

Are sports officials really fair?

As long as there is competition in a variety of sports around the world, the questions often arise about the integrity of sports officials and controversy regarding the final outcome.

Everyone recognizes officials as human beings who are subject to errors in judgment like others in daily life. But when the winners' hands are raised, the doubting are not convinced the right person or persons deserved the victory.

The latest historic controversy occurred Saturday evening at the Mandalay Bay Event Center at the conclusion of the lightweight title bout between Diego Corrales and Jose Luis Castillo. The final outcome goes on record as a technical knockout by Corrales, but the ending was the beginning of another controversy.

During the tenth round of the highly contested bout, Castillo floored his opponent twice. Each time, Corrales got up after taking a count from referee Tony Weeks. The two battlers continued after the first knockdown. Then Corrales went down again.

While on the canvass the second time, Corrales took his mouthpiece out and threw it on the deck. In some cases, this would have been a sign of submission and the bout would have been over, but it wasn't as Weeks picked up the mouthpiece and gave it to Joe Goosen, Corrales' trainer, who washed it off and placed it back in his fighter's mouth. Both fighters rested during that brief intermission.

When the fray continued, Corrales, who had been fighting with his left eye almost closed, landed a hard right that stuns Castillo, who is driven back onto the ropes from the blow. Sensing his opponent's dilemma, Corrales unloaded five to six unanswered punches. Referee Weeks stepped in and stopped the fight declaring Corrales the winner. Castillo's supporters were furious about the stoppage and attempted to protest to no avail.

"I stopped the fight because he (Castillo) was out on his feet," Weeks said when interviewed after the fight.

Castillo said, "I was not knocked out and should have been given a chance to continue."

"He (Corrales) took out his mouthpiece in the seventh round and then again in the 10th round and was allowed to continue. I was not given the same privilege



SPORTS PACE

By Huel Washington

when I was on the ropes. That wasn't right."

When he was asked about a rematch, Castillo, who had a cut on his left eye and whose face was swollen answered, "Manana," which drew laughter from those assembled at the post fight press conference.

When he was interviewed immediately after the fight, Corrales denied throwing his mouthpiece away after the second knockdown. But all who were watching, along with Weeks said the fighter deliberately took it out of his mouth and threw it down. He claimed it slipped as he was trying to replace it. A furious Bob Arum, the Top Ranks boxing promoter, said the replacement of the equipment took 28 seconds and frowned on the length of time and also said Corrales should have been required to continue without the mouthpiece according to boxing rules.

Both fighters were resting during that time frame. So, Castillo wasn't denied a chance to get his wind back either. In retrospect, Castillo just got careless. Probably because he thought Corrales was finished and the fight would be over in few seconds, and he would be declared the winner, so he let his guard down.

Some sports fans say, "That's the way it is in Vegas when it comes to fights," because quite a few battles in the "Fight Town" have ended with controversies.

Oscar De La Hoya won a decision over Ghanian Ike Quartey, and the African swore that he won nine of the 12 rounds of that fight.

In reverse, De La Hoya losses before meeting Bernard Hopkins were two controversial decisions that went to Felix "Tito" Trinidad and Shane Mosley. After the decision going to Mosley, promoter Arum called the Nevada State Athletic Commission "crooked" and said he was getting out of boxing. He apologized later after questioning how each of the judges could have a score of

115-113. But when a fight is stopped, or a verdict is rendered, can the participants or the fans really believe in their minds that the officials were unbiased relating to the final outcome?

In other sports, such as football, there have been questionable decisions that greatly affected the outcome. For instance, according to many football officials and some fans, New England quarterback Tom Brady fumbled the football in the playoff game with the Oakland Raiders. It was recovered by cornerback Charles Woodson. But the "tuck" rule was applied. The Patriots went on to win the Super

Bowl and two more since then."

A foul called on a Baylor University female player in the Final Four game against the Pat Summit coached Tennessee Volunteers several years ago with two seconds to play was not the right call. Tennessee won on the two foul shots and went on to the championship game. The Baylor Lady Bears made up for that slight by winning the NCAA title this year, a year late.

Some sports like college football and basketball have reverted to technical help to give the officials assistance when something controversial occurs. Will boxing be next to take into consideration some things that could help the officials get the right winner?

There has been some talk about posting the scores after each round. But executive (See Sports Pace, Page 16)

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McCARRAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
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RFP 87-05 — INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL
AIRPORT OXYGEN BAR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Clark County Commissioners, Clark County, Nevada, will receive sealed responses from interested, qualified persons or firms for the operation of an Oxygen Bar at McCarran International Airport.

The responses must be time-stamped by 4:00 P.M. (PDT) on or before June 13, 2005. Proposal Forms time-stamped at 4:01 P.M. (PDT) or after will not be considered and will be returned to respondent.

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All responses must be submitted to the Clark County Department of Aviation, fifth floor reception area at the Airport, north end, in a sealed envelope plainly marked "REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: RFP 87-05 AIRPORT OXYGEN BAR CONCESSION" with the name and address of the respondent in the upper left-hand corner.

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