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Score another one for the theater of the unexpected, and this whacky ending so soon after the Mayweather-Ortiz looniness.

Chad Dawson scored a TKO win in round two at the Staples Center on Saturday night, after he dumped Bernard Hopkins to the mat with a tackle, and the ageless wonder complained his left shoulder was hurt, so ref Pat Russell stopped the bout at 2:48.

Ref Russell said it was not a deliberate act, not a foul. It looked like a deliberate foul on the part of Dawson. It was basically a tackle, as Hopkins jumped in, Dawson ducked, lifted him up, and dumped him. But since Russell didn't see it that way, the choice impacted Hopkins mightily.

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Hopkins had ice on his shoulder in the ring as fans awaited the call, having no idea that Russell was going to declare Dawson the winner, because Hopkins, he said, could not continue. Dawson chattered that Hopkins quit, and yelled at him after the stoppage, while awaiting Michael Buffer's announcement. Hopkins, age 46, expressed bewilderment at the ref's decision to award a TKO win to the Connecticut fighter Dawson.

George Dodd of the California Commission said that because the ref didn't call a foul, his TKO call was righteous, when speaking to Max Kellerman after the strange ending.

Dawson said to Kellerman that Hopkins disappointed fans. "Yeah he was faking," he said to Kellerman, when Max broached the subject. "Bernard can't touch me, I was getting closer and closer and he knew that."

Dawson watched a replay, and said he couldn't see how Hopkins' shoulder was hurt. "I'm the new champion, I don't care what the critics say." (For the record, Hopkins has been at times shall we say overly demonstrative at times when fouled, as he was not long ago when Roy Jones rabbit punched him.)

Dawson said he wants Jean Pascal next. "Rematch (with Hopkins) for what?" he said.

Hopkins then spoke to Kellerman, as the fans booed him. He watched the replay. "He picked me up by my two legs and he threw me down.."

He said he told the ref he could continue, and the ref stopped it. Hopkins said he would have continued if he'd been told that the fight would end. Max said in the past he has faked injuries and Hopkins took offense. "They want me out of boxing, this is a way to do it," he said.

What's next? He said Golden Boy will do what they have to. He said the fight should have been a No Contest. "This ain't the UFC, this ain't MMA...he tackled me to the ground," Hopkins said.

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Harold Lederman said that a TKO has be caused by a blow. He called this event an accidental foul, and stated the decision should have been a No Decision. "There was no blow to cause a knockout," Lederman said.

Jim Lampley asked Lederman why the Commission hustled Russell out of the ring, and didn't let him be interviewed. Lederman said because ref and commissions are worried about being hassled on camera.

They should have taken a break, and gone to an instant replay. The fans in the arena deserved it, the fans who bough the PPV deserved it.

Looks to me like Russell and the commission messed up, royally, and basically, the fans got the short end of it. Either Russell should have said that Dawson's conduct caused the fight to end and disqualified him, or I think more appropriately, he should have declared a No Contest, because an accidental foul halted the even before four round were completed.

### **ali says:**

Ha ha...Hopkins is a straight actor...Pascal is next and he is for sure getting stop....another bold prediction by a real G Ali...that's just how I get down...Dawson had Hopkins fingure out before the fight even started....Hopkins was looking for a way out against Joe so I knew all Chad had to do was have a good out put and was going to win...

### **brownsugar says:**

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I'm sure the ruling of how to classify the ending may possibly change. But Bernard has no challenge to offer Dawson. I hope they conclude this unnecessary drama and make room for the real boxers and contenders who are willing to do anything for a chance to perform on HBO. Travoris Cloud, Shuebenov, Syllahk, Dawson, Pascal, and soon to be arriving Froch, Bute, Ward. Great undercard,... but the fans get robbed again.

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ali,.. that was spot on.

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Brownsugar great points!!!!

### **FighterforJC says:**

This isn't over. There's gonna be protests and appeals to turn this into a no contest at worst.

### **DaveB says:**

Unless he can prove through a medical examination that he was really hurt he just ruined most of the praise he gained in his last fight with Pascal. He should have quit while he was ahead. Does he really get hurt that much? If he does then it is definitely time to quit. Who could blame Dawson for pushing him the f\*\*\* off?

### **amayseng says:**

It's been verified thro an MRI the doctor

states he has a separated acromioclavicular joint from the fall

Bet u feel like an asshole now.

### **mortcola says:**

Great analysis by Brownsugar. But also kind of besides the point. Not enough had been done in one and half rounds to establish dominance, for one thing - each fighter landed five shots in the

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first round (with B-Hop having the greater percentage). Dawson then, without malice, picked Hopkins up off his two feet and threw him after Hopkins draped across his back when Dawson ducked under a missed right hand. Hopkins landed hard on his left elbow. Ref called it a TKO without taking ANY of the necessary steps, when by definition it was an foul, though accidental, and the result had to be NC. Hopkins history of complaining in fights counts for nothing; ref blew it, fight didn't happen, Dawson did not earn a championship or a TKO.

### **Condor says:**

Hopkins will ALWAYS have a greater connect percentage, because for the last decade he only throws about 11 punches per round. I was one of the few that firmly believes that JT legitimately beat him twice, and I also think that Calzaghe thoroughly dominated him and had him looking for a way out.

I didn't see this one. I vowed long ago never to order another Hopkins fight. Been burned too many times. This will be overturned and ruled a NC. But please, no rematch. And if there is one, I'll read about it the next day.

### **amayseng says:**

I'm a Hopkins fan but I was hoping he retired after wining the lhw championship because at 46 it was time.

There is no reason for Dawson not to win this fight on paper

However, it should be ruled a no contest and u know what's

funny is that it probably will be overturned and just like Dawson

said no rematch Hopkins will turn the tables and deny

Dawson a rematch.

Another bad day for boxing.

### **mortcola says:**

Bernard Hopkins has been released from the California Hospital Medical Center in Los Angeles after being x-rayed and examined by Dr. Sam Thurber, MD who diagnosed Hopkins with a separation of the acromioclavicular (A-C) joint which connects the collar bone and shoulder blade. (from Eastside Boxing). Foul, injury, no fakery....no contest, no championship for Dawson. Facts and rules, baby.

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No. Per my other post, if I had as much money as Bernard Hopkins did, I can pay YOUR mother to tell the world that she's my sex slave and she'd gladly agree. So can Hopkins pay his doctor to declare that he broke his neck and separated his spine. Hopkins is probably partying with Dirrell right now. That was as soft a landing as I've ever seen in any sport, Hopkins could've fallen from 2 stories and landed on pavement, the way he fell he would've barely broke a nail.

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Exactly. Hopkins is a fraud. Compubox stats mean nothing especially for a one round fight. Most of Hopkins' contact were girl punches from the clinch.

It appeared as though Hopkins was going to employ the same strategy he had against Tarver. Hopkins ran in the first round as much as I've ever seen him run his whole career. No way his legs were going to hold up. The thing was, Dawson was having none of it. He was too quick and too sharp for Hopkins. He wasn't falling all over Hopkins the way Tarver was, who was practically tripping over his own feet. This would've been a loooong night for Hopkins. He played this one great.

### **Condor says:**

I didn't see it but it sounds like Dawson was a tool after the fight. I suppose during too. But Hopkins -and God bless him, the guy's had a great career- is just so non-crowd pleasing to me, and has been since circa his Echols fight when Clinton was President, that I have no desire to see him fight. He was fouled, yes. But was this fight going to be anything but a snoozer? Seriously, Hopkins greatest moments are his interviews during the build up. I heard him on Jim

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Rome Wednesday or Thursday, good interview. He's a colorful cat. But watching him fight? Not for me anymore. In the mid-late 90's, sure. But hell no now.

### **DaveB says:**

Whatever any one says - Please no rematch. Hopkins was setting the stage for what he was going to do all night had the fight gone on. Even if the fight had gone the distance it would have been a black eye for boxing. Hopkins can leave the game with his pride in tact sort of. The guy does seem to get hurt quite a lot when he falls. His opponents get tired of all his bull and that is why this type of stuff happens to him. He is always laying on people, hitting low on the side where the referee can't see, excessive holding, butting, etc., etc. Man I just want to see a good fight after these two last stinker main events. The Demarco Linares fight was excellent, especially the last two rounds. Round 11 may be the round of the year.

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I really enjoy your post but I have to disagree with u on this one...Dawson behavior after the fight was despicable is going to far....boxing is a emotional sport at the weigh in Hopkins was talking big shit and im pretty sure u was okay with it but when Chad does it at the end of fight it's despicable seems like a double standard

### **Radam G says:**

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99.9% damn im good!!...your right they r going to reverse the ruling but golden boy got plenty of \$ so there was no way Hopkins medical report wasn't coming back without any major injury ....

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### **Radam G says:**

Ali Baba, you are always up in my grill trying to get a thrill. Are you a dentist with a drill? You couldn't get a mole hill! So you oughta stop. I'm down with Hip Hop. I've been to da mountain top. And I looked over. Nothing but knowledge do I drop. Are you a buster uncover? C'mon, MAN! Dat bad, tough, tude, ya oughta ban. It's sh\*t straight up outta da trashcan. And, of dat jive, ain't nobody a fan. 99.9, where da sun doesn't shine, and dat it my high-yellow-colored Pinoy behind. Holla!

### **mortcola says:**

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Beautifully said. I am anguished over the mean-spirited bashing here. Whatever one doesn't like about Hopkins style, the man is an all time great, who was even money, in my book, to shut Dawson down and win the fight. And the fact of what happened is so clear one would have to be a stone-blind fanatic to overlook it: a tackle resulting in a shoulder injury does not translate to a TKO victory for the perpetrator. That's all. The rest is barking noise from the deluded fringe.

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Teacher, Should Roll Defense, TEACH! PREACH, mortcola, PREACH! Holla!

### **brownsugar says:**

Although Mortcola is usually the clarion call of reason in most cases, I have to disagree heartily with his comments about this fight.

Bhop brought his special brand of non-boxing artillery and Dawson wasn't having it. sometimes the youngest of my grandchildren will see me flying low and try to hop a ride on my back. Perfectly understandable for babies to have that expectation.

When Dawson bent low however,.. Bhop saw an opportunity for an adult piggy back ride. Instead of getting himself in position to punch... Bhop clung to Dawsons waist with a free hand and forearmed the back of Dawsons neck with the other... nothing too unusual so far... what set's this incident apart is that Bhop starts applying all his weight against Dawsons back,.. even going so far as sliding his knees under Dawsons stomach as if he was having a seat at a picnic table. Dawsons went to extreme measures by dumping Bhop for sure, But it takes extreme measures to educate bullies who would disregard any other message.

The TKO probably won't stick,.. But Bhop won't be handed back the title... These types of situations give the sanctioning bodies unexpected power over the title and you can believe they will not relinquish that perk so easily. I expect a rematch, or a set up of other matches (possibly other fighters) to claim the title if Dawson and Bhop won't do it a second time.

Bhop played it as cheap as he could against Dawson,.. mauling him inbetween throwing only 29 shots,.. punches that bear the nomenclature powershots because they aren't jabs,.. a catch all phrase that could included love taps to the kidneys during a clinch.

Dawson thru 55 punches inbetween Bhops attempt a grappling and manhandling to land the only meaningful punches of the fight.

It was plain to see that Dawson was not in the mood to take any guff off Bhop,.. it's a shame the fans couldn't see the inevitable result. But when Bhop goes into ultra stinker mode it's for a reason... and with all due respect to Flo Lo,.. it he wasn't looking for a way out,.. then what was he doing,.. he certainly didn't come to fight. I appreciate Bhop as a future HOFmer,.. but lately his monologs are longer and more entertaining than his fights... it's one drama after another and

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quite frankly after the Calzaghe fiasco,.. this one was the tipping point.

If you poll the boxing websites... 33 or so of the most recognizable, it's clear that whatever sympathy is left for Bhop,... is quickly dwindling.

Staples Center reps had to cold call previous ticket buyers and offer exaggerated discounts in order to get butts in seats,.. if you notice the camera never did a pan around the Arena because there were so many empty seats... Personally I'm done with Bhop,.. Bring out that Russian kid Ishmayl Syllach,... the bonafide future of the light heavyweights.

Kudos to Demarco,.. he's been a staple of Showtimes Boxing after Dark for years... Always one to "EARN" his paycheck, Demarco's always dependable if slightly limited in the skills and flash department... when the fight started I called to the viewers and said, "watch this kid Demarco get carried out"... But the tenacious Demarco knew he'd worked very hard to be in the position he was in and seemed willing to die in the ring rather than let some reconstituted pretty boy take his spot... excellent performance by Demarco, a fight that I'm sure to watch at least a few more times. till next time, pc.

### **mortcola says:**

Thanks for the shout out, Brownsugar. About the final moments, I just saw Hopkins land on Dawson' back after the latter dipped low - I didn't see the other shenanigans (in that exchange. Bit, even if you're right, one thing sticks: Dawson can't win a title on a tackle. Hopkins' reputation for dirty tactics and acting don't change the legality of what happened in this fight, at that moment.

### **mortcola says:**

And, yeah, been watching Demarco from the beginning, and Linares. DeMarco, tough as nails, resourceful. Linares, everything they scream about his supreme skills. But two things missing for Linares, tragically: defense as good as the offense, and a chin. And maybe now the skin that doesn't hold up, too. Shame.

### **Condor says:**

Bravo Brownsugar. I didn't see it, but this thing had DUD written all over it since it was announced. I like Hopkins the man, used to really enjoy watching him in the mid-90's until Trinidad, and there's a seat waiting for him in Canastota (I look forward to his speech). But I just never embraced his post-Trinidad, ultra safety-first, SCANT punch output, never-go-for-a-stoppage style. I appreciate the wins, and he would just keep on winning, but that style was especially non crowd pleasing, and thus that's why the seats were empty and the promoters couldn't give tickets away. Avid, hardcore enthusiasts would pay; the masses would not. There's a real artistry to his boxing, but it's simply not sellable.

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Thanks Condor,.. Hopkins does have something special. He's somewhat of an enigma. He mugged Winky Wright at 170lbs and had Winky smiling back at him while he eaked out a crafty victory in one of the most non-entertaining bouts ever. But Bhop's rep preceeded him into the ring against Dawson,.. You could tell Dawson was prepped, brainwashed, and programmed to deal with any dirty dealings Bhop had to offer. He was ready to mug the mugger. The California commission will rule within a few weeks,... I don't think they have much choice but to call it a "no contest", but who knows,.. if the sanctioning Alphabet body can get their foot in the door,.. there'll be another fight with another sanctioning fee to claim the title.. Only this time Golden Boy won't front the PPV.

### **brownsugar says:**

This just in,..... the WBC calls the fight a "Technical Draw" Bhop to keep title.

### **brownsugar says:**

@Mort,..... well Dawson got a chance to sniff the title for a few days anyway,... hope we can see a rematch. Being the highest profile Light Heavy on the scene I hope Bhop gives Dawson a rematch or at least gives one of the top guns a chance like Cloud or Shumenov.

### **FighterforJC says:**

Now THIS is the real blackeye for boxing, Flopkins getting to keep his title because of the powers that be behind the scenes. Don't expect Flopkins in the same zip code as Dawson for the rest of your natural lives.