

He Was Indeed "Vicious:" Ortiz Hammers Berto...KIMBALL RINGSIDE!

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MASHANTUCKET, Conn. — This time Victor Ortiz lived up to his nickname. “Vicious Victor” has a nice alliterative ring to it, though far too often in his ring career the 24 year-old Kansan seemed anything but vicious. Saturday night at Foxwoods Casino in the Connecticut woods, though, Ortiz turned in a career-best performance, taking the fight to Andre Berto in a sensational 12-round war that saw both combatants go down twice apiece in the first six rounds, and handed Berto his first career defeat in capturing a unanimous decision to win the WBC welterweight title.

Ortiz’ strategy was apparent from the opening bell, as he aggressively swarmed over Berto,

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forcing an inside game that deprived the champion of his strategic advantages. Ortiz' relentless attack saw Berto hit the deck early, and while referee Mike Ortiz ruled it a slip – Berto, as he would for much of the evening, complained that he had been hit behind the head – Berto seemed somewhat unsteady when action resumed, and sensing this, Ortiz tore into him with a fury. Before the round was out, he had pummeled Berto to the canvas with a pair of clubbing right hooks. Discombobulated, Berto covered up but didn't try to clinch as he survived the round.

Ortiz resumed his attack in the second, and seemed to have Berto on the run until Berto surprised him with a good counter right that sent Ortiz spinning backward. His right glove barely grazed the canvas, and as knockdowns go, it wasn't much of one, but it sufficed to level the issue on the scorecards.

Ortiz pressed the attack over the next three rounds, with Berto apparently determined to throw up some version of the rope-a-dope in return. While he managed to block many of Ortiz' punches, some of them got through, and Berto tried his best to occasionally counter, it was clear that the fight was being waged on Vicious Victor's terms.

Then in the sixth round, with Ortiz once again pressing forward, Berto stunned him with a picture-perfect counter right. Ortiz went down so hard and so quickly that it seemed he might not even get up again, but get up he did. Berto, trying to follow up on his advantage, desperately chased the wounded Ortiz to the ropes in a race against time, hoping to knock him out before the bell could end the round, and was throwing punches from every angle when Ortiz stunningly interrupted the attack by sticking out his left hand and dropping Berto in his tracks.

After such a spectacular first half, there's no way the pace could have continued for six more rounds, and it didn't, but Ortiz remained the aggressor. Vicious Victor was not, let it be noted, exactly paying strict attention to the dictums of the Marquess of Queensbury. His punches strayed to the back of Berto's head far too often to seem accidental, and when Berto tried to hold him, Ortiz buried the top of his faux-hawk in his face as if to administer a noogie.

The tactics clearly frustrated Berto, who spent far more time complaining to Ortega than he did mounting a significant offense of his own, and even when Berto was winning rounds as the bout turned toward home, he seemed increasingly fatigued.

By the tenth Berto's complaints finally paid dividends. When Ortiz followed a rabbit punch with another blow that clearly struck Berto on the back of the head, the referee stopped the action and deducted a point from the challenger – and for good measure, gave the winded Berto additional time to recover from the infraction.

While Berto seemed to have battled his way back into the contest, in the end it was a matter of too little, too late. Ortiz prevailed on the scorecards of all three ringside judges. Dr. Clark Sammartino had it a whopping 115-110, Julie Lederman 114-111, and Glen Feldman 114-112. Most ringside scribes had it much closer than that, and a sizeable proportion of press row narrowly favored Berto. (The Sweet Science card had Ortiz winning, but by a slim 113-112 score.)

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In keeping with his remade image, Ortiz, a native Kansan, knew better than to wear his usual Jayhawk-embossed trunks into UConn turf, and instead wore trunks decorated with the Mexican and American flags. (He also wore a sombrero for his ring entrance.)

Ortiz mettle had been questioned by some after his loss to Marcos Maidana two years ago, but, said Berto promoter Lou DiBella, "I thought he was out in the sixth round. Gone. I don't think anyone can question his balls after that.

"If this fight doesn't warrant a rematch," added DiBella, "no fight ever deserved a rematch."

Asked if the win – and the title – had atoned for the Maidana loss (the other blemish on his record was a five-year old DQ occasioned when the teenaged Ortiz knocked out opponent Corey Alarcon after the referee had broken the fighters), Ortiz replied, "Absolutely not. Maidana was never in my class. I never gave him any respect – especially after he wouldn't give me a rematch.

Ortiz raised his record to 29-2-1 in wresting the title, which Berto had won three years earlier and maintained through five defenses.

Berto dropped to 27-1 with the loss, had his right thumb examined after the loss, and said, "I just didn't feel it tonight. I just couldn't get off."

Of course Victor Ortiz had more than a little to do with that.

The co-feature between unbeaten welterweight Thomas Dulorme and veteran Harrison Cuello was both brief and frightening. Dulorme (11-0) who had switched to southpaw, knocked Cuello (20-16-3) cold with a devastating straight left at 1:27 of the first. Cuello had protested earlier when referee Johnny Callas administered a count after what Harrison maintained was a slip, but there was to be no arguing with this one. The blow landed with such force that it even sounded like a gunshot, and there wasn't a soul in the building who didn't realize Cuello was out before he even hit the deck.

Callas immediately waved it off, and the ringside physician, Dr. Michael Schwartz, raced into the ring. Cuello remained unconscious for a couple of minutes, and a stretcher was summoned. He eventually made it to his feet and left the ring under his own steam, but was transported to Backus Memorial Hospital in nearby Norwich, where he was held for observation.

Former world title challenger Deandre Latimore prevailed in a one-sided decision over New Jersey veteran Dennis Sharpe in their eight-round prelim. Latimore (22-3), who lost a split decision to Corey Spinks in an IBF junior middleweight title fight in their hometown of St. Louis two years ago, was able to hit Sharpe with virtually everything he threw, while Sharpe, though game, was so busy catching he barely had time to throw much in Latimore's direction.

The loss extended Sharpe's winless streak to nine in a row. The Bayonne journeyman is now 17-7-3 after beginning his career 17-0-1, but the loss to Latimore marked the first time he had lost to a fighter who wasn't undefeated at the time. (The authors of Sharpe's previous defeats

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were an aggregate 76-0 at the time he fought them.) All three judges – Lederman, Steve Weisfeld, and Sammartino – scored it an 80-72 shutout.

New York schoolteacher Sonya Lamonakis won a unanimous decision over GiGi Jackson of Columbus, Ohio, in a four-round matchup of super-sized female heavyweights. While giving away more than sixty pounds to her corpulent, 285-pound opponent, Lamonakis was predictably the quicker of the two and consistently outlanded Jackson, now 2-2. Weisfeld (40-36) gave Lamonakis (now 5-0) every round, while Feldman and Sammartino both scored it 39-36. Jackson's record dropped to 2-2.

Southpaw Joseph Elegele, a sometime Berto sparring partner from the champion's hometown of Winter Haven, Fla., remained unbeaten at 12-0 when he registered his 11th knockout, a second-round KO of Indiana journeyman Angel Hernandez (14-0). Elegele, who had dropped Hernandez in the first round, caught him with a solid left to the body late in the second, and Hernandez took Callas' count on his knees at 2:54 of the second.

New Haven featherweight Luis Rosa (6-0) subjected his Dominican opponent Joselitz Cepeda (4-2) to a nonstop body attack from the opening bell of their scheduled six-rounder, and while Cepeda did his best to return fire, the accumulation of blows to the midsection eventually took its toll. Cepeda went down early in the fifth, and while he got up from that one, Rosa chased him across the ring and put him down again with a hard right to the ribs. Once it became apparent that Cepeda had no interest in regaining his feet, referee Dick Flaherty abandoned his count at 1:12 of the round and awarded Rosa the TKO.

In the opening bout of the evening, Detroit super-middleweight J'Leon Love stretched his unbeaten skein to 6-0 with a second-round TKO of his overmatched Guyanan opponent J.C. Peterson (1-11). Love put up little resistance in the first round, when Peterson backed straight into the ropes and invited him take target practice. In the second Love trapped Peterson against the ropes again, this time somewhat less voluntarily, and had successfully landed such a barrage of unimpeded blows that Flaherty appeared on the verge of intervening when Love toppled his foe with a right hand. The referee waved it off at 2:13 of the round.

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Foxwoods Resort Casino
Mashantucket, Conn.
April 16, 2011

WELTERWEIGHTS: Victor Ortiz, 146, Garden City, Kansas dec. Andre Berto, 145 ½, Winter Haven, Fla. (12) (Wins WBC title)

Joseph Elegle, 144 ½, Winter Haven, Fla. KO'd Angel Hernandez, 147, Gary, Ind. (2)

Thomas Dulorme 144 ¼, Carolina, Puerto Rico KO'd Harrison Cuello, 143 ¾, Santo Domingo, D.R. (1)

HEAVYWEIGHTS: Sonya Lamonakis, 223 ¼, New York, N.Y. dec. GiGi Jackson, 285,

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Columbus, Ohio (4)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS: J'Leon Love, 166, Dearborn Heights, Mich. TKO'D J.C. Peterson, 169 ¼, Georgetown, Guyana (2)

JUNIOR MIDDLES: Deandre Latimore, 155 ½, St. Louis, Mo. Dec. Dennis Sharpe, 155, Bayonne, N.J. (8)

FEATHERWEIGHTS: Luis Rosa, 124 ½, New Haven, Conn. TKO'd Joseliz Cepeda, 125, Santo Domingo, D.R. (5)

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the Roast says:

This was a great fight! My heart was beating fast in front of the TV. Victor Ortiz came right at Andre Berto from the opening bell. I cant believe that fight went the distance. That took a ton of guts from both men. Berto seemed to have no leggs as he seemed content to lay on the ropes and wave in his eager young foe. Ortiz earned redemption and a belt. Maybe Floyd will deem Ortiz worthy as a stepping stone back to elite status. Great night of boxing. What did you think TSS?!?

ali says:

Berto has alot of talent but his stamina, defense and corner is terrible...He never threw his best punch which is the uppercut....He can't fight on the inside at all well then again maybe he can but he's to tire to punch and wants to hold when he's in closeAlso he's way to tight in ring he needs to learn how to relax...I really hope he first thing he does when wakes up in the morning start looking for another trainer maybe Freddie Roach, Buddy McGirt ect..

the Roast says:

Good points ali. I was yelling SHUT UP at Bertos bro! That was a great fight for yelling at the TV. That sixth round was amazing. Ortiz was on the brink only to drop Berto in stunning fasion. Diego would have been proud.

mortcola says:

Always said it....Berto is athletic and quick, decent fundamentals, but a limited skill set. Clueless when faced with a guy who mixes it up. Ortiz, on the other hand, can be considered redeemed.

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Came through shame and fire, now rising higher. Beautiful attitude, speed, natural power. Takes more than one fight to prove, but there is no dog in that young man. When he got dropped, he couldn't wait to get back into battle and even it up, and he did it with discipline and intensity.

riverside says:

Good fight! Berto took a beating early in the fight, I think he underestimated Ortiz, Ortiz is fast with power. Looks like Ortiz carried his power with his weight, He was closer to a middleweight than a welterweight on fight night. Ortiz sure opens up too much when he trades! Did you guy's see Money May having a blast with all the knockdown? I was so concentrated in the fight, I lost count of how many beers a drank during the duration. Good fight. Who's next for Ortiz?

amayseng says:

berto did not lack stamina and endurance as one poster a few above me noted...instead
ortiz had buzzed him terribly in the first round which took to about the 6th round for him
to get his legs back... ortiz continued to keep bertos head foggy with sharp punches in
between bertos HOLDING....

HOW IN THE WORLD WAS BERTO NOT ISSUED A WARNING LET ALONE DEDUCTED AT
LEAST 6 ROUNDS FOR HOLDING?????

the ref did not read the rule book, continuous holding is illegal and warrants after a
warning a point deduction.

bertos lack of boxing ability and nonexistent ring iq ultimately resulted in ortiz winning 11
rounds...

11 rounds to 1 for ortiz

hope to never see berto fight again.....

Radam G says:

Well, like always, TIME has proved me RIGHT! I've posted a million times that Berto was just AIGHT! A "GREEN B+ fighter," who is nowhere near the class of Da Manny or Money May. And I still believe that long-in-da-tooth Sugar Shane Mosley would've kayoed Berto in about three rounds. Getting a new trainer won't help Berto. He is passed that stage. Berto needs to change

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his mythical beliefs about himself being able to beat boxers by using "martial arts" type of punching and moves. For too long Berto has been getting away with back-handing, rubbing the palm of the gloves in opponents' faces and openly kneeing the opponents, tripping them and stepping on their toes. Dude's so-called "dirty martial art" boxing caught up with him again.

Ortiz was the second southpaw to beat Berto. Collazo beat Berto a few years ago. "Somebodeee musta fo'got!" It is lefty TIME! Right-handed Ortiz always wanted to be like us lefties. And he got the win, but he won't have that belt for long. Unless he follows the route of Berto and stay with fighting tomato cans and marshmallows. Holla!

DaveB says:

I think the fight was an exciting one. Mayweather and Pacquaio are head and shoulders above everyone else in that division and in all of boxing, and the only fight that makes sense for either one of them is against one another, not Pacquaio fighting Cintron next, if that happens. I will look forward to whoever these guys fight in their next fight. Ortiz may have redeemed himself in the eyes of the boxing community, but he was never brought to the moment of truth like he was in the Maidana fight. For the first five rounds of the Maidana fight he fought just like he did last night. It was only after he couldn't break Maidana's will and Maidana kept coming and put considerable hurt on him that he decided there must be an easier way to make a million bucks. Boxing is a tough sport and he fought valiantly last night but he didn't have to deal with that moment of truth so we really didn't see if he would have that moment of weakness again. I don't think he has the guts of someone like JuanMa but he did all that was asked of him last night. Maybe his "no mas" moment will never occur again, who knows. Skills may pay the bills but a battle of wills provides the thrills. Round 6 may be the round of the year, so far anyway.

Big Daddy says:

Great Fight! Rematch Please!!!!

amayseng says:

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what are you talking about? berto had him down twice with blazing powerful right hands and ortiz jumped right back up and went after him like he owed him money....not sure what you saw, but after shots like those it is easy to wilt mentally in that ring....but ortiz didnt, he has matured and he pulled through with discipline and vigor....
give the guy his credit....

also, victor stated that he had a broken wrist in that madaina fight, not sure if he did or not, but if he said he did i believe him, and trust me, fighting with a fracture is not easy especially if you are a one arm fighter against a sledgehammer puncher like madaina....

DaveB says:

All I'm saying is if you watch the Maidana fight Victor showed a lot of heart until about the last 30 seconds of the fifth round. He fought exactly like he did last night. That is the first time I've ever heard about the fractured wrist, and the first time I heard that Maidana wouldn't give him a rematch was last night. If you watch the Maidana fight until Victor's spirit was broken he fought with tremendous heart. Fighters are called upon to be superhuman sometimes. Watch that fight again and see if you don't see the same thing I saw.

Radam G says:

You are da poetic, lyrical MAN, DaveB! I'm digging your "Skills may pay the bills, but a battle of wills provides the thrills." I'm gonna hap [sic] ta steal dat. Hehehehe! Holla!

#1 PacFan says:

Victor "Vicious" Ortiz matured as a fighter right in front of our eyes. I always knew he had it in him he just needed a few minor adjustments. I love the footwork which is new because he was more of a stalky type of fighter. He showed various types of punches and mixing them up. This was no fluke folks we will see the same outcome in a rematch. Ortiz was fighting with so much confidence he fought the same way all throughout the fight. Fighters are born in one defining moment in a fight where they weren't supposed to win. We witnessed it twice last night and it will always happen in this sport. Boxing is alive and kicking!!!!

#1 PacFan says:

We're not even half way into the year and we've had some great candidates for Fight of the Year. This has to be number one so far.

ultimoshogun says:

What a great night of boxing! I'm glad Ortiz proved me wrong last night, I thought Berto would be the one to dig deep and pull out a win...Ortiz finally has that monkey off his back now, that was a wicked right hand he ate in the 6th rd! Thanks for the shoutouts Roast!

the Roast says:

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That 6th round was something special. I've watched it a few more times today. Ortiz back from the brink! I was yelling at the TV last night "Hang on kid! Grab him" and then he drops Berto. It looked like that fight could have been over either way at any second. Its funny how no one is talking about that lame Khan fight. Who the hell was that guy he fought?

"B" says:

Hey guys this is my first post. I just want to say that I am a fan of the sport and not particularly a fan of any one fighter. So i try to be very objective when I watch fights. I first want to give big props to Victor Ortiz . But I want you guys to tell me what you think.....Ortiz has never fought at 147 and he moves up to fight a guy who is pretty strong and who has really good punching power. If you have watched any of Ortiz's last 7 fights you know that he dramatically improved and was a totally a different guy against Berto. His body was the first glaring difference but what got me was the intense Mental focus and aggressiveness. You guys watch boxing so you tell me... How many times have you seen a guy move up in weight, increase his punching power, looked very muscular, and walk through flush shots all night even though the fighter has proven at a smaller weight that his has a faulty chin. And all the sudden you move up and you take punches like Evander Holyfield. I am not hating on Ortiz but I have to just say that we have to get mandatory blood testing in boxing and football. You don't go up from looking like an average fighter to beating a guy like Berto like that. I am not Saying Berto is the best fighter in the world but come one. Look at Ortiz's face, jaw line, and head and then look at his last few fights . Looks different....very different

the Roast says:

Welcome in "B" I wouldnt say Ortiz was takeing shots like the Holyman. He was down twice and in big trouble the second time. He was alot bigger for this fight, around 160 I think HBO said. It was a tough fight. Could have gone either way. I think that Berto's stamina let him down. He was spent. You cant go crying HGH everytime a fighter wins a big fight. You sound like Jean Pascal. You found the best boxing site in the biz. Look forward to more of you posts.

#1 PacFan says:

I'm with u on that Roast, it could have gone either way. I'm glad that Ortiz was backpedaling and trying to recoperate from the knockdown then he was trapped in the ropes and tried to fight his way out. I believe that fighting his was out was the only was or else he would have been a sitting duck be victimized by a stoppage. @B, you have to understand that Ortiz is a young fighter who is still filling out and you really cant assume that he is on something just because he was taking some shots. That is what you call heart and will. Also, Ortiz started out at 135 and that's just two weight classes he jumped from.

brownsugar says:

Skills may pay the bills but a battle of wills provides the thrills. Round 6 may be the round of the year, so far anyway. **** Nicely said DaveB**** I agree with most of the posters... It's hard to win when you let the other guy be first... which Ortiz was ...he stay ahead of Berto by initiating

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most of the punching..Berto was tasked with trying to catch-up by the later rounds... and by the 12th round he needed a miracle.. I had Ortiz winning by a split decision. The Jaw dropping action was stimulating to say the least.. and quite sobering.. couldn't believe Berto was waving Ortiz into the ropes and didn't know what to do when he got there... Did he think he could fake the Mayweather Rope-a-Dope??? Good to see Floyd at ringside... who managed to keep a keen grin on his face regardless of the booing Coneticut Fans... More Fights Like This Please!!!!!!!!!!

the Roast says:

@B-Sug, it was good to see Floyd at ringside. It would be even better to see him grow a pair and get IN the damn ring. If the Roast could sit ringside with a rapper I would hang with DMX. X gon give it to ya! Also, you had Ortiz by split D? You got three voices in your head? I only have two. Two is scary enough.

Radam G says:

Welcome "B!" I'm going ta school ya, not try ta fool ya! You get an F. Coming up -- WAY up in weight! -- is good for a lot of boxers. The culture of the game is that often fighters starved them down, believing that they will have an advantage over naturally smaller opponents, or that those opponents are as BIG as they and are also starving down. NYET! I couldn't tell you how and why this myth became reality, but a lot of myths in boxing become thoughts of realities. And many pugilists start doing that jive, as if it were some type of gonna-help-you-win ritual.

Ortiz walks around at 180lbs when he is halfway in shape. His in-shape weight is about 155-164lbs. So he moving up to 147lbs was a good and phat thing, since that natural water weight that he loses will put him up to gaining back as much as 15 to 20lbs by the night of the fight. The kid will not be a welter that long. Expect for him to move up to light middleweight in a year and a half. Fighting at 140lbs against Maidana and Peterson is something that were BIG mistakes. The kid was drained and exhausted from making weight. He used all his darn pugilism up making weight. Putting your whoop-a\$\$ on the weight making will get your a\$\$ whapped in dat squared jungle.

Ortiz just came up to one weight division. [Not draining was the end of the kryptonite for him. Berto was simply EXPOSED! Da sucka ain't dat good.] Back in da day, Roberto Duran, and later Sugar Shane Mosley, came up two weight divisions. They shot up from championing 135lbs straight to doing da darn thang [sic] at 147lbs.

This steroid jive is an out-of-control myth. Ninety-five of elite boxers -- I cannot speak for the marshmallows, tomato cans and grave dwellers -- stay away from that jive. The four of the five percent who, may be using, get their arses whipped, since they cannot fight anyway. Don't believe da HYPE of PEDs helping boxers. Dat syet doesn't work on the elite. It is having cojones dat help ya arse in this game. No PEDs, peepee, your wife's breast milk or goat blood will help yo' hinny. WTF! Da's ragtt [sic]! Give ME a BREAK! How can people believe all this clutter and mutter about kick-arsers, just because Pops Joy May and Ugly -- I mean --Uncle Roger started having fun and spittin' jive about Da Manny and some type of Pinoy super steroid,

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called "A-side meth" that allegedly help us Pinoys walk through bullets. Hehehehehehe! We must be some supermen like muthasuckas. Holla!

amayseng says:

[QUOTE=Fe'Roz;5465]and ultimately still standing but stuck in the same shit that got him there when it was over; the over-hyped skills, poor stamina and questionable chin. Considered by some to have explosive and always dangerous striking power, he failed to respond when his dance card was punched. When confronted by real heart and determination, he faltered. No Plan B. Maybe the worst corner since... Jack Loew. Their imitation of the Three Stoges was priceless. So was the clueless face of Andre Berto. Props to the kid from Ventura on his night of full redemption.[/QUOTE]

good points, his corner yelling and screaming at him, numerous people, was not only distracting for berto but confusing....

as for the new poster, just because a guy moves up in weight and looks physically strong and built does not mean he is on roids or hgh.....the guy is 24, with nutrition and proper training its not difficult to add muscle and change your physique....its also stating that ortiz was a bit depleted at the lower weight....

you cant just throw the cheater card at everyone these days...

FighterforJC says:

I think Berto was "exposed" as long ago as Luis Collazo. Glad to see that m****y grin off his face. Poor kid, Ortiz, however, will have his career cut short by getting fed to Mayweather. Another tuneup for Fraud, another retirement immediately after.

brownsugar says:

@ Roast,... Yeah,.. We are the magnificent triumvate manifestations of 3 distinct boxing personalities in one mind LOL.. I see your not satisfied with Floyd merely showing up in the ring..hell,.. you want him to fight too???..... Hey... I'm happy he at least showed up anyplace where boxing is being conducted.. he's getting warmer... if you keep going to the barbar shop,.. you'll eventually get a haircut... and don't worry....Fighter4JC.....Ortiz isn't going to be anybodies easy fight.. not even for Floyd.. but I highly doubt that's on the menu anytime soon... Floyd has to remain as visible as possible,.. he needs to be seen at major sporting events...in the news,.. and even continuing to promote THE Justin Biebers' Movie in the hopes the extra publicity might work in his favor during his trial over the host of trumped up domestic/felony charges he'll be facing very shortly...I'm probably one of the few who would miss him if he was locked away over a petty squabble with his babies mamma.. Anyway....I'm Glad for Ortiz,.. it was a little sad seeing him being written out of contention after his superlative story book start... no matter what happens going forward he can utterly erase the Maidana incident as a one-off. Now lets see how much Dog Berto has hidden deep within,.. will he dare come back for a rematch??? This was a good loss for Berto,.. now maybe he can focus.

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"B" says:

@(Radam)@(Roast) Thanks for welcoming me. I have actually been following this this web site for about 3 years. I just never felt the need to blog or comment on the articles. But thanks for welcoming me in though. I respect your opinion but all I am saying is just play devil's advocate for a second and read what I wrote again and then just look at the fight. I would also like to throw in that I am not some crazy Floyd fan or some over the top "Manny is God" fan. I am a fan of the sport. I am a participant as well who has seen alot of boxing. 20 years worth to be exact and I am 27 years old. Silver Gloves, Golden Gloves, 9 pro fights, you name it. I am also a youth trainer in Maryland. I just wanted to let you and Radam know that so You would not think I was just some newbe talking out of his butt whole. I don't say it to undermine you guys at all because I love the dialog I respect your opinions. But I am not "crying hgh" as you say. I am simply giving my take on a fighter based of what I have seen and what I have heard from pro/amateur trainers and very well schooled fighters have observed. And I sound like Jean Pascal?? ouch!!! But no guys I just made an assessment on what I have seen in the sport. I just said I have seen the guy fight a bunch of times and I thought something was up. And RADAM when you say that "Steroids/hgh/ped's is a myth" you sound very naive . I am not trying to offend you but I really want you to be informed that in this day in age the ped's are so advanced. And I hate to break it to you but boxing, yes the sport we love has probably the worst testing policies of any major sport. But then again Boxing is the most poorly run sport out there in my opinion. Let me "School" you about what you think is a myth. What if I told you that I personally know of guys and women taking hgh in boxing. The illegal drug trade as a whole is way ahead of the entities policing it and that's a fact. First of all lets stop talking about "steroids" because thats old news. It's all about hgh and forms of the clear and other creams use for growth and hormone elevation. And let me tell you about of alot of the new stuff.....it's very hard to trace by doing urine test. And The three biggest boxing commissions (Nevada,Texas,California) only require random Urine Test for about 90 percent of all fights including big time pay per view fights. To catch athletes cheating you have to test hormone levels from time to time and compare them. See (Chael Sonnen)!!!. And guys this can only be done by doing blood test. And before you guys jump down my throat, I never accused Manny of being on anything and I thought Floyd was tripping by putting all these crazy demands out there about blood testing. But I still think it is what all sports we have to eventually move to. The system is old and that means it is broken. Steroids is a myth huh lol, come on man. You need to do some research and stop living in your fantasy world. But like I said big ups to Ortiz if was clean. I don't know that guy personally so I don't care either way. I respect all my fellow fighters but I am not naive to think that some are not getting over. I hope I didn't hurt your feelings Radam, I just had to set you straight about where I was coming from. I also hope you will do some research on your own and become a more informed fan. I hope what you find does not sour you on this great Sport because it is not all pretty. Big ups to you Roast. I like your comments. You seem to have a lot of respect for the Sport. B out

Radam G says:

Hehehehehe! YUP! Hey B, you are not first person in cyberspace to tell me that I sound naive. And as far as hurting my feelings, now that is FUNNY! I have no feelings. This is da hurt bitnezz. I was born into this business, as were five generations before me. I've kicked tons of

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arses in the amateurs and in the pros that were on steroids. Steroids does not increase mental powers or brains. Boxing is 75-percent+ mental. So if you cannot fight, steroids will help you not. As Sugar Ray Leonard, who grew up in your part of the United States and fought in the amateurs from there, publically says "For 40 million dollars, I will feed my opponent steroid." Privately he says, "And KICK his drug-taking A\$\$! Dat s*** doesn't work! [The Russian, the Poles and the East Germans used to take that jive, but we boxers -- on the U.S. American boxing teams -- whupped their arse in international competition. I fought on the American team, because I have multi-citizenship.]

But you are all right, B. I luv hiding up in cyberspace. You don't have a clue of who I am and what is my DEEP, DEEP background in the game -- amateurs and pros. And you said that I SOUND NAIVE. Hehehehehe! That is some seriously funny, funny stuff. Since you are in the Maryland-D.C. area, maybe you oughta holla at Ham Johnson, David Jacob and my man Jake. They have a good idea of who the Radam G is, but I laugh my arse off everytime that I see them and they said he is probably me. Not to be bragging, I and my whole family have been kicking arses and taking name for over a 110 years. We have so many champions in my family that you may not believe it. Again, welcome! And if you want to stay on the steroids' myths, go ahead. Again that syet doesn't work for a highly mental sports that takes great brainpower to be at the top of the pugilistic TOWER. Holla!

the Roast says:

Thanks for the kind words B. I have always said that I am just a fan. I have figured out the true identity of Radam G but I'd rather not disclose it at this time. I hope you keep on posting. We need all the knowledgable guys around here that we can get. Giving your take is what we do here so keep on doin your thing. Radam is Radam and TSS would not be the same without him. Peace to all my boxing brothers and sisters! Come back AfisherG!!

"B" says:

@radam. I am not saying you are not very well schooled in the game. Probably more than me. But I know a little bit about sports medicine and peds. And like I said, if you keep thinking its about steroids and not listening I don't know what else to day bro. Just listen to what I am saying. I am not arguing with you I just want you to understand that performance enhancement drugs have come a long way from anabolic steroids . This is not 1988 lol. Steroids are actually pretty much an after thought. And I know boxing is more like 90 percent mental in my book. I know its about mental acuity and a loose explosive body. But guys are taking these drugs to take short cuts to get better. It is all about being able to recover faster and train harder. Hgh elevates your testosterone man. So you retain more muscle fiber and it allows you to sleep more as well as heal very fast. Now how many people would like to recover faster. You of all people should know how hard a training camp can be and the bumps and bruises can mount up. So just open your mind to the fact that science has stuff out there that can help with any sport. Look at baseball. Ped's can't help you see a 95 mph fastball but if you are a good hitter it can definitely turn a few doubles into home runs if you know what I mean. by raising your testosterone it also helps mental focus and ups your aggression. I just want more fans to stop arguing and educate about this because it is a problem whether we face it or not. Let's start

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getting on one accord and clean up our sport. Radam it is great to know you are not a talking head bro. I look forward to picking your brain about a lot more on the future. And guys tell me what you think about that I have said. I love the feedback

Condor says:

PED's do aid performance (to state the obvious). And they also give one a mental edge (or nudge). None of this is debatable; it's as simple and accepted as $1 + 1 = 2$.

the Roast says:

[QUOTE=FighterforJC;5471]I think Berto was "exposed" as long ago as Luis Collazo. Glad to see that m****y grin off his face. Poor kid, Ortiz, however, will have his career cut short by getting fed to Mayweather. Another tuneup for Fraud, another retirement immediately after.[/QUOTE]

Check out this blast from the past quote right after the Ortiz-Berto war! A look into the crystal ball???

the Roast says:

Kimball ringside, R.I.P.