

## James Kirkland Loses By KO; Malignaggi Gets The W On "Action Heroes" Undercard...WOODS

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James Kirkland hit the deck in the first round, off a left hook, against Nobuhiro Ishida, just 30 seconds into the first round of the undercard clash at the MGM Grand on Saturday night in Las Vegas. He went down again at 1:44, and was up on shaky legs. A one-two put him on the mat and the ref Joe Cortez said no mas. The end of this middleweight "Action Heroes" clash came at 1:52 of the first, by KO. Kirkland, the 27-year-old Texan who was in the can for two years on a weapons charge, is now 27-1, while the 35-year-old Ishida rises to 23-6-2. Kirkland said after to Max Kellerman that the knockdowns were flash knockdowns. He was asked if he might go back to training with Anne Wolfe, and he said his camp went well, and he is ready to fight, so he didn't take the bait.

Former IBF junior welterweight champion Paul Malignaggi (29-4, 6 KOs) got a UD over Jose Miguel Cotto (32-3-1, 24 KOs) over ten rounds in a welterweight clash, winning 99-91, 99-91, 97-93. Paulie's hand-speed was the difference and he realized quickly that little bro wouldn't pose anywhere near the problems the elder Cotto did. A cut over Paulie's eye dripped blood but didn't keep him from his task.

Junior welter Danny Garcia (21-0; age 23) added the scalp of Nate Campbell (33-8-1; age 39) to his resume. The cards read 99-91, 98-92 and 100-90 and that may be all she wrote for the likeable vet Campbell, who has lost three in a row (Victor Ortiz, and Walter Estrada before this loss).

Olympic gold medalist Rakhim Chakhkiev (10-0, 8 KOs) stopped Harvey Jolly (12-16-1, 6 KOs) in round three of a cruiserweight tussle.

Junior middleweight Mikael Zewski (9-0, 5 KOs) won a split decision against Clint Coronel (4-2-2, 1 KO). Zewski impressed by scores of 60-54, 59-55 on two cards, while another arbiter saw it 54-60.

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### **FighterforJC says:**

James Kirkland is another missed opportunity for Floyd Mayweather to make some noise. Though I still think that a focused, confident, on top of his game James Kirkland would've given

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Floyd fits and possibly even stopped Floyd a couple of years ago, Kirkland's latest outing proves how vulnerable he is. His size and strength gives him a good chance against anybody as small as Floyd, but Floyd would've probably picked him apart. Floyd could've even targeted Kirkland after Kirkland's first two comeback bouts as a tuneup fight at a catchweight and the boxing community would be praising Floyd for picking on someone as big and strong as Kirkland. Just imagine how Floyd's fans would've reacted had Floyd been the one to vanquish Kirkland instead of the Japanese guy. Floyd ought to learn his lesson. If he wishes to salvage whatever legacy he thinks he'll leave behind, without ever facing Pacquiao, he had better take on some of the bigger, riskier opponents like Sergio Martinez or even a Kermit Cintron. Maybe take on undefeated Berto or something. Those guys are the flavors of the day and are bound to get exposed in a couple more fights. Mayweather should step up and be the one to expose them before he runs out of credible opponents who would otherwise turn out to be not so credible once they lose to a much lesser fighter.

### **Radam G says:**

If the Mandingo Cowboy -- warrior my arse -- has an iota of sense, he'd get off that high manly pride and go back to da bride who brought him up like an ocean tide, because his bottom is now on a slide. Trainer Ann Wolfe's lifestyle, her mermaid-arse shouldn't have to hide. Holla!

### **admin says:**

Mermaid arse???

### **Radam G says:**

Wow! I've never thought about it. I just assumed that a mermaid has an arse. Then, again, I've seem a fish arse. And I haven't been looking for either. Hehehehehe! I've heard people say whale arse, but have they really seen a whale arse. WTF! Does it have hips. What about a fish. I've some big-hipped actesses playing roles of mermaid. Ann Wolfe, when she was training the Texan Mandingo Kirkland, use to have him swimming through dirt, and she did it with him a lot of times. So I nicknamed her the mermaid. Holla!

### **dino da vinci says:**

I believe Radam is one of the most interesting people in the fight game. If you've read his posts over the years, you'd realize he has amazing range. He's sorta like a cross between MikeTyson (boxing insight/acumen) and Agent 007 (Intrigue). G...Radam G!