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Devon Alexander took Randall Bailey's IBF welterweight crown, by scores of 115-111, 117-109, 116-110, in a fight which saw the crowd booing throughout the affair, which seemed to have too many moments of caution for their liking.

In the first, Alexander was the busier of the two. Bailey, the IBF welterweight titlist, stalked and pawed with his jab--seemingly content to measure his man and wait for that one opening.

Bailey connected with two rights in the second and may have buzzed Alexander. Overall, very little action.

Not much to report from the third and crowd was booing in the fourth. In the fifth Bailey touched him again, but to no great effect. Not that that's a surprise, being a pure sharp-shooter.

This was a demanding fight to watch because it was very boring but you don't want to blink, as Bailey has perhaps the hardest right hand in boxing P4P. He was willing to lose every round, while patiently waiting for that one opening.

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Meanwhile, the crowd's patience was being tried. Brooklyn wasn't pleased.

Even in the championship rounds, I didn't see urgency from the champ, who must know he'd lost almost all the rounds. Alexander was not exactly inspired. That 47 minutes TSS would like back.

Incredibly the CompuBox stats showed Bailey landed 45 punches, the fewest in a 12 round fight in CompuBoxes' 27 year history.

Dmitriy Salita upped his mark to 35-1-1 (18) with a 6-round UD over Brandon Hoskins. Scores were 59-55 twice and 60-54.

The fight was more competitive than the scores indicate. Salita may have consistently edged Hoskins but he in no way dominated him.

Would Salita be remotely competitive with Malignaggi, a fight rumored to take place at Barclays down the road?