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LAS VEGAS-One punch is all it takes to change a fight. This time one punch is all it took to end a one-sided fight in Saul “Canelo” Alvarez’s favor over Mexican slugger Alfredo “Perro” Angulo on Saturday.

The Angulo backers hissed, booed and fired full cups of beer into the ring in anger when the fight was stopped in round 10 for a technical knockout win for Alvarez.

“My job is just to do my work in the ring,” said Canelo after. “I let the judges and referees do their job.”

Guadalajara’s Alvarez (43-1-1, 31 Kos) did his job well against Mexicali, Mexico’s Angulo (22-4, 18 Kos) at the MGM, and he dominated the fight. No belt, but Mexican pride was the real prize and sometimes that’s a bad thing.

When both fighters were announced the boos cascaded throughout the arena. Half were devoted to Angulo and the other half to Alvarez. So when the fight was stopped suddenly by referee Tony Weeks, the crowd was downright ornery. Beer and water was tossed into the ring and the surrounding areas. A good thing they weren’t Molotov cocktails.

“He stopped the fight because he knew what was going on,” said Alvarez, who lost his last fight and junior middleweight world titles to Floyd Mayweather last September. “I was getting a little tired but I could have gone another 10 rounds.”

“Canelo” Alvarez showed off his faster hands and accuracy from the very first punch to the very last as he bounced punches off of Angulo’s head and face. Angulo’s plan to force the fight to go beyond seven rounds was not a good one. Though Alvarez’s endurance did wane, it was not

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enough to turn things in Angulo's favor.

Alvarez tagged Angulo with the first left hook he fired from the hip in round one. There was no tentativeness on Alvarez's part in the opening two rounds. Angulo merely pawed with his punches.

Before the third round began Angulo's trainer Virgil Hunter chastised his fighter "Perro" Angulo and that seemed to fire up the fighter. He began to fire combinations though Alvarez kept firing back his own vicious left hooks and rights.

Alvarez began to slow down his punch output around round five and that allowed Angulo to begin firing his own three-punch combinations. Though Alvarez was decreasing his punches, those that he fired were connecting on the rock head of Angulo.

It wasn't until the seventh round that Angulo began to catch up to Alvarez. The red head seemed to weaken a bit and that allowed the aggressive Angulo to gain confidence.

Angulo erupted with an array of blows in the eighth to the cheers of crowd. Alvarez urged him on to fire more blows and was obliged by the Mexicali slugger. After a dozen blows, Alvarez then erupted with his own combinations. Angulo nodded and motioned with his gloves to Alvarez to continue more. Many in the stands jumped to their feet in anticipation of toe-to-toe action. They finally received it and let the fighters know with cheers.

The Mexicali fighter with his crew cut hair and now swollen face, seemed boosted by the cheers and began to attack more aggressively. Alvarez tried firing back but was cautious of the incoming blows. It was another good round for Angulo in the ninth.

A fired up Angulo met Alvarez in the middle of the ring in round 10 and both fired punches. A counter left hook by Alvarez backed up Angulo and then the redhead followed up with a left uppercut that snapped back Angulo's head. The referee jumped in between the fighters and motioned the fight was over. Angulo pranced around the ring in anger and shrugged off any attempts by people to trying to console him.

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“I’m upset. They should have let the fight go on,” said Angulo who was never knocked down despite receiving some horrific blows. “The referee was wrong on this.”

Alvarez was happy by the win and even happier that neither fighter left seriously injured.

“It was a hard fight. I was in his territory and I was able to go toe-to-toe,” said Alvarez. “Thank God nobody got hurt.”

Alvarez later was cornered at the post press fight conference by current junior middleweight titlist Erislandy Lara. The Cuban southpaw asked for a fight but was rebuffed by Alvarez, who asked the crowd for a show of hands of those wanting Lara to fight him. Only two people out of a couple of hundred put their hands up.

That was the answer. But Alvarez will fight in July. It just won’t be Lara.

Other bouts

WBC junior featherweight titlist Leo Santa Cruz (27-0-1, 15 Kos) breezed through Mexico’s Cristian Mijares (48-8-2, 22 Kos) and showed the former champion that experience doesn’t always beat youth. Santa Cruz, 25, was persistent with the body attack and accurate with his combinations as Mijares tried in vain to find an antidote. Though cut alongside his right eye due to an accidental clash of heads, Santa Cruz was fresh for all 12 rounds against the 32-year-old Mijares. All three judges scored it heavily in favor of Santa Cruz 120-108 twice and 119-109.

“Mijares is a great boxer. I tried my best,” said Santa Cruz, of East Los Angeles who took home \$500,000 for the fight. “We had difficulty but we practiced with southpaws every day.”

Venezuela’s Jorge Linares (36-3, 23 Kos) proved he’s not done yet as he dominated Japan’s

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Nihito Arakawa (24-4-1, 16 Kos) with speed and precision over 10 rounds in a lightweight bout. Linares ripped off numerous four-punch combinations against the always pressing Arakawa. Though the Japanese fighter was never seriously hurt, he could never seem to land a telling blow. Linares dazzled with sizzling left uppercuts that would have knocked out any other fighter but Arakawa.

“I knew he could take a punch,” said Linares, who is a former world champion and now will fight the WBC lightweight champion Omar Figueroa, who trains in Indio, Ca. “I hurt my hand against him in the fourth round.”

Arakawa never assumed he was close to winning the fight.

“I knew I was losing and I tried my best,” Arakawa said. “Linares is strong and very good.”

Sergio “Yeyo” Thompson (29-3, 26 Kos) floored Ricardo Alvarez (23-3-3, 13 Kos) twice and out-punched the older brother of “Canelo” Alvarez through most of the 10-round lightweight fight. Despite the dominance, two judges scored it a close 95-93 for Thompson in a fight that seemed he won by a larger margin. One judge did score it 97-91 for Thompson, who took the fight on two week’s notice when the original scheduled fighter Omar Figueroa was injured during training.

“I’m very excited about this win because I was training for another fight,” said Thompson, who fights out of Cancun, Mexico and wins the WBC International lightweight title. “I was able to counter Alvarez effectively. I felt I had sufficient power at 135 pounds.”

Alvarez was disappointed by his performance.

“I didn’t have any power at this weight,” said Alvarez, who dropped down from junior welterweight to lightweight.

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Mexico's Francisco Vargas (19-0-1, 13 Kos) defeated Puerto Rico's Abner Cotto (17-2, 8 Kos) by unanimous decision in an excellent display of scientific trench warfare. Both fighters slugged it out and neither was willing to give ground, but Vargas proved to be slightly more accurate and busier after 10 rounds of the junior lightweight clash.

Jerry Belmontes (19-3) out-boxed Australia's Will Tomlinson (21-1-1, 12 Kos) and handed him his first career loss as a pro. Belmontes fights out of Corpus Christi, Texas. The scores were 99-91 and 98-92 for Belmontes.

Joseph Diaz Jr. (9-0, 7 Kos) blasted out Puerto Rico's Jovany Fuentes (5-4, 4 Kos) with a left to the body for a knockout win at 2:59 of round five. Diaz, a former U.S. Olympian from South El Monte, Calif., fights as a junior featherweight.

St. Louis junior welterweight Keandre Gibson (9-0-1, 4 Kos) stopped Tijuana's Antonio Wong (11-8-1) with a body shot at 1:51 of round four. Wong was able to take all of the head shots that were zinged his way by Gibson, but not the body shot.

Australia's Steve Lovett (8-0, 6 Kos) knocked out Mexico's Francisco Molina (2-3, 2 Kos) with a right cross at 1:13 of round two of a light heavyweight bout to remain undefeated. Lovett fights out of New South Wales.

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deepwater2 says:

Radam ,roast and myself called the outcome way before they even got in the ring. It was as close to a set up as you can get within the law. No controversy here except that people believed Angulo had a chance .

amayseng says:

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He looked dead at the weighin. Maybe Virgil hunter told him don't throw anything until the 6 th round,by then canelo might have hurt his hands on Angulos head. That Lara fight might of changed him also.

mortcola says:

There are several reasons why Angulo couldn't put any damage on Canelo. But Tony Weeks, one of my former favorite refs, just negated the very basis for the sport, and thus his job. Getting hit cleanly and not taking a backward step is never, ever, under any circumstances justification for stopping a fight. It just means you can no longer stomach people hitting each other. And I'm the guy who shouts about the realities of neurological damage in every head blow. Who cares that Angulo would have lost sometime in the next few minutes. You wait until the fighter can't do his job any more, or shows signs of damage he can't or won't admit, or does admit to his corner. Then you stop it. Otherwise, get the f--- out of the ring and let a ref who doesn't hate his job any more get the payday.

brownsugar says:

@ Mortcola. why do you think The Dog Angulo looked so sluggish and slow?

Would like to hear your opinion ...personally I think it could be linked to the beating he took fromm Kirkland... Possibly the weight... and or maybe the effects of his incarceration.

SouthPawFlo says:

Angulo fought like he was in a Sparring Session....

He's damaged goods and shouldn't be on a top level card anymore, especially not a PPV

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Radam G says:

Wow! You are jumping the gun, SPF. It is always what have you done for me lately. One or two fights don't make the man. Looks are deceiving to fans and fanfaronades.

In boksing, it ain't over until it is over. The ref panic. One shot and the red-headed could have been sleeping.

I'm riding with Doc M-cola. Bad, bad referee. Maybe he stopped it so quickly and unfairly because he had to peepee. Hehehe! Holla!

jzzy says:

I have no problem with the stoppage. Angulo was taking too many clean shots, thank goodness the referee had the courage to

intervene and save Angulo from himself. Canelo needs to move to middleweight, he may have more stamina adding a few pounds and fight the winner of Cotto/Martinez.

Skibbz says:

When a fighter doesn't respect the art of defence from the day they start boxing and neglects its use in sparring to professional fights, the attrition build up will eventually have the fighter fall off the cliff. He trained very very hard I'm sure but after the initial fire Canelo gave him he didnt seem interested at all in the fight. He knows how to eat shots and plod forward so thats what he did. Like I said before 2014 will be the last we hear from Angulo in the ring!

Radam G says:

Courage? Courage is letting a bout continue. Cowardice is halting one when the other man is fighting back. It is the hit and hurt biz. Holla!

brownsugar says:

There is going to be some debate over this stoppage.

I said Arthur Mercante earlier but it was actually Mills lane who I've seen wave off several noncompetitive fights on several under cards... Also in the early ESPN days (in the 1980's) it was not uncommom to see refs step in to stop the brave cabbies, bouncers, and lawn mower men who filled out some of their fledgling cards..

Although its rare to see this type of stoppage between Mexicans.

Skibbz says:

Angulo would have continued till the end of the fight - look at the kirkland fight he would have taken that beating for the whole 12 rounds too. Would angulo have landed that shot to put canelo away? I'm not convinced.. He came strong when canelo stepped off the gas but as soon as he hit him with one shot canelo hit him with 3 or 4 harder and more accurate punches. It's a

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shame for his stats/career but his career was on a minor resurgence.. he was never shooting for the stars he's collecting his 6 figure cheque and going home to spend time with his daughter and wife. Like you said it's the hit and hurt biz but angulo was only getting hurt and not hitting!

Radam G says:

"Not hitting" comes with the whole nine of pugilism. When your electrical system is broken down from weight loss and not full of nitric oxide, you must expect to be drag-arse slow and not able to hit with sharpen. And just look like syet. But you still don't quit. And the referee doesn't suppose to be like a snake in a pit.

It is not his business that you are getting hit. His business is that you are not trying to hit back. Al Perro was just getting ready to sneak attack. Holla!

Skibbz says:

Hahaha your words are always very convincing but there was no sneak attack coming up! The dog was beaten and no matter what hunter tried to teach him, they forgot that you can't teach an old dog new tricks! He had that fire that you can get from hearing (and believing) the crowd cheer you on but that was it! I wasn't comfortable watching canelo start to gas out but when I thought he was open for a shot he would fire an accurate and hard 4 punch combo all over angulo. He had that USSR former roid master training and draining him like he never knew was possible - only to step into the ring and get beat by a red haired boy which again he never dreamed would be possible! Just a bad night for angulo topped off by the stoppage.. unless you take the perspective of the \$\$\$\$\$, no long lasting damage and a bigger fanbase!

King Beef says:

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Radam G says:

@King Beef. Your copy explains it all. Tony Meeks -- I mean Weeks -- suffers from post

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traumatic stress disorder because of Johnson's beating and death.

Meeks -- I mean Meeks -- need to be examined by a shrink. And forced to retire just as any worker/soldier who suffers from PTSD, and cannot tolerate potential killing anymore.

I hope that Weeks gets the Bradley-Pacquiao II (bout). Because Da Manny is gonna fudge Bradley up so badly and drop him a few times that Bradley will need a referee who "no longer has the killer instinct," and save Big Foot from being overly "concussed. Da Manny is going yo yo the Cali Cranium Crusher. Hehehe! Holla!

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Not blaming Meeks for the stoppage at all, especially with no belt on the line or giving a champ that little extra benefit of the doubt to keep a belt if he happens to be down on the cards. Sometimes the ref has to save a fighter from themselves.

Radam G says:

The job of the referee to enforce the rule. Protecting the fighter is "to protect yourself at all time." Weeks is indeed now Meeks. Pseudorules are pseudorules. Call spades spades.

The nowadays referees have been given too much power. Please don't bring back Joe Cortez. He will stop a fight is your momma cough and your pops farts. Holla!

Skibbz says:

Exactly RG and what does it say in the rules? [QUOTE]If the fight has turned into a mismatch the referee may terminate the bout at his discretion. [/QUOTE]

The fight was a mismatch from round one. Angulo's corner had warned of stopping the fight because of the punishment being taken by their fighter, the doctor was also notified. As time moves on rules adapt and change. Boxing isn't what it was 50 years ago and the rules and refereeing adjust to take note of that.

mortcola says:

OK B-Sug - I'm a little mixed about my own comments. It was an arbitrary moment to stop the fight, and Angulo was no worse off at that moment than at any other sitting-duck moment. And human punching bags with fight ending power and cojones are a grand aspect of the fight tradition. But, yes, Angulo's functional days on Earth were decreasing with every pot shot, so why not end it? If the job of the ref includes ending mismatches, as one person pointed out, then the commission could have called it a TKO at the press conference announcing the fight. Angulo has been hit flush by everyone he has ever fought - he made crude Kirkland look like a sharp-shooter. But they licensed him anyway, meaning it is understood that guys who absorb punishment are part of the deal - and they also happen to be the best argument in favor of the ninnyes who want to ban boxing. As a human being and a brain doc, I totally am thankful that Weeks spared Angulo any more damage. But I am a boxer and a fan and an advocate for a system with checks and balances and a ref who exists to protect the rules and the fighters - because I value people's freedom to engage in consensual dangerous acts and despise the prohibition mentality. So the fight must be allowed to come off to its legitimate conclusion. As to your question - Angulo may have been both drained by training and weight, and depleted a bit at a time by a career based on his willingness to take twelve to land one good one. But, my prediction, discussing with my own trainer during mitt work, was that Canelo's movement,

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I can't find anything to pick at you with Mortcola.
That was a keen and comprehensive response.
It was also enlightening.
Thanks

Skibbz says:

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So are we saying that this fight was fixed? Do you believe that by allowing Angulo to continue he would have been better off? Did you foresee him landing a lightning punch clean on Canelo's jaw and the stadium erupting? My answer to all those questions I've posed to you is no.

I believe Mortcola misunderstands the meaning of the term 'mismatch' when used in this context. A fight becomes a mismatch when one fighter is shown (in the ring) to be unable to resist the force of his opponent. This can only become evident after the first bell rings. What you indicate is a perceived mismatch. We have all watched enough boxing to know when a bout between two prize fighters starts to become a mismatch, but let us not act as if the referee decides in an arbitrary moment whether the fight becomes a mismatch. The referee is the

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closest person to those in the ring and he can hear and see stuff we outside observers can not. The referee takes into account many different factors when taking up his decision to call an end to the bout and to state that he makes his decision on a random whim is simply disrespectful to the referee, the sport and all those involved in the bout. I am glad that you acknowledge from a non-boxing perspective the correct decision of Weeks on stopping the fight. That is his job description after all. With respect to your comment on 'prohibition mentality', I think you are grossly mistaken and in my opinion very ill informed. You do not become a fighter if you wish to give up when the going gets tough. You are somebody who can push through any amount of pain and hardship handed out to you and endure because that is who you are. The job of the referee is not so much to protect a fighter from themselves but to give the dog the opportunity to fight another day. Watch the fight over again and you can see how demoralised Angulo was, how hard his team were trying to get him to fight back. Only when Canelo dropped his hands by his waist did he throw and even then he missed with great inaccuracy. He landed 14% of his 770 thrown. Canelo landed 58% of his 513 totalling almost 3 times as many shots including almost 3 times as many power shots. You can not act naive with hindsight, Angulo was never signed up to look how he did on that fight night (a punch bag rather than a prizefighter). His trainers worked to bring the best out of him they possibly could, the fighter wanted to prove to the world he belonged at this level after a disappointing end to his previous bout and the promoters wanted both sides to put on a good display to maintain their shelf life. Yes Canelo was the better man on the night but that is decided in the ring on the night, not before hand at a press conference. Whether you understand it or not we live in a world where you are not free to do as you please. There are rules governing almost every action you can undertake and boxing is not exempt from this.

Radam G says:

Ditto ddv! Those humbugs behind those curtains are all outta of the fiction land of Oz. And they are causing straight-up CHAOS! And they are slick on their tricks. And make many believe that they are not super-nano-most-tiny D****!

@Skibbz, the game is full of optical illusions. Angulo's corner was playing possum, and so was Angulo -- oh, YUP. He was going to give it his ALL and go for the KAYO in the championship rounds. It is the get hit bitnezz [sic], if you cannot beat and heat, and burn up your feet and head ram like Tim Bradley.

The biggest difference in nowadays boxing and yesteryears is that the corruption and mafia stick ups, set ups and pay ups is now HIGH, HIGH, OVER-THE-RAINBOW TECH!

In other words, same old syet, different way of doing da dang thang [sic]! Holla!

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The biggest difference in nowadays boxing and yesteryears is that the corruption and mafia stick ups, set ups and pay ups is now HIGH, HIGH, OVER-THE-RAINBOW TECH!

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It sure did look that way with what Hunter was saying to him in the corner.. Angulo's corner played a fools card if they were trying to bluff the doc, ref, and the world by telling everyone he's gonna stop the fight after a 2 or 3 clean punch combo and then to come back and display the 5 miles of energy he still had inside.. It is simply not true. You could argue Canelo stepped off the gas in the middle rounds only to turn it up in the championship rounds. We will never know and that is one fact in these optical illusions you mention RG.

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I agree with D2 100 percent. Angulo was cooked goose from the JUMP. And in his pocket, referee Tony Meeks -- I mean Weeks -- has a big, ole MONEY LUMP! Don't be surprised if he was a part of the set up. OH, YUP! The bout was a SET UP. And a BIG MESS UP! And the fanfaronades and naive fans got STUCK UP!

Tricks of the trade are everywhere. WTF! Look how smooth those Bonnies and Clydes got PAID! Holla!

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Your response however valid it may be is not relevant to the argument at hand. I agree with you that Angulo had no chance whatsoever when the fight was signed but the argument here is whether Weeks was right in stopping the fight. I will assure you that I am not naive to the workings of the sport. You are indeed right that most fights have outcomes favoured but unless shots have been called then it is up to the two men to decide their fates in the ring.

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Very nice of you to show me the barbeque but where's the meat RG??? Theatre of the unexpected but you have to expect the unexpected if you want to succeed. You prepare for all potential outcomes within the boundaries of sanity. That's why you have to push yourself to the limit in training and be prepared to push yourself beyond that limit in the ring. Angulo put his all into his camp, but he was moving through treacle for the majority of the fight. His defence was unheard of and his offense was few and far between. Tony Weeks may have jumped the gun, we all felt that surprise when he stepped in to stop the fight but he was acting on his professional judgement. Tony is getting more stick after this fight than you all dished out to Laurence Cole after the Salido Loma fight which in my view is disgraceful. That stunk more of the shady side of the business more than this fight. This fight is how boxing has been and will continue to be forever. That fight was terrible refereeing and managership and yet it seems to have been slid under the carpet. Holla!

Radam G says:

Hehehehehehe! WOW! "...to show me the barbeque but where's the meat...? That is a classic. I gonna have to steal that. Haha! Welcome to how boxing work: It has no "boundaries of sanity." Holla!

Skibbz says:

Hahaha! I wanted to clarify that the boundaries of sanity is everything within reason.. i.e pigs can't fly.

Radam G says:

Boksing is never outta of season and "everything is within reason.. i.e pigs [can indeed] fly." See, it is all about how you work those optical illusions while you are causing mass contusions. Magic, my man, MAGIC! Tragic after tragic!

Don't try to make sense out of boxing. You will just go crazy. Hehehe! Holla!

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mortcola says:

[I] believe Mortcola misunderstands the meaning of the term 'mismatch' when used in this context.[/I]

Skibbz - Clearly I was being partly facetious. There are no TKOs at press conferences - bites, weird threats, yes, but nothing so absurd. Though you make some good arguments, I can't see a justification for a referee making an arbitrary decision to stop a fight just on the basis of good punches landed. Angulo EATS shots - it is his way. And I do think the legit form o f stoppage would have happened soon regardless. And I do think Weeks saved sa few remaining Angulo brain cells. The problem is with making the definition of mismatch so loose that a referee can declare "mismatch" and end the proceedings when a fighter who by his very nature takes solid punches in order to get inside and land his own, takes a particularly good one. This is boxing, and there are rules. Angulo was, by boxing standards, neither defenseless nor injured. Therefore Weeks decision was outside any reasonable definition of mismatch, or of any acceptable definition of a when a fight must or should be stopped. Irony is, both that he did Angulo a favor, and he would have had his legit moment before too long, most likely. Except, this is boxing....Angulo is not so different from Gatti, who had Ko-capability most potently AFTER being hurt, and usually found a way out of his mess. And Gatti has come to define the standard of letting a fighter fight his way out of trouble, until he can't fight anymore. Respect, good debating.

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Some of my favourite fighters have come back late beyond the 12th round to score the lightning bolt - but we are talking in the here and now who is in that ring and what punishment have they taken - and what have they returned. If the fighter is returning fire then yes let him continue. If he wants to remain a punching bag and shows no intention of mounting a fight back then perhaps the referee should consider calling a halt to the fight. Yes you only have one opportunity to win it and that's in those 12 rounds but it is down to the fighter to realise that before and during the fight and reignite the fire. If the candle goes out and the fighter doesn't try to turn it back on he's just going to be left in the dark - it's the job of the ref at that point to show him that light. What you're alluding to is they should be allowed to stay in the dark for as long as their hearts beating because lightning could strike but if it doesn't he will not be waking up.

Here's a recent fight.. Could this have been stopped? No. Why? Because Tommy was fighting back and getting up no matter what punishment was handed to him. If Angulo fought like this then perhaps the stoppage would have been a mistake - in this instance it was not. Enjoy the fight!

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