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Paul Malignaggi did a damn bit better than many folks thought he could, but sadly for him, he's not blessed with power. Adrien Broner's power edge spoke loudest after 12 rounds in the main event at Barclays Center, which was televised on Showtime, and promoted by Golden Boy. Broner won a split decision, by scores of 115-113 (Broner-Feldman), 115-113 (PM-Miller) and 117-111 (Broner-Schreck), but many if not most in the building left with massive respect for Malignaggi, who showed a mastery of the ring, a solid chin, superb defensive skills, and a fierce desire to compete.

Indeed, this fight might be most remembered as a moral victory for Paulie more than anything else.

Broner said after Paulie fought like he thought he would, that he ran after he felt Broner's power. (I disagree.) He said he does respect Paulie as a boxer. He then boasted that he took Paulie's belt and his girl. Next? He said he will let the fans pick his next foe.

Paulie after said it was a close fight, and that Broner didn't work hard, tat he fought 30 seconds

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of each round. "The fight could have went either way. You have to take the belt from the champion," he said. Paulie ranted that the ending was BS, and that this is typical of boxing. "Someone should stand up and do something about it," he said. "It's BS," he repeated.

He was asked by Jim Gray if the fight was fixed. No, he said, but the politically connected guy always wins.

PM went 214-843, to 246-524 for Broner.

Broner (age 23; 26-0 entering; from Cincinnati, Ohio) was 146.8 while the WBA welter champ Malignaggi (grew up in Brooklyn, lives in LA; 32-4 entering; age 32) was 146.4 on Friday.

The fight was set up as a steppingstone for Broner, to provide another notch on his belt, his top scalp to date. Malignaggi came in as a rugged vet, and the Broner crew had to hope their guy would send a message by stopping Malignaggi conclusively. His corner had pulled the plug on him during round 11 against Ricky Hatton in 2008, and the ref stopped his fight with Amir Kahn in 2010 in round 11 as well. If Broner were able to stop Paulie early, he'd be due some respect. For Malignaggi, it was business as usual, with naysayers declaring he had no chance against a younger, stronger foe.

In the first, both men landed a few clean shots with Broner having a power edge. Paulie looked to work the jab and touch Broner to the body and arms. AB's jab landed hard a few times.

In the second, Paulie had luck with left hands to the body. "You can't hit me," he said to Paulie. Broner drew a warning from the ref for trying to leg Paulie's groin in a clinch.

In the third, straight rights hit Paulie clean but he hung tough, touched Broner to the chest a lot.

In the fourth, Paulie took it with volume. He stayed busy, nothing crazy powerful but enough to keep Broner on the defensive.

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In the fifth, Broner buzzed Paulie at the end of the round, after Paulie worked hard to try and take the round.

In the sixth, Broner landed several hard, clean shots. Was Paulie getting tired? Broner's left hooks looked heavy. In the seventh, it was a pretty tight round. Broner generates great power from in tight, and his power edge won him the round.

In the eighth, Broner looked fresh and his right hand was a nasty weapon, landing hard and clean.

In the ninth, Paulie ate a few solid rights and the crowd helped Broner with roars.

In the tenth, Paulie's superb defense impressed. A left hook during a trade knocked his head back and maybe gave Broner the round. In these later rounds, PM wasn't moving as much, and was in tight, fighting smart in close.

In the 11th, Paulie stayed active. He worked to the chest and made Broner work for openings.

In the 12, Paulie was right there; he ate a clean right, but he was right there, boxing smart, to the end. We went to the cards.

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Radam G says:

Wow! It is time to get rid of those punch counters. Paulie clearly landed the most punches. But apparently the counters are also connected to the Shadow's fighters.

It is time to holla at the flawless technology of counting punches. Those in da know know we already have it straight outta Asia, babeee! It is matter of time before pugilism catch up with technology to halt the question scoring and judging. The fight could've went either way.

Broner is aight! But he is not event close to Money May light. Holla!

aljamieson says:

Broner will be beaten by a hard puncher. I think he got exposed - he' ll have his Prince Naseem moment soon enough

SouthPaul says:

Paulie's comments tonighttrue or not.....that ain't my point here....but they were as controversial as Juanma's accusations against the alleged corrupt referee. So, it'll be interesting to see what sort of backlash and punishment is handed down.

amayseng says:

True southpaul but you have to let some shot slide in this sport

As paulie is a very emotional guy.

Worse things have been said.

I enjoy paulies commentary I hope he didn't shoot himself in the foot so to say.

Hopkins has a bright future as well I could listen to him all day.

Radam G says:

SP, once again the game is like life -- it ain't fair! Paulie will get no backlash for speaking his mind and the truth. The shadow Al Haymon is laughing his two-ton arse off. He has thick, hiding skin. JuanMa was dealing with a thin-skin referee and the commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Besides , Paulie knew he wasn't going to get a win no matter what. JuanMa was just outgunned and knocked da double fudge out. Holla!

Spinach Chin says:

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Bravo to Paulie M. His defense, combination punching and lateral movement won the day. Yeah he lost his title but he took the shine off of Broner's reputation. I watched with music playing the whole time and had Paulie up at the end, and I picked Broner to stop him. This was a lot like Trout-Canelo, one guy landing 2 or 3 hard shots a round, the other landing 20 or 30 light shots.

Carmine Cas says:

Paulie began to shed light to solution of the so called "problem". Paulie outworked him but like everyone else reiterated he needed something shy of a knockout to win. I think Avila or one of the other scribes said, Broner doesn't have good defense to offense flow. He didn't counter Paulie with right hands over the jab but for the most part he waited for Paulie to finish punching then he let off. And a lot of those punches Paulie slipped, and Radam I agree if there is this advanced punch counting technology we should use it. AB looked a little chubby from all that partying, a welterweight with some power, skill, and movement will beat him. Broner didn't have someone stand in front of him all night to beat which made him look mediocre. His lack of respect after the fight makes want to see him get knocked out more. Floyd even displays humility and respect for his opponents after the fight, this kid is a jackass

Carmine Cas says:

[QUOTE=deepwater;32501]Pm should quit the shadows network showtime and comment for hbo with kellerman. pm was impressive. Do Pm a favor and follow up why no points were taken from Broner . Interview the ref on here . Interview someone from the commission about the ring. Interview schreck on his scorecard . Interview banks on why every time he had Mitchell hurt why would he let up and go some rounds throwing nothing. Ask him if it has anything to do with Mitchell fighting klitco for a fat payday because trainer can't fight his fighter . Step aside money? Ask some had questions boxing fans want to know.[/QUOTE]

Maybe Banks was stepping aside to get piece of the check. The fight in the stands on the other side of the arena from where I was sitting was more entertaining.

Carmine Cas says:

Paulie displayed a lot of heart and shut up a lot of critics. I didn't like him before but I have more respect for him now. He's a good commentator and very good fighter I only wish the best for him

DaveB says:

This fight didn't answer any questions at all about Broner. Is it his power that is not so good at 147 or is it because Malignaggi has that good a chin? Will he stay at 147 or go back to 135 or fight at 140? Will he really fight who the fans want him to fight? How does he do against a good puncher at 140 or 147 or even at 135? I am really surprised that Paulie generates so little power. I remember sitting in the barber shop one day and the barber said Sauol Mamby couldn't knock out that boy right there (the kid was about 10) if he sucker punched him. I believe Sauol Mamby has more punching power than Paulie. I thought Broner won but he was not impressive.

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The fight was close. There is always that one wild scorecard.

I think Banks went back to being who he really is. Much the same way Buster Douglas did after the Tyson fight. Much the way Robert Allen did after his first Hopkins fight. What was so funny was how Klitschko said that Banks should have pressed the action when he had Mitchell hurt. I think that is what he said because I stepped away for a second. But that the exact way Klitschko fights too. He gets people hurt and is so damn cautious it is frustrating. Talk about the pot and the kettle.

Radam G says:

The punch counters are full of shyt and apparently don't count body-scoring punches. Broner played some serious magic on them. They counted his grunting and growling as connecting punches when they were clearly air punches. He did most of the shadow boxing that he accused Paulie of doing.

And no way was Broner landing heavier punches. He conducted classic optical illusion boxing. With the grunting and growling, while flaunting bytch punches with all those facial histrionics, he tricked unknowing eyes into believing that he was King Kong punching when he was Tom Thumb fronting. He didn't bust Paulie up. So it is obvious that his shots were an exeggeration -- egg on Broner's face. He couldn't bust a grape last night. The one-time stumbling from Paulie was because of the bad ring canvas. Being on that on-the-fixed canvas was being in quicksand. No doubt the Shadow's invisable hand.

I give it up to the Shadow, Team Broner and Broner, they have a masterful trick of the trade -- monster-sound punching -- going on. And it is working. But as soon as they run ito a fighter who hears demon voices , or one that is deaf -- and cannot hear syet -- the walls of Bronerco will come tumbling down. REAL TALK! Holla!

teaser says:

yup...as someone said here ...paulie took some of the shine off broner..who didn't impress...what do you think ...he's about say a berto class fighter?and with a lot less class ...there is a time to be cocky and a time to be humble ..especially when you have been out boxed with pillow cases ...

SouthPaul says:

Radam, Amasyeng

You guys may be misreading me. In no way am I saying Paulie deserves to be reprimanded or punished. I'll just be watching with a curious eye to see how the industry reacts to him verbal tirade/meltdown.

Lots of interesting stuff being said on the TSS board. Hard time keeping up but I see it. Will

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catch up later. Holla'

Radam G says:

ISP, I clearly read and agree with you. Nothing will happen to Paulie. Paulie is Paulie. He is not to be jived with. None of the powers that be cares about him biting the hand. Syet happens! So you just blame it on the rain. When it comes to the truth, sometimes the powers that be know not to cause pain. Holla!

amayseng says:

im down with ya SP, i am just hoping paulie doesnt lose his gig, he is decent at it, i enjoy his outlook and point of view during the fights...

i think it should be understood (in general, not you particularly) that fighters have a right to be emotional, they just physically went through hell and back and 25 seconds later are answering

questions about the fight.....no down time, no reflection.....

Bikas opponent went off worse than paulie saying bika is now a liar having accepted that belt, i didnt judge him i know he is emotionally drained after such a tough fight.....

Shoulder Roll Defense says:

I can log on using my phone, but not on my laptop (strange). SOME of you are certified haters. Broner moved up two weight divisions and took the title from the champion in his hometown, thus you have to give him respect. I scored the fight for Broner in a unanimous fashion because of CLEAN AND EFFECTIVE punches landed. Paulie threw a lot of punches that were caught on Broner's shoulder and right glove. It is clear that some of you don't know how to score a professional prizefight. This isn't the amateurs lol!

Radam G says:

SRD, a lot of those punches went straight up to Broner's chest, stomach and chin. I got the technology to see the real deal. Holla at some of it. Since you are in LA, you can probably get the latest and best 100-inches genius-smart screen TV at one of those legit electronics stores. From a distance, eyes may lie, but not super up close with the sounding punches cracking against Broner's and Paulie's bellies and mugs.

Okay, Broner won. The bout could've gone either way. There is no hate on Broner's talent. I think that the hate is probably coming on down on his tude. GBP will rear him in sooner before later. The CEOs of other sports are now stepping up and complaining about Broner's antics and histrionics as they did Bam Bam Rios back in da day.

Broner is not a buffoonish jester in a corrupted king's courts. He is on the world stage of big-money making whup arse prizefighting. Holla!

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jzzy says:

Broner's no welterweight. Paulie gave it the college try but lets face it , he's a one arm bandit and should retire to broadcasting. This was a slapfest with neither fighter taking a lot of chances. Broner has been exposed and won't be able to handle Garcia, Matthyse or Judah.

amayseng says:

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I'm with Radam although I didnt watch ring side i havea 50 inch panasonic plasma

That is so clear and crisp it's sick.

And a 3000\$ cerwin vega sound system and I could

feel the thudding of paulies shots landing

on Broners gut all night. I can honestly hear way punches are landing

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Biased how? You are right, I'm not hating on Paulie. However, he clearly lost the fight. Styles make fights and boxers that are mobile with a good jab will always give Broner and Philly shell fighters problems. De La Hoya had great success against Floyd Mayweather Jr. when he utilized his jab (Ditto for Cotto). It is the fighters that come straight forward that Broner will do the best against. He comfortably beats Maidana at WW and LM at jr. WW.

amayseng says:

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That's the point, he isn't taking 90% of those shots cleanly. I have a 50 inch HD plasma TV too. Broner isn't Mayweather, but he is very good defensively and I believe that he has the ability to adjust to the opponent in front of him. He won't stand in the pocket all of the time with the fighters aforementioned. He had no respect for Paulie's power, thus there was no need to stick and move or give angles.

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Radam G says:

Ditto, Amayseng! Besides Broner is not correctly doing the original Philly crab/shell or the Pops Joy May's superbad bootlegged one that he adroitly taught to his "seed" Money May.

Broner is barely shoulder rolling. He's dangerously crab reaching out to parry incoming shots. He is a broken jaw and an injured, jammed Adam Apple waiting to happen. He is in double danger since he fights with his lips wide open. Matthyse has a 90 percent chance of catching him. Maidana 75 percent. Even Amir Khan has a 50 percent chance. Philly Pretty Boy Danny has a 99 percent chance of putting him to sleep. No hate! Holla,

amayseng says:

Good point.

But he is becoming to habitual with standing straight up.

When's the last time he's used his legs and torso and moved ?

I understand some guys he just bang out but at ww it won't be the case.

Carmine Cas says:

That's a nice TV! Paulie controlled the ring, Broner fought in spots and wiffed

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Yup, he leaves his mouth wide open. Any good trainer will see that

Radam G says:

SRD, go to HustleBoss-dot-com, and see how many of the upcoming boxers thought that Paulie won -- but "lost because of politics." It is no hate going on. A lot of those in da know know what time it is. Holla!

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Radam G says:

Wow, SRD! Seventy-five of boxers and about 60 percent of trainers are saying that a Paulie win or draw is their call. Holla!

louissouthpaw says:

[QUOTE=aljamieson;32498]Broner will be beaten by a hard puncher. I think he got exposed - he' ll have his Prince Naseem moment soon enough[/QUOTE]

Broner is definitely no Floyd, but please don't put him in the category of Hamed lol. Hamed had barely any skills - just power. Broner's fate will depend on how his fights are chosen. If his handlers are as cautious as Floyd, he will have a long successful career in boxing. If they throw him in with a Canelo or a Mayweather right away, he will get destroyed or picked apart respectively.

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Seeing Broner on world star hip hop website getting high and drunk is not going to help with longevity in the fight game. I like broner's skills and I find him funny in a disturbing manner but dude is going to cut his career short with this foolishness. Lol I'm not sure coconut juice and alkaline water would help him at this point ha. I understand he is trying to market himself but you have to not fyck around with booze, and mJ and based on some of his antics..maybe a cocktail of other things...Stay away from the So Cal clubs and free offers..he is going to get o-p-p'd in reverse. Rack.