

Santa Yanez - While featherweights Luis Franco and Leonilo Miranda battled it out in the main event, a co-feature ten round cruiserweight attraction produced high drama and a lot of action for the fans at the sold out arena at Chumash Resort and Casino on Friday Night. In the opening bout televised by ShoBox The New Generation, cruiserweight Lateef Kayode from

Hollywood via Nigeria won a ten round unanimous decision over Nicholas Iannuzzi from Tampa, Florida. The crowd booed wildly as score cards were announced: 98-91, 97-92, and 95-94 all in favor of Kayode (16-0,14KO) who stopped fourteen boxers in a row prior to this fight. "We had a little trouble with his style," said Kayode's famed coach Freddie Roach: "It's a learning experience. Lateef blocked a lot of the shots and I think he landed the harder ones. It's a good learning experience fighting a guy like this and it will help him in the long run. We don't expect the knockouts, when they come it's a bonus."

Iannuzzi(16-2,9KO'S) won a cautious first round moving around and firing combinations while the African fighter was trying to find a range for his punches. Lateef was still troubled by his opponent's movement in the second, but he started to throw a stiff jab to counter that. Still the fighter from Florida seemed to be in control of the action in first two rounds. Kayode continued to stock his prey without much success, while Iannuzzi moved and countered effectively in the third. Iannuzzi applied stick and move strategy in the fourth with success, but the question whether he would be able to do it for ten arose when he went down on the canvas, which referee called a slip. Kayode continued to press the action in the fifth and shortened the distance a little thus landing some of his own fire putting a lot of pressure on his opponent.

Left hook in the sixth stunned Iannuzzi who might have won the round any ways getting back to the formula that worked sticking and moving. After very successful early part of the seventh round Iannuzzi got tagged with several heavy blows that might have turned the frame around. Sensing his opponent weakening Kayode upped the pressure, but Iannuzzi regrouped and fired back and stunned African fighter with the left hook and finished the eighth stanza strong. Lateef went to the body in the ninth, something he should have done earlier, and started landing shots, but took a huge left hook for his trouble. Kayode finished the round in a dominant fashion and then landed a huge right in the tenth that stunned the fighter from Florida. Kayode finished strong enough to win. Or did he? Referee Raul Caiz Jr deducted a point from Iannuzzi for hitting after the final bell. It was a marginal foul at best. Crowd applauded Iannuzzi who fought an inspired battle despite severe deficit in power.

"I fought as hard as I needed to, but I could have done a little better," Iannuzzi said after the fight: "You can't stand in front of a big puncher. I could take some of his shots. I'm tough; I'm the first to guy to go the distance with him in a long time. I'm a true cruiserweight – that guy is a heavyweight. Not many people thought I could get past five with him."

In other action;

Featherweight Roman Morales from Fresno, California scored a first round knock out in his professional debut over Riverside's Sean Solomon (1-2-1). Left right combination dropped Solomon in the middle of the first. He didn't seem hurt and beat the count. Second knock down from a left hook had Solomon dancing around the ring on rubber legs. Referee administered another eight count and allowed action to go on. Morales went for the kill and forced ref to stop the action at 2:59 of the very first round.

Young middleweight from Austin, Texas Kurtiss "The Beast" Colvin (3-0,3KO'S) needed even less time to dispose of former MMA fighter from Detroit, Michigan, Antonio Hervey (0-2). Right hand deposited Hervey into the ropes. Follow up barrage convinced referee Raul Caiz Jr to end the night at 2:12 of the very first round.

Exciting junior lightweight from Santa Maria, California Rufino Serrano (8-3) scored an impressive six round unanimous decision over a tough banger from Denver, Colorado, Jose Morales (6-3,1KO). Judges were in agreement and scored the fight 59-55 twice and 60-54 in favor of Serrano.

Serrano pressed the action in the first stanza. Southpaw from Denver found himself on the defensive, but he opened up a bit more in the second. In the third the fighter from Santa Maria got a rise out of the crowd landing thudding left hook and then a bit later a right hand that had Morales stunned for a moment. A firefist broke out in the fourth with both boxers landing significant blows and neither taking clear control of the fight. Serrano took control of the action in the fifth with several well placed body shots and an exciting flurry to culminate the stanza. Serrano's overhand right in the sixth electrified the crowd; he later followed up with a left hook and finished the fight strong busting up Morales to leave no doubt about the decision.

Unbeaten welterweight from New York, Michael Anderson (10-0,8KO) scored a come from behind one punch to the liver knock out over Octavia Navaez (7-10-1,4KO) from Los Angeles, California in the fourth round of a fight scheduled for eight. Anderson had to endure heavy pressure early on from a veteran from Los Angeles. Navaez pinned the New York fighter against the ropes and kept throwing punches non stop. It was a little more tactical in the second with Anderson able to land some of his combinations, not enough to win the round. Navaez continued to press the action in the third going to the body and throwing punches in bunches having Anderson against the ropes throughout. Fight ended abruptly as Anderson pinned against the ropes landed a left hook to the liver that dropped Navaez on the canvass. Brave warrior Navaez beat the count, but he was in no position to continue. Referee Raul Caiz Jr waved the fight off at 2:42 of the fourth round.

Santa Barbara's middleweight Francisco Santana (12-2,6KO'S) electrified the crowd with a brutal left hook knock out over Adan Leal (6-3,5KO'S) from Nogales Arizona in the very first round. Earlier in the round Santana landed another left hook that had Leal on the wobbly legs and a followup right hand that caused more damage and provided an opportunity for a final concussive left hook that separated Leal from his senses at 1:57 mark of the first stanza.

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