

HOW HE DID IT: Golovkin Might Have Best Offense in the Game

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A sensational offensive fighter with sound defense, Gennady Golovkin may be the best middleweight in the world. And what's more, he may be even better than we think. It's getting to the point now with Golovkin—as was once the case with a young Mike Tyson—where the question is not “did he win?”, but more “in what round did he win?” After taking fewer than three rounds to dismantle Matthew Macklin on Saturday night, “GGG” not only proved what a devastating puncher he is (he has now stopped 24 of his 27 opponents), but that he is also an astute ring mechanic who has the ability to force his opponents into making errors through intelligent pressure and craft.

In today's analysis, we're going to be taking a brief look at some of Golovkin's stellar attributes which sometimes go unnoticed due to his chilling punching power.

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Counter jab

Because Golovkin is primarily a pressure fighter who stalks his opponents, it is of great importance to him that he has a strong jab at his disposal. By a strong jab, I don't necessarily mean a forceful jab that can snap the opponent's head back every time he throws it (although that is quite often the case) but rather an intelligent jab that will maximize his offensive opportunities while minimizing his opponent's. As he looks to enter, what "GGG" will often do with great effect is cover his opponent's lead hand as he throws his jab. In other words, at the same time "GGG" is establishing his own jab, he is taking away his opponent's.

Coming in behind his jab, Golovkin's extended right arm met Macklin's jab head on.

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World's best and most powerful puncher in the ring, Golovkin's offense is as sharp as a scalpel.

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Golovkin meets Macklin with a left hook as Macklin begins moving to his right.

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Boxing hits and kicks are the main weapons of the sport. Golovkin's offense is the best in the game.

