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There's no doubting its impact within the boxing fraternity. The recent showdown between Manny Pacquiao and Timothy Bradley is the most talked about boxing event of recent times. "The decision," as it's been aptly named, is well on its way to becoming the most infamous decision announced by three judges since Pernell Whitaker was declared to have been the

equal of Julio Cesar Chavez back in 1993. Heck, it may have even eclipsed that, placing it on a pedestal alongside the decision that was Leonard versus Hagler of 1987.....I think you get the idea.

Having only touched on the subject very briefly in my last two short pieces for TSS, and as a result of many of our regular readers -and some new-taking the time to comment on some of my recent statements -which I feel were not in any way outlandish-I thought I'd take this time to go into a little more detail explaining myself regarding my views on the fight that was, and also in the event of a possible rematch between our two men of the hour.

Allow me to make one thing perfectly clear. In a crowded house on fight night, surrounded by a talkative family and blessed with a Primetime feed that just so happened to glorify everything Pacquiao did {I'm English remember, so no slick HBO for me!} I initially felt Pacquiao won the fight, by a margin of around eight rounds to four. The following day however, with a clear head and no sound to diminish or enhance an opinion, I re-watched the fight and found it to be of a close nature. Eventually, having obtained a high definition version of the fight, I decided to score it for myself.After yet another viewing, again minus the sound, I scored the fight 6 rounds apiece...even... a draw. It's a score that I've now settled on after achieving the same result multiple times after repeated viewings {I must have watched it five or six times now.... I need to get out more, I know}. The point being, at no time did I ever declare that Timothy Bradley won the fight. In all honesty, I don't have a problem with those who think Bradley won the fight, nor do I have a problem with the vast majority of people who felt Pacquiao did. What I do have a problem with though, is those who saw it as a one-sided massacre in Pacquiao's favour. Scores of 119-109 for Pacquiao are, quite frankly, absurd to say the least. To suggest Bradley only won a single round in this fight is ridiculous. It was close and it was competitive.

Here is my round by round breakdown:

Round 1: Bradley
Round 2: Bradley
Round 3: Pacquiao
Round 4: Pacquiao
Round 5: Pacqiuao
Round 6: Pacquiao
Round 7: Bradley
Round 8: Pacquiao
Round 9: Pacquiao
Round 10: Bradley
Round 11: Bradley
Round 12: Bradley

As you can see, I viewed it as an extremely close fight where the decision could have gone one way or the other. Of the twelve rounds I scored, I felt only two of them were decisive. I believe only two rounds out of the twelve could have been scored by a boxing novice, those being round four for Pacquiao and round ten for Bradley.Apart from round seven,which was close and

could very well have been reversed, I considerd the rest of the rounds to have been closely contested in which there was a winner, but not by a huge margin.

Now, moving onto the comments that seemed to have ignited hellfire and brimstone, namely Pacquiao being figured out and Bradley being able to dominate the rematch.By looking at my scorecard, you will see a pattern that does not frequently occur -Bradley won the first two rounds on my scorecard, then did not win consecutive rounds until the tenth round of the fight. In my eyes, this is a clear indication of something out of the ordinary that took place during the fight, which was Bradley's early foot injury. Here's why:

Rounds 1-2~

During the first two rounds -unlike some of Pacquiao's more stationary welterweight opponents- we saw Bradley utilising a lot of movement. As Pacquiao was advancing, Bradley clearly made a point of moving to his left. Pacquiao's offense in the first two rounds -his right hand followed by his left straight, or his straight left lead- was met with Bradley sliding off to Manny's right, and away from the left hand. Regardless of what many think {yes I'm talking to "three big booms" Lampley here}Pacquiao only landed his straight left hand once in the first round. At least cleanly. To sum up, I thought Bradley isolated Pacquiao's ambushes in the first two rounds using his feet. The blueprint looked to be set in stone for him -a counterpunching strategy that used Pacquiao's aggression against him.

Rounds 3-9~

Disaster struck for Bradley. With the injury to his foot {or feet} Bradley could no longer replicate what he was able to achieve in rounds one and two. Instead, we saw Bradley having to stand in range with Pacquiao, where he was forced to exchange with some of the fastest hands in all of boxing. Bradley, due to the pain which was evident on his face, was no longer able to use his legs to motor himself out of Pacquiao's range. Apart from the seventh, Pacquiao swept rounds three through nine.

Rounds 10-12:

With the pain seemingly under control, Bradley began neutralizing Pacquiao's lunges again with his feet. Using his jab -which seemed to go completely unnoticed- and his footwork, Bradley kept Pacquiao off balance by pivoting off of his front foot in a clockwise motion, away from Manny's back hand.

Because I felt Bradley won rounds one, two, ten, eleven and twelve -rounds where he was not in pain and could use his footwork- I think barring his injury in the second round, Bradley may have won this fight decisively. I had my doubts over Bernard Hopkins' shoulder injury against Chad Dawson,as did I with David Haye's broken toe and the alleged pain he was under during his twelve rounds with Wladimir Klitschko. There is no doubt in my mind however, as to how

legitimate Tim Bradley's injuries were, nor is there any doubt as to how much pain he was in. There he was, in the biggest fight of his life, unable to use his legs for seven rounds against a fighter in which footwork and mobility is the key to unlocking him. Bradley was clearly suffering from the third to the ninth round.However, it was during those seven rounds,where Bradley had to go to plan B and plan C -you could clearly see it, and because of that, we got an idea of just how versatile Bradley is. Something, I believe, that does not bode well for Manny in the rematch.

I'm a firm believer that Bradley is one of boxing's finest technicians, even though many seem to disagree with the notion. Agreed, his punches do not flow like that of Juan Manuel Marquez' nor do his opponent's deflect off of him like Floyd Mayweather. Bradley's best asset in my eyes though, his boxing brain, is vastly underrated. Lets just forget about Bradley's injuries for a moment and ask yourself this. After the fourth round, did Pacquiao's left hand land with any regularity, if at all? I don't think it did. And it's because of the subtle adjustments Bradley made. After the fourth round {a round in which Bradley admitted to being hurt in} Pacquiao's left hand -regardless of what Primetime or HBO said- did not land clean again for the remainder of the fight -that's eight rounds where Pacquiao was unable to land his primary weapon -his only fight ending weapon- and five rounds in which Bradley was a wounded animal yet Pacquiao still couldn't hunt him down to a finish.If you look at the film again, you will see four adjustments Bradley made to negate Pacquiao's left handed attack throughout the fight.

Pre Injury: Initially, Bradley's footwork was his primary evasive action. Moving to his left, thus eliminating any left hand threat.

Foot injury: Unable to move, Bradley went to plan B, which was to use his blocking skills. Pacquiao throws two types of left hands at two different ranges. The first, in close, is swept around the guard and aimed towards the right side of an opponent's head, and the second, thrown at mid-range, is thrown straight down the middle, towards the centre of an opponent's chin. Bradley negated the first by getting inside and covering the side of his head with the outside of his right glove, and the second by bending at the waist and covering his chin with an open glove which he used to parry Pacquiao's left hand. Bradley adjusted his guard depending on Pacquiao's angle and range. Another look at the film, and you will see Bradley continually catching Pacquiao's left hand with an open mitt.

Bradley also negated the left hand through head movement. As Pacquiao lunged in, Bradley simply dipped low enough, so that Pacquiao's momentum would allow him to land on top of Bradley's back, thus forcing the official to call break.

Post foot injury: Moving again, Bradley was able to use a counter left hook as he slid off to his left. This -along with his jab- was Bradley's most effective evasive action. As Pacquiao leaned in with the straight left hand, Bradley was off to the side, throwing a well timed left hook over Manny's right shoulder. Don't be fooled by Bradley's aesthetics, only a technician learns and adapts during a fight.

Within the last batch of comments at the end of my last article, one of our TSS readers made a

good analogy when he suggested the rematch could go like Lewis-Rahman. Suggesting that Pacquiao, like Lewis did, may have learned his lesson, and will be able to adapt and win a rematch in spectacular fashion. I have to respectfully disagree with that analogy. And here's why. Lennox Lewis, unlike Pacquiao, was the technician between him and Rahman. In their first fight, an underprepared Lewis was brutally stopped by a heavyweight puncher. In the rematch, Lewis did his home work. He knew that Rahman, a one-dimensional slugger, blocked a jab by flailing his arms out and moving to his left. knowing this, Lewis walked Rahman onto a right hand, and the rest was history. Lewis, an astute student of boxing, knew how to tailor his style to suit an opponent.As I've said before, I consider Pacquiao to have one of the best A games in boxing. His "in and out" offensive attack is usually enough to get the job done against most opponents and in particular, those who opt to stand right in front of him within punching range. Nevertheless, I believe Pacquiao struggles to adapt and adjust if things are not going his way.I question Pacquiaio's -and Freddie Roach's for that matter- ability to come up with a plan B or C during a fight.

In my last piece, I referenced the Lewis-Holyfield scenario {their first fight was a disputed draw, in which Lewis clearly won and the second was closer but Lewis was awarded the decision} as how the Bradley-Pacquiao rematch may go down. Point being, Bradley may actually dominate the rematch, but judges, feeling Pacquiao was harshly treated last time, may actually award Pacquiao the decision {I believe we are in for another twelve rounder, more on that in a moment}.

A better analogy however, is the Jean Pascal-Bernard Hopkins fights. During their first fight, Hopkins, a technician, was stunned and hurt early by Pascal, who is a superior offensive fighter, with better athleticism. Pascal though, can be considered one dimensional. After Hopkins figured him out during the fifth round, he never lost a round for the rest of the fight. This carried into the rematch as Hopkins was able to neutralize Pascal from the get go. Despite the first fight being a draw, Hopkins dominated the rematch. I consider Bradley to be in a similar situation to Bradley. In my eyes, Pacquiao won the first half of the fight, but Bradley, after recuperating from his leg injury and making subtle adjustments, won the second half of the fight. This to me, suggests that Bradley has figured something out -remember,Pacquiao barely landed his left hand after the fourth round.

One of the most common perceptions I've heard and read is that Pacquiao will be able to get the knockout in the rematch. Look, I don't mean to rain on Manny's parade or anything like that, truth is I'm a bigger fan of Pacquiao's than I am of Bradley's, but I just don't see him being able to get the knockout in the rematch. Pacquiao's last six fights, in case you've forgotten, have all gone the full twelve rounds. Pacquiao's vaunted power at welterweight,I'm afraid to say,is vastly overrated. Pacquiao hit Bradley flush in the fourth round. Bradley was able to recover and claim Kendal Holt hit harder. I also don't buy into Shane Mosley saying Pacquiao's power is something else. If Pacquiao's power really was something else, then Mosley wouldn't have been there mythologizing fables. Did Thomas Hearns' opponents stand there at the end of the fight telling the world how hard he hit? No, they were being scraped off the canvas. That's how we knew Hearns was a hitter at welterweight. With Pacquiao not having scored a stoppage in

his last half dozen fights and with his primary fight ending weapon not landing with any regularity since the Antonio Margarito fight, I think the Rubik's cube that was Pacquiao, is now something far less complicated, especially since he's started his inevitable decline.

Pacquiao, like Roy Jones, Naseem Hamed and Muhammad Ali did, relies heavily on his physical gifts like speed, athleticism and explosiveness. Look at Pacquiao against Oscar De la Hoya. You will see a fighter who has clearly lost a step in speed, reflexes and most notably, stamina. When was the last time Pacquiao was ever outworked throughout a twelve round fight before Bradley threw more punches than him last time out? Try never. It's obvious to me, that Pacquiao was performing that old Ray Leonard trick of trying to catch the the judges eye by turning it on for the last minute of every round. A clear indication that he is no longer capable of re-producing his frenetic pace of his featherweight days. Without volume, Pacquiao just isn't the same fighter. It's why haven't seen vintage Pacquiao since 2009.

Consequently, I think a rematch with Bradley would be a bad decision for Pacquiao. Bradley, to me, looked to have figured out Pacquiao's attack pattern -namely his side to side head movement, followed by a right hand....right, straight left combination. It became a case of rinse and repeat as the fight went on as Pacquiao seemed to lack any variation in his attack. One thing I did notice during the last fight, was the rare occasions when he threw it, Pacquiao seemed to have some success with the uppercut. Maybe that's something Pacquiao and Roach could pick up on if there's a rematch. On the other hand, it's not hard to imagine Bradley, just as he eventually did with Pacquiao's straight left, to figure the shot out and adjust accordingly. Again, I consider Bradley to be a boxing chameleon. Only a technician can adapt and re-adjust to the situation at hand.

I stand by my belief that if there's to be a rematch, Timothy Bradley will dominate. Pacquiao, who does not seem to be able to adjust during a fight, struggles against moving targets. The direction of Pacquiao's attack becomes lineal against fighters who are not overly aggressive and who counter movement with movement, fire with fire. Look at Pacquiao's attack angles against David Diaz, Oscar De La Hoya, Antonio Margarito and Miguel Cotto, then contrast his angles against Erik Morales, Juan Manuel Marquez, Shane Mosley and Timothy Bradley -you will notice Pacquiao becomes a pressurizing stalker against the latter group, yet against the former, Pacquiao was like a wasp, moving in, out and around his stationary targets.

A fully fit Bradley will be moving off at angles, not allowing Pacquiao to launch his four-five-six punch combinations that we've become accustomed to seeing him throw against his more stationary opponents {whom Pacquiao is a killer against}. I'm of the opinion, just as Bernard Hopkins did with Jean Pascal, that Timothy Bradley has a clear understanding on how to neutralize Manny's best weapons -his left hand, movement and angles-heading into the rematch.

And yet, having said all this,I would not be at all suprised if Pacquiao was given the decision, as a result of how the first fight was deemed a robbery. I hope I'm proved wrong, but the recent re-judging by the WBO has, I feel, only but enhanced my logic.

I look foward to hearing your response, TSS Universe. Thanks for reading.

Comment on this article

**ultimoshogun says:**

[IMG]http://fc06.deviantart.net/fs71/i/2010/117/f/d/Beating_a_dead_horse_by_pjperez.jpg[/IMG]

**crottyruh says:**

You should watched the fight a little more, say 20 times more. And by the 18th time, you will then see that Bradley is pounding Pacquiao into submission. Your a funny guy.

**Radam G says:**

____ ____ ____ ____ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ __ ____! Oftentimes there is a deadline up inside da noggin of a make-believing ___ ___ with that sublimical hatred of a type of human. Holla!

**SouthPaul says:**

[B]ultimoshogun[/B]

The photo..... LMAO! Cosign.

I'm still buzzin' off the Ortiz/Josesito fight. They were the tidal wave to Bradley and Pacquaio's dead horse shore. Washed away and dragged out to sea... over it. For now. lol

**rgorden says:**

I had the fight a draw as well. I saw it with the sound OFF and in slow motion. Many rounds could have been called either way. It is hard to judge a close fight solely from a video feed. The camera catches some things and doesn't catch others. For example a fighter who is facing the camera throws a punch to a fighter whose back is to the camera. Did the punch reach? Was it blocked? Was it partially blocked? Or did it land? You can't tell.

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**Radam G says:**

Nobody cares JACK about Bradley, and JILL would whup his arse up at the top of any HILL! Dude even knows that he lost and stinks. He's now saying that he is willing to vacate the title because of the wave of hatred and criticizism toward him. WOW! Of course it ain't his fault, so he shouldn't punk out. He's not the one who selected a judge who sneaks into a dark society of _____ ____. And one who cannot help her thrills and spills for muscle on ___ ____ ___ because of her "Jungle Fever."

As I've said: Tim Bradley is the most hated baldheaded black man in pugilism in more than 102 years when all da racists and dey daddies hated "Unforgiveable Blackness" Jack Johnson for whuppin' the Cali "Great White Hope" Jimmy Jefferies. And ole Jacky left no doubt and made all those muthasuckas shout. Now Bradley has made everybody shout too. Shout that he LOST! And he DID!

I will just call the "Cali Cranium Crusher" Bradley the "Great Mirage Joke." And he is indeed nowadays the joke of sports. No matter how any of his allies, fanboys and fellow Pac-haters and Asian haters try to put it, dude is the most HATED cat on every block! And by every the C-word that rhymes with BLOCK! And anybody and dey ___ _____ can go ahead and jump up in my grill because I'm calling a spade a spade. YUP! I said it -- ASIAN HATERS!

Weak muthasuckas are using TB for for their halfwitted hatred, just as 102 years ago, they

used The White Hope JJ for their dimwitted hatred. Nothing changes under the sun but the playas.

As my great, great grandma, who lived to be 118 years old said: "Different time, different playas -- SOS -- same old sh*t! Oh, YUP! Ima Siller had a cussin' mouth on her. She could cuss an arse out in 24 languages and dialects. And in thousands of languages and dialects, nearly the whole 7bil people of the globe are saying that Tim Bradley got his arse torched. And the Sin City Stanks ought to be ashamed of themselves for giving ____ ____ _____ such a BIG VOICE of make-believe victory. Holla!

**SouthPaul says:**

I'll take slap and peddle over jab and grab. Will any fighter ever be disliked as much as Johnny Hug 'em Ruiz? He perfected the jab and grab to a nauseating point. Barf.

**Radam G says:**

OOPS! I musta fo'got! There was no rematch between the JJs. The "White Hope" JJ didn't beg for one either, because there was justice. He lost fair and square in that squared jungle, got paid and sped back to farming chickens and pigs.

The "Great Mirage Joke" TB won by crook and hook. The male judge is corrupted, among other things, and the female judge is "Jungle Fever" hooked on darkskinned muscle lads. and TB is now wanting to vacate his gift belt, while begging now a ___ ___ not be isolated out of dancing with the BIG GUN. Right now, the only champion who's willing to KICK his arse is lighting-punching Magicman Paulie Malignaggi [Name misspelled]. MAKE that dance, and I predict that the Magicman Paulie find that Great Mirage Joke and kick his arse all NIGHT LONG! Holla!

**SouthPaul says:**

LMAO at lil' Italy callin' Bradley out. I read that yesterday. Boy oh boy I use to really dislike Paulie at one time or another. His whole Jersey Shore nonsense had me all hot and bothered. I really enjoyed watching Cotto dismantle that sucka'. That said; he's since earned my respect. Tough dude.

**Radam G says:**

@SouthPaul, da Hug'em man was "disliked" for lacking excitement. The "Great Mirage Joke" Bradley is hated for yakkin' about everyone else is blind except for him and the 15 or so people of the world who saw the same winning great mirage joke that a corrupted __ ___ __ and a jungle fever luvin' __ ___ __ gave him. I ain't faulting ole Timmy Boy for being awarded the V, but just for pretending that he believe that he won. His whole aura snitches on him. Especially now that he is saying that he doesn't mind vacate the title.

Every fighter knows when he lost, and the elite one will admit to it. All the Sugarmen of the hurt

bitnezz never said that they won win they knew that they lost. Now even Sugar Ray Robinson was that lame. You can go on Daily Motion and Youtube and hearing him saying that he lost this bout and that bout, but was lucky and/or glad to get it. But he wouldna given it to himself. Holla!

**jajaja says:**

Bradley dominating Pacquiao in their second bout? haha...in your dreams!

I bet Pacquiao will knock out Bradley soooo Badley! Pacquiao will never let soft punching Bradley to win not even a round next time. Like Pacquiao said, he will become a warrior in their rematch. Can't wait to see Bradley lying on his back in their rematch!

**hoi says:**

if there's a rematch, bradley still do the same stuff run around and when gets hit then injured his feet. He knows that pacman have power in both hands so he condition his chin for that but the impact of that punches damage and injured his feet. A rematch will be boring coz it will be a running around game...

**BOIEMACHO says:**

I will respect your assessment but you should have realize that no matter how you are are trying to convince the people of your view, you just make yourself a stupid writer for telling the MILLIONS of people around the world of your assessment of their fight and your prediction that Bradley will dominate Pacquiao if there is a rematch. I would love to see the rematch but I hope there will be changes of the judging system.

**Americanboy says:**

No other Best fight other than Mayweather vs Pacquiao. This is the only fight left in boxing. Boxing now is dying.

**Radam G says:**

BTW! Just so you muthasuckas will know, especially the haters, busters, fakers, fanfaronades, groupies and __ ___ ____, "PunchForce" is on the way because of the robbery of Da Manny. This type of near-foolproof scoring will eliminate the need for human judges, especially cheats in a dark world of hatred and those on "Fever jungle" of muscular, darkskinned cats. Holla!

**hoi says:**

How much did bradley pay you for this article?... Write something realistic...

**warrs says:**

does any one of you watch it in super slow motion?? sound or no sounds it has nothing to do with it.. its a visual thing.. u cnt see the pacman land due to high velocity punching in normal play. try slow mo.

**the Roast says:**

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That just about says it all. Lets move on people, nothing more to see here...

**jesster64 says:**

Another brilliant article by lee wylie, one of my favorite writers. I believe bradley will dominate. What more can pac do in a rematch? Bradley had a bad leg and still managed to win the last 3 rounds. Whats pac going to do to get more endurance? Maybe if manny threw a punch the first 30 seconds of a round, the scoring would have been different. But i don't see him fighting at the same non stop punching pace he had just a few years ago. Time, strength, and movement are on bradleys side.

**paulypaul76 says:**

This is a fantastic article and I couldn't agree more! I too have watched this fight many times and at closer inspection it was without doubt a 'much' closer affair than what every one is saying. Pacman missed a hell of a lot more than the HBO idiots would have you believe on the night. Pacman's punches are so quick it was hard to tell what was landing and what wasn't but thats just more of a credit to Bradley because he was moving and blocking a lot of those lightening fast punches so his defensive skills and reflexes have to be only greatly admired.

I feel very sorry for Tim now actually. He may not be a hard puncher but thats about all he lacks. He's as brave as a lion, and highly skilled and even with a damaged foot managed to out box the pacman. I agree that he would win the rematch if he performs in the same manner with no damaged foot. I think over all he deserved the victory for his effort all things considered and the boxing world and fans should appreciate and respect this guy!!!

**tasdevil says:**

I quite agree
I'm a lifetime fight fan ( I saw " The Brown Bomber " fight ) but did not see the match live,but was very much rooting for Manny , having personal reasons for opposing Bradley.
When I heard the result and the furore that followed, I thought '... here we go again ,American judges , fight fixing , gambling money etc ..another Khan type decision etc '...
Before watching the replay I got copies of the scorecards and settled down to be my own Judge.
It was somewhat unclear and close, but to my astonishment , I did give it to Bradley. And I did agree with the judges ( Duane Ford ? ) comment that Bradley gave Pacquiao ..

..' a boxing lesson...'
Again, hate to say it , but i think the decision was fair.
ps. I'm deaf now , so don't hear the commentators, crowds and background.

**Jjiney says:**

Everyone should wake up, this is a sport not war. These guys go out and perform for the fans which have up to this day have been perceived as bad guys, good guys, the unknowns have become known, and all have come from different walks of life. I give props to all fighters for getting in shape and getting in the ring. This is becoming a world of the weak. I think all fights should be free!!!!!!!!!!!! These fights make the fans expectations so high that they can't live up to the hype. We are a world of making and seeing things happen, but when it comes to boxing at times when i watch these darn fights I have to record and watch them twice because of how much the dang things cost, and the commentators dont even have a clue. Sometimes I think these fights are big jokes. Let me guess? I wonder if the rematch will be free? I would rather pay for all the hype which leads up to the fight instead of the fight. CAN ANYONE TELL ME WHEN THERE HAS BEEN A GOOD PPV FIGHT? All the good bouts have been free. The promoters need to give something back. Since the fighters can't say or indicate what they really want.