Paul Malignaggi came back home, as he took on Mexican Pablo Cano at the Barclays Center on Saturday night, and Cano didn't come close to putting out a welcoming mat for Paulie, who was born five miles from the new arena. The WBA welter champ's belt wasn't up for grabs, because Cano didn't make the welter limit. If the champ won, he'd keep the belt, and if he lost, he'd also keep the belt. It turns out he won, by a split decision, but many in the stands booed, and leaned to Cano. One judge scored it 118-109 for Cano, while the others had it for Malignaggi, 114-113, 114-113 for the Brooklyner.

Cano had a cut on his left eye, from a punch, in round two. The Bensonhurst-bred hitter, age 31, pumped the jab, but he ate clean, hard shots in the second, though he still perhaps won it. In the third, Malignaggi fought well going backwards and forward. Cano bled fromhis nose and eye by the fifth, but still, he landed hard, clean shots on the Brooklyner.A clean right by Cano was a very showy launch, but was it enough to steal the sixth? The seventh was another tight round, but I was seeing Malignaggi being a little busier, outboxing the Mexican.The cut on the left eye wasn't looking that healthy. In the eighth, Cano kept up with the solid body work. The rounds were tight in the ninth and tenth, as Cano's heavier hands sent sprays of sweat flying off Paulie. In the 11th, down went Malignaggi, off a right in tight. He might have been saved by the bell from another knockdown. A cut formed under Paulie's left eye, but he was busy in the 12th. We went to the cards.

Paulie went 217-826 to 262-757 for Cano, in the stat war.

Comment on this article

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[QUOTE=dino da vinci;21282]Deep, how did you score it?[/QUOTE]
I scored it cano. I had the fight even after 10. I gave cano credit for effective aggression and maybe be cause of the cut he kept his gloves high and blocked a lot of shots. Paulie jabbed more but every time he jabbed he left his hands low,adjusted his shorts, and cano came forward landing some shots. Cano easily got a 10-8 round in the 11th and I thought he closed the show and took the 12th. So even if Paulie was up by a round or two after10 cano deserved the nod or atleast a draw. I asked the inspector from the corner at ringside what he thought and he said Paulies jab was too slappy and he heard cano punches land.

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I think Paulie's legs are shot because he was better when he was a stick and move fighter. He stayed in the pocket too much against a fighter with superior size and paid the price. The only reason he won the fight is because he was fighting in Brooklyn. The French guy is actually Cameroonian by birth and hails from the same African country as my wife (Cameroon, the soccer power house). He as a lot of heart, but didn't have the power and chin to stand up to Kid Chocolate.

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Yeah I remember he does have things he needs to wrk on but like u said he has heart and power and that's what bell him out last night.

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I think its the beginning of the end for Paulie. He was getting hit with right hands all night by a guy who is slow *** hell. His feet are not what they use to be, he has no power and can't fight in the pocket. He's just a C fighter at this point and will get mop by any of the top guys at 147.

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I'd be shock for you to agree. But in the end -- like always -- I will be spot on, or within 85 to 95 percent righteous like a pimpin' preacher callin' out winners -- I mean sinners! Holla!

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Paulie isn't done... i agree. BUT if he wasn't champ, he'd be a top 15 fighter... just like he always has been. He's flashy and durable.. so he's kinda marketable... it ends there.
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By the way

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