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Danny Garcia went 57-220, while Morales, at or near the end of the road, went 40-124.

Danny Garcia might just have sent Erik Morales into retirement at the Barclays Center in Prospect heights, Brooklyn on Saturday night. This was the opening night for boxing at the building, which opened on Sept. 28, with a Jay-Z show, and Garcia ended the night with a concussive bang; his left hook almost removed Morales' head from his shoulders, in the fourth

round.

The Philly fighter Garcia came in holding two 140 pounds belts. Morales came in with a cloud over his head, having failed drug tests taken on Oct. 3, and Oct. 10. They showed traces of clenbuterol, which can be used to aid weigh loss. He was allowed to fight because the New York State Athletic Commission recognizes the tests they do before and after a fight, not ones performed by entities not part of their office pre-bout.

In the first, the 24-year-old Garcia landed a few clean power shots. Morales indicated they didn't bother him, but his reflexes didn't look stellar.

In the second, the 36-year-old Morales landed a couple rights, and actually showed more hand speed in person than I expected.

In the third, a jab-jab right to the chin buzzed the Mexican but it was the end of the round. He walked to the wrong corner after.

In the fourth, down went Morales and a cornerman of his hopped in. The shot was a left hook, coming as Morales threw his own left hook. He flew into the ropes and the ref ended it at 1:23 of round four.

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Radam G says:

Danny Garcia is going to be the fighter of the year. And his win over Amir Khan will be upset of the year, and maybe the kayo of the year. Holla!

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[COLOR="red">lol... u said it.[/COLOR]

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[QUOTE=ali;21287]How nice is the new Arena?[/QUOTE] the arena is very nice. I was in the cheap seats and the view was nice. Everything brand new so see it before it gets beat on.huge tv screen lets you see everything. Beers too expensive $9 for corona or bud.nice lounge ,good food .Subways and trains down the block. The arena was a bit more then half filled. And all the expensive seats are empty. Security tight. No sneaking down to front like the garden . I would go back for a nets game . The arena Should be more filled they should drop the price of the 2nd and 3rd tier seats.or at least let ticket holders upgrade night of fight when those seats aren't sold.its better for fans and promoters get an appearance of sold out arena. Golden boy has to bring a great card every time or else people won't show up and pay.Kid chocolate can sell some tickets now. Golden boy should work with main events and Judah for a big fight or 2.

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That's exactly what my feeling was. While I felt bad to see MOrales go out like that .... another part of me said thats the way it has to be. Specially with a hardened cat like Morales. It reminded me of movie called Hombre..when Paul Newman's character was like... We all die.... It's just a matter of when. The fighter in El Terrible definitely expired last night. Great career, he'll be missed...

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Good detail. Looks like a nice spot 4sho'. Looking forward to seeing Super Judah represent!

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