

Gesta Takes Out Solid Vet Valle, Ready To Step It Up A Notch

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Undefeated hot prospect Mercito “No Mercy Gesta (20-0-1, 10 KO’s) lived up to his nickname as he used a combination of blinding speed and accuracy to devastate the once formidable Ivan “Relampago Valle (28-10, 24 KO’s) in front of a sold out house at The Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in San Diego.

The card was broadcast by The Telefutura Network as part of their very popular “Solo Boxeo series.

Valle, who hails out of Los Mochis, Sinaloa has always been a tough test but the 23 year old from Cebu City, Philippines handled the rough veteran with ease. It was a Gesta right hand that first dropped Valle in the opening round. Valle got up dazed only to be jumped on by Gesta again. This time he was dropped by a right and left combination. The round ended with Valle stumbling towards his corner. Referee Pat Russell motioned for the doctor to observe Valle during the break.

The fight continued and the lightweight Gesta wasn’t wasting any time. He quickly pounced on his dazed opponent and was peppering him on the ropes without much of a response. That’s when Valles’ corner correctly waved the white towel and stopped the fight. The time of the stoppage was announced by Joe Martinez as twenty six seconds of the second round.

“Once I had him hurt I knew I had to finish him, Gesta said afterwards. “I felt great in there. I’m ready to take another step up.

Manager and trainer Vince Parra was very satisfied with Gesta’s performance. “That was an A plus performance. We knew what we had to do and Mercito executed it perfectly.

Bojorquez sneaks by Cifuentez

Former Mexican amateur standout Christian Bojorquez of Tijuana, Mexico made his pro debut and barely got past the wild swinging Salvador Cifuentez in a featherweight four rounder.

Cifuentez, also making his pro debut, came out very aggressive from the start and started exchanging immediately. His forward motion and effective combinations won him the round since Bojorquez had a difficult time keeping the brawler off him.

More stalking in the second round by Cifuentez as Bojorquez was starting to figure out how to keep the Chula Vista fighter at a distance. Bojorquez employed some nice defense as he finally started making use of his jab.

Round three was better for Bojorquez as he landed some hard straights. It was a hard left that stunned Cifuentez momentarily. Bojorquez tried to capitalize but ran out of time before doing any serious damage.

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Bojorquez was more relaxed in the fourth and boxed nicely. Cifuentez remained aggressive but landed with much less frequency.

In the end, the majority decision was 38-38, 40-36 and 39-37 for Bojorquez in what looked to be an obvious draw.

Franco defeats Landeros

Riverside's Michael "Lil' Warrior" Franco (17-0, 11 KO's) made his return to the ring after a nine month lay off against Adolfo Landeros 20-16-1 of Mexico City in a featherweight eight rounder.

It was a tepid first round as both men went through the feeling out process. It was Franco who first landed a significant punch as he delivered a strong overhand right that got Landeros attention.

Some good exchanges in the second round with Franco landing a couple of nice uppercuts. Both men started to land their own combinations with Franco getting tagged more than usual.

A nice over hand right by Franco started off the third round as he opened up with some powerful shots. Landeros fought back valiantly but Franco had the definite advantage.

Round four was completely dominated by Franco who landed an assortment of overhand rights and hard body shots that had his opponent reeling. Landeros landed his own clean punches but didn't do much damage to his seemingly bigger foe.

By the fifth round, Franco seemed to be tiring and was now fighting with his mouth open. Landeros was having far more success as he landed punches on the inside and then to the head that marked up Franco around the eyes.

Landeros seemed to come back well in the seventh and eighth rounds as he boxed and landed on Franco with frequency. Franco's face paid the price as the marks around his eyes told the story of Landeros determination.

The decision was a unanimous one for Franco with the scores being 80-72, 79-73 and 78-74.

Quintana and Salas rock the house

San Diegan Amaris Quintana (3-0-2) and Gloria Salas (3-5-1) of Riverside fought a scorcher of a four rounder that had the fans cheering the two brave Junior Flyweights.

The punches came from all angles from the first second as both young ladies let the leather fly. Salas boxed beautifully in the first and landed her straight rights repeatedly. Quintana was bleeding profusely from her nose due to the damage sustained but she wasn't backing down for one second. She charged forward and landed her own combinations as Salas met her in the middle of the ring and countered.

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It was obvious that both wanted the win badly as they let everything go for the fourth and final round. In the end it was Quintana getting the decision from the judges in a fight that should've been a draw or win for Salas. The judges scored it a ridiculous 40-36 (twice) and 39-37 for the hometown girl.

Other results:

Welterweight Mark Salcer (11-0, 9 KO's) defeated Juan Carlos Diaz (1-10) via exciting fourth round decision in another strangely scored bout that started off the evening. Although Salcer started strong, Diaz came back and made a very nice case for himself. The fact that Diaz was completely shut out on some of the judge's scorecards was strange to say the least.

Notes:

A ten count was held for fallen boxer Felix Castro who passed away after a freak accident. The promoters awarded his father with a special award in recognition of the once promising up and comer.

The card was promoted by Golden Boy Promotions in conjunction with Don Chargin, Bobby D Presents and Jorge Marron Productions.