

Boxing Results: Taylor, Castillo, Lacy and Peter win

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Boxing fans were treated to a pre-Christmas bonus tonight with both SHOWTIME and HBO both broadcasting boxing cards that had interest for fight fans.

HBO Boxing Results

JERMAIN TAYLOR vs WILLIAM JOPPY

Jermain Taylor won a unanimous decision over William Joppy on Saturday, retaining his WBC Continental Americas belt and keeping a perfect record. Taylor outpointed Joppy 120-107 on all 3 judges' scorecards. Taylor controlled the fight throughout, as Joppy went into survival mode for much of the second half of the fight. Punch stats favored Taylor, as he threw 580 punches and connected on 239, while Joppy threw 352 and connected 115 times.

* Read Jake Donovan's [Report from Ringside on Taylor vs. Joppy](#) from [TheSweetScience.com](#)

SHOWTIME Boxing Results

JOSE LUIS CASTILLO vs JOEL CASAMAYOR

Jose Luis Castillo successfully defended his World Boxing Council lightweight championship with a split decision over Joel Casamayor at Mandalay Bay Casino in Las Vegas. The official scores were 115-113 for Casamayor and 116-112 and 117-111 for Castillo. In what undoubtedly was a difficult fight to score, the decision proved controversial amongst many fans. Certainly, the wide margins on the 2 judges' scorecards that had Castillo winning were hard to reconcile.

JEFF LACY vs OMAR SHEIKA

In the most entertaining fight of the night, Jeff Lacy defended his International Boxing Federation super middleweight title with a unanimous decision over Omar Sheika. Both fighters were hurt during the bout as both men landed power punches throughout. However, it was Lacy's superior physical strength and punching power that edged it for him late.

SAMUEL PETER vs JEREMY WILLIAMS

Sam Peter knocked out Jeremy Williams at 0:27 of the second round with a blistering left hook. After avoiding a Peter right hand, Williams backed away with his hands down and was caught by a punch he never saw coming. Though still apparently raw, Peter solidified his position as one of the top prospects in a moribund heavyweight division which desperately needs an injection of new talent.