

Efrain Esquivias and Artemio Reyes Win By KO In Ontario...AVILA

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ONTARIO-It was work as usual for Efrain Esquivias despite missing his famed trainer and a demolition job for Riverside's Artemio Reyes Jr. on Friday.

Esquivias (13-0, 9 KOs) was missing trainer Freddie Roach who is in the Philippines with Manny Pacquiao and Amir Khan, but the ace trainer wasn't needed as the Carson boxer beat up Colombia's Jhon Molina (27-16-3, 18 KOs) before a sold out crowd at the Doubletree Hotel.

"I do all the work when he's there and I spar with some of the best fighters in the world at Wild Card so I'm ready for anyone," said Esquivias whose original opponent pulled out just last weekend.

Molina used his veteran experience to avoid some of the big blows in the opening round. Esquivias used his timing and speed to slip into another gear that Molina just couldn't follow.

"He's a veteran with a lot of experience so I knew I had use my youth and speed to beat him," said Esquivias who was rarely hit.

A four punch combination to the body and head sent Molina to the floor for good at 1:35 of round three. Referee Jose Cobian stopped the fight.

Esquivias won the WBA Fedecentro junior featherweight title. He wants more.

"I want the WBA world title then I want all of the others," he said.

Reyes Wins

Reyes (11-1, 10 KOs) plowed through Indiana's Marcus "TNT" Thompkins (5-3-1) with four rounds full of body punches from hell. Thompkins nearly went down in the fourth from a left to the liver but maintained his stance. After the end of round four the ringside physician and referee agreed to stop the one-sided fight for a technical knockout win for Reyes.

Other bouts

Riverside's Richard Contreras (5-0, 4 KOs) racked up his fifth straight win but Houston's Alfredo Birto (1-5) came out smoking. Both fired uppercuts and everything else but a right hand connected and sent Birto partially out the ropes for a knockout. Referee Jose Cobian stopped the bantamweight fight at 2:13 of round one.

Allentown, PA.'s Miguel Diaz (4-0, 3 KOs) made his third trip to California and scored his third consecutive knockout. This one came against Tijuana's tall southpaw Daniel Modad (2-5) who recently lost a close decision. Diaz didn't allow this fight to be decided by the judges. A right hand to the body dropped Modad early. Then another right to the body followed by three rights

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to the head convinced referee David Denkin to stop the fight at 2:48 of the first round of the junior bantamweight fight.

A battle between rival boxing clubs saw Ignacio Garcia (4-3-2) rally from two knockdowns from Jose Vargas (5-0-2) of Coachella in the second round to win three rounds and fight to a majority draw in a junior welterweight match. Right hands connected for Vargas who dropped Garcia in the second round, but the Pomona fighter rallied in the same round to nearly floor Vargas. Conditioning proved important for Garcia who won three of the four rounds to grab the majority draw.

Sylmar's Sergio Nunez (2-0) didn't need much time to catch up to Atlanta's Gerald Fisher (0-2) in a lightweight bout. After cornering Fisher, Nunez released a right to the body, left to the head followed by a right and down went the Georgia boxer at 2:42 of the opening round.

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