

No More Bloviating, We Need To FIX The Bad Judging Problem

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Ladies and gents, if you don't mind, I'd like to humbly offer a suggestion which will make my job easier, and improve your performance. During the course of the next big fight, I suggest you, ringside photog, take a photo of each of the three judges assigned to the fight.

That way, the suspects...I mean, judges, can be identified, and when we write about their incompetence next time, our readers will be given a fuller picture of the situation. I think a bit more bright shining light on these incompetents could help us SOLVE the dilemma which continues to help drag down our sport. Of course, we need other measures to address this, such as a comprehensive all-state and nation database which will allow us to identify frequent miscreants. If you are assigned to decide the fate of such a monumental occasion, worth maybe \$200 million, you are a PUBLIC figure, you don't deserve to be shrouded, or protected, or anonymity.

I'd like to see CJ Ross watch a tape of Mayweather-Canelo, sitting side by side with Showtime's Jim Gray, and explain her thought processes. I suspect there are around 250,000 of you, too, who would tune in to see this program. I mean, did Ms. Ross score that missed Canelo launch (*in above Hogan photo*)

a scoring blow in her mind, and was that reflected on her card? For our sanity, for the good of the sport, to prove that we the people who follow it and trumpet it and make a living from it care about making it the best it can be, we need to know.

Bottom line, we need answers. We need progress. We need to work on the bad judge problem. We spin our wheels every few months shouting to the heavens about the problem. We need to FIX it. Before Teddy Atlas has an on-air aneurysm, we need to fix it. We need a blue ribbon panel, a white paper with suggestions for improvements, and a timeline to implement them. Everyone has to be on board with this, Showtime, HBO, Golden Boy, Arum, Mayweather, Pacquiao, the Nevada Commission, the NY Commission, TheSweetScience.com, BoxingScene.com, everyone.

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Thank you, E.M., for not just rolling over (like so many) and giving up on what has become an absolutely [I]INTOLERABLE[/I] situation and black mark on our sport. I like your ideas - as a start. We indeed [U]do[/U] need answer, and there will probably have to be measures beyond those suggested here. But I'm [U]ALL[/U] [U]IN[/U], and have a couple ideas of my own. I just hope there are enough boxing fans who really believe we can change the sport for the better. When the status quo has reigned for so long, many times people tend to resign themselves to 'the way things are', not believing change can/will ever come. I'm with Editor Mike. [B]Unite![/B]

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I just want to be clear, I'm uploading Ms. Ross's photo [U]not[/U] to incite hatred or cruel comments, but to do what Mike has suggested above -- [U]raise the level of accountability[/U]. I do it as a small step toward the improvement that the sport of boxing desperately needs. I wish C.J. Ross well, but I admit I do so hoping it will be a field other than that of a boxing judge. We all have our strengths and weaknesses. IMO clearly one of Ms. Ross's weaknesses is correctly discerning the events that happen inside the ropes of a boxing ring.

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[B]C.J. Ross[/B]