

One way to help boxing's image: Provide scores

In the city which has turned into the boxing capital of the world, the final scores of almost every contest, especially the titles bouts, have come under criticism from the participants, the spectators, the media and, naturally, the promoters.

Most amateur and professional sports — football, baseball, basketball, bowling, soccer and figure skating, just to name a few — post the scores as the competitions progress so that both the players and the fans have some idea of which competitors are leading in the contest until the end. Professional boxing doesn't and keeps every one guessing — until the final announcement.

After the final outcome was given, following 12 rounds of stiff competition here last weekend, the announcer's utterance of the "New WBC Super Featherweight Champion, Marco Antonio Barrera," was met with jeers from the pro-Erik Morales crowd of over 11,000 fans and, most of all, promoter Bob Arum.

Judge Jerry Roth's scores were 115-113 (7 rounds to 5), while Judge Paul Smith's scores were 114-114 (six rounds apiece), and Judge Larry O'Connell scores were 115-114 (6 to 5 and one even). O'Connell thought the 11th round was even and gave each fighter 10 points.

Morales, who comes from Tijuana, Mexico, and his followers were so unraveled by the loss that they not only would not shake hands with the winner or his corner's seconds, they threw water in Barrera's father's face after the fight. That shows no class at all.

Furthermore, the criticism of the judge's scores by Arum before the post fight press conference was not only vicious but inaccurate and stirred up another reason why there has been talk in the boxing world of having the scores posted after each round.

While Arum has carried on his every bout analogy of his fighter Morales being robbed again, reporter Michael Katz, his Happy Chanukah buddy, said, "Quit your b—n. That's all you do every time one of your fighters loses."

And the reporter had a point. After Oscar De La



SPORTS PACE

By Huel Washington

Hoya lost to Shane Mosley for the second time, Arum was so enraged by the scores that he said, before the post press conference, that he was going to quit boxing because the sport was corrupt and disgraceful and he didn't want to be associated with boxing any longer. He even said the commission and the judges were awful.

"How could all of the judges have the same score of 115-113," Arum said. "You know something is wrong with that." He wasn't even reprimanded for his comments after apologizing in a letter read by Luther Mack, the commission's chairman at the time. He should have been fined.

Well, a look at the judges score card revealed that although they gave different rounds to each fighter based on what they saw, the scores were identical after ten rounds 95-95. Then all three judges scored the last two rounds for Mosley, 10-9, making a total of 20-18 and the final 115-113. Nothing crooked about that, Bob.

Following Barrera's win, which was the third controversial announcement in the three battles between

Mexico's finest, Arum criticized O'Connell's 11th round even score. But he was wrong in stating that no judge could give an even round and the score had to be 10-9 in someone's favor.

Marc Ratner, the execu-

tive director of the Nevada Athletic Commission said, "If a judge thinks the round was even, he can score the round 10-10." The commission sticks to that rule and has never changed it over the years.

At issue, when the difference in scoring was discussed, was the time when Michael Morrer was awarded an even round by Jerry Roth after he was floored by Evander Holyfield at the end of the round in their title bout

a few years ago. That one point caused Holyfield to lose his title which he won back twice.

But the commission never made a rule that said there could not be even rounds if that was what the judges thought and there were no knockdowns. Also, there has never been a rule that stated a judge couldn't give a fighter

a six point round if he thought the fighter gave no effort to win the round.

When Muhammad Ali came back in 1980 and was given nine points for his lack of participation in his bout with champion Larry Holmes, he shouldn't have been rated that high in any of the rounds because he didn't (See Sports Pace, Page 16)

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The RTC is currently holding a 30-day public comment period, from November 15 - December 17, to receive feedback on the environmental document.

In addition to the comment period, the RTC will hold a public meeting on December 15, 2004 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Black Mountain Recreation Center, 599 Greenway Road, Henderson, NV 89015.

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