

Del Valle Impresses Big-Time On ShoBox Saturday

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Del Valle Wallops Nguyen in Unanimous Decision Victory

Gonzalez Defeats Gutierrez in Hard-hitting Lopsided Unanimous Decision

Catch the Replay on Thursday, June 16 at 10:30 p.m. ET/PT on SHOWTIME EXTREME®

NEW YORK (June 12, 2011) – On a second consecutive night of fights on ***ShoBox: The New Generation***

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, featherweight

Luis Orlando “Orlandito” Del Valle

's rising star shined in a 10-round unanimous decision over

Dat “Be Dat” Nguyen

with scores of 99-91 three times. In the co-feature,

Jonathan Gonzalez

scored a convincing 10-round unanimous decision by the scores of 99-91 and 98-92 twice in a junior middleweight matchup over

Richard

Gutierrez

from

Roseland Ballroom

in

New

York City

on the eve of the Puerto Rican Day Parade.

Del Valle (13-0,10 KOs), of Bayamon, P.R., impressed the boisterous Boricua-based crowd and SHOWTIME announcers alike with his sharp shots and well-timed counter punches. Known for throwing a high volume of shots, Nguyen (17-2, 6 KOs), a resident of Vero Beach, Fla., came out swinging but Del Valle anticipated Nguyen's wide punches with crisp counters.

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The two exchanged many times throughout the early rounds with Del Valle winning the upper hand nearly every time. As Del Valle's face bore only a small cut under his right eye, Nguyen's slug-marked mug swelled more and more with each passing round.

Though Del Valle, who was taking a big step up in level of opposition, proved that his name belonged higher on the prospects to watch list, Nguyen showed a tremendous amount of bravado – and a granite chin – as he refused to give up or even hit the canvas.

"[Nguyen] is very strong and determined," said Del Valle after the fight. "He has a good chin and more power than his record shows."

Beginning in the sixth round, Del Valle dominated the fight by teeing off on Nguyen against the ropes where Nguyen couldn't counter with more than a few unwise "bring it on" taunts at the surging Puerto Rican. The crowd got behind the 24-year-old Del Valle as he closed out the best performance of his young career.

"For my money, Del Valle stole the show," said SHOWTIME analyst **Steve Farhood**. "Just an outstanding performance."

The night's opening bout began before the bell as both contestants shouted insults to one another from across the ring. The fight started with two action rounds to the crowd's delight that saw Gonzalez unload countless power shots and Gutierrez returning with hard counters.

As the scrap settled into the third round and beyond, the fighters were warned about multiple fouls by referee **Gary Rosato** from low blows to hitting behind the head and the clashing of heads.

In the 6th round, Gonzalez began to pick the action back up and unload heavy shots to the head and body of Gutierrez but ended his barrage with a low blow that gave Gutierrez some much needed time to recover. Gonzalez stayed active through his first career distance fight winning a

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satisfying unanimous decision.

As for what's next for the 126-pound Del Valle: "He's going to go down to 122, whether he wants to or not," said co-promoter **Lou DiBella**. "He's already got power now. At 122, forget it."

The card was co-promoted by DiBella Entertainment and Gary Shaw Productions.

The telecast will replay this Thursday, June 16 at 10:30 p.m. ET/PT on **SHOWTIME EXTREME** and be available On Demand beginning June 14 through June 27.

Curt Menefee called the action from ringside with Farhood handling the expert analysis. **Gordon Hall** is the Executive Producer with **Richard Gaughan** producing and **Rick Phillips** directing.

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the Roast says:

Yep. Two great nights in a row from Shobox. You gotta love it.

brownsugar says:

I forgot all about the show...I had my grandsons for the weekend again and was schooling them on the X360 when my son invited me to watch STRIKEFORCE, didn't think any boxing was on so I reluctantly agreed.....I actually enjoyed much of the action although I can't understand why these guys haven't evolved past the most rudimentary boxing technique.... maybe it's because they have to stay balanced to throw the leg or the knee. The Munoz bout stands out because it was the first time I ever saw someone use the incredible "Donkey Kong"punch..(that'd gonna hurt in the morning)

Thought they should has stopped the Shane Carson bout... and judging by his reluctance to engage after the knockdown it seems that he probably felt the same.. I have to admit that it was

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funny hearing a female quoting some of Mayorga's most politically incorrect anti-MMA materialI don't think she ever read EM's article(we forgave her for her ignorance and blamed it on the Tangueray)

We flipped the channel looking for the replay of Ortiz/Berto and Lo & Behold I'm eyeballing punches being thrown with the crisp fluid dexterity of athletes who train a lifetime to achieve such skill. It was DeValle, punching in non-stop combination..... moving his head to either side as he punched in between Nguen's shots. I felt rejuvenated like a nomad who found an oasis in the middle of the desert. That guy's going placeswithout a doubt.

brownsugar says:

Roast I missed Kayode too ..but I'm glad he got rid of the underachieving Matt Godfrey...the tubby cruiserweight has been hanging around as the next best thing even longer than BJ Flores. It appears Roach first gets his guys in shape..then teaches them how to punch..and then they learn how to box... in that order.....from what I've heard Kayode showed that he's finally learned how to fight.

Radam G says:

Wow! I don't know B-Sug. Kayode is a work in process. The jury is still out. "The underachieving Matt Godfrey" enhanced Kayode. Kayode just doesn't yet have that fight IT factor. Holla!

brownsugar says:

Radam G..... Kayode is looking good,.. but he is a bit too muscular and that can hurt against a pure boxer.