landeros became increasingly aggressive. The pace picked up as both men exchanged and Landeros landed some counters.

Landeros sat back on the ropes and tried to set a trap for Martin. He took some hard shots and countered with some nice rights that landed but didn't do any major damage.

Martin boxed effectively in Round 4 and started mixing combinations to the head and body. He was still in control by round 5 as he chose his punches wisely and made a habit of landing to the body repeatedly.

Landeros began bleeding around the nose in the sixth courtesy of some quick straight rights by Martin. The round ended with a back and forth flurry with Martin getting the advantage.

The seventh was exciting as both men mixed it up with Martin still clearly in control as he used his speed. The fight ended with some fast and exciting action as both combatants came out and gave everything that was left in the gas tank.

The scores were announced by Golden Boy Promotions ring announcer Joe Martinez as 80-72 and 79-73 (twice) for Martin.

"This was a good win for me," said Martin after the bout. "I'm ready to fight some name opponents now. I'm ready for whoever they place in front of me."

Grajeda takes decision over Favela

In the six round semi main event, highly touted welterweight Luis Grajeda (10-0, 7KOs) took a six round decision from Christian Filoso Favela (18-26-6, 9KOs).

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Grajeda, of Chihuahua was a Mexican national champion ten times and expectations have been set high for him. Favela, of Sinaloa, is a well known tough guy and tried his best to get in close to his taller and longer reaching opponent. Grajeda kept the fight on the outside and teed off with effective counters every time Favela rushed in.

It was the fact that Grajeda controlled the distance and therefore the fight, which ultimately got him the win. The judges saw the fight as 60-54, 59-55 and 58-56 for Grajeda in a fight that seemed closer. Favela was visibly angered by the decision as he stormed out of the ring.

Orozco defeats tough guy Peralta

Antonio "Simple Man" Orozco (7-0, 5KOs) of National City defeated the very tough Michael Peralta (4-5, 1 KO) in a six round Junior Welterweight confrontation. The scores were 60-54 from all three judges for Orozco.

Orozco came out to finish the fight early as he unleashed a furious attack on his opponent from Carson City, Nevada. Peralta hung tough and absorbed the punishment. He even invited Orozco to fight as he fought back bravely but was never able to gain the edge against his very aggressive opponent. A good win for the "Simple Man" who's looking to move up the ranks.

Lester "Cubanito" Gonzales gets decision in fight of the night

Middleweight Lester Gonzales (11-0, 6KO's) battled through a bad and bloody cut over his right eye caused by an unintentional head-butt to win a unanimous decision over Ibaheim King (7-3, 2 KO's). Gonzales and King battled toe to toe from the first round with Gonzales getting the best of the exchanges due to his accurate punching. King was dropped in the fourth by a hard left but got up and bravely continued until the end of the fight.

The scores were 60-53, 59-54 and 58-55 for the Cuban national who looked pretty good after a year of inactivity.

Armenta defeats Torres in rager

San Diego's Pablo Bronco Armenta (2-0) shook off a heavy assault by Rene Torres (0-2-1) and took a four round unanimous decision that was scored 40-36, and 39-37 twice. The featherweights met in the middle of the ring and let the leather fly until the very end but it was Armenta who landed the more telling shots and controlled the action.

Faces in the crowd:

2007's World Boxing Hall of Fame Manager Frank Espinoza

WBO Youth Lightweight champion Mercito "No Mercy" Gesta.

Former N.F.L. kicker Benny Ricardo.

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Two time Super bantamweight champion Israel "Magnifico Vazquez called the bouts for Telefutura where he'll be part of the "Solo Boxeo broadcast team for the next two months.