

The Past Week in Action 9 October 2019

Highlights:

- Gennady Golovkin takes unanimous decision over Sergiy Derevyanchenko to win vacant IBF and IBO middleweight titles**
- Unbeaten Ali Akhmedov stops Andy Hernandez in 44 seconds**
- Former IBF champion Ivan Baranchyk returns with a win as he stops Gabriel Bracero**
- Ryan Walsh, Leigh Wood, James Dickens and Tyrone McCullagh win in quarter finals of MTK Tournament**
- Unbeaten prospects Junto Nakatani, Jaron Ennis, Jermaine Franklin, Oleg Malynovskyi and Brian Ceballo also score wins**

WORLD TITLE SHOWS

October 5

New York, NY, USA: Middle: Gennady Golovkin (40-1-1) W PTS 12 Sergiy Derevyanchenko (13-2). Super Middle: Ali Akhmedov (16-0) W TKO 1 W Andy Hernandez (20-8-2,2ND). Super Light: Ivan Baranchyk (20-1) W TKO 4 Gabriel Bracero (25-4-1). Super Welter: Israil Madrimov (4-0) W TKO 5 Alejandro Barrera (29-5). Welter: Brian Ceballo (11-0) W TKO 3 Ramal Amanov (16-1).Middle: Kamil Szeremeta (21-0) W TKO 2 Oscar Cortes (27-5).

Golovkin vs. Derevyanchenko

A great fight sees Golovkin squash any thoughts that he might be slipping with a hard-fought victory over Derevyanchenko who just came up short for the second time in a fight for a vacant title having lost a split decision against Daniel Jacobs for the IBF title in October.

Round 1

After some probing with jabs Golovkin was the first to come to life with a couple of hooks. Derevyanchenko was on target with some stiff jabs but as he worked inside Golovkin connected with a good right uppercut and two cuffing rights to the head and Derevyanchenko seemed to go down off balance from trying to duck the punches. He was up immediately and when the action resumed he took the fight to Golovkin and had Golovkin on the back foot at the bell.

Score: 10-8 Golovkin

Round 2

Derevyanchenko started the round with a series of jabs and left hooks to the body with Golovkin again on the back foot. Over the second half of the round Golovkin picked up the pace and got through with his own jabs a left hook to the head and some body punches to just edge a close round. Derevyanchenko was showing a bad cut over his right eye probably from a punch.

Score: 10-9 Golovkin

Golovkin 20-17

Round 3

Derevyanchenko launched a furious attack at the start of the round. He was driving Golovkin back with powerful hooks and uppercuts to the body. Golovkin rallied but Derevyanchenko's jab was working well and it was his round.

Score: 10-9 Derevyanchenko

Golovkin 29-27

Round 4

Derevyanchenko's jab was hard and accurate again. Golovkin was forced onto the back foot as Derevyanchenko connected with short hooks. Golovkin rallied briefly but then Derevyanchenko landed some clubbing rights and a jarring combinations. He was dabbing at the blood from the cut but had been in charge in each the last two rounds.

Score: 10-9 Derevyanchenko

Golovkin 38-37

Official scores: Judge Frank Lombardi 38-37 Golovkin, Judge Eric Marlinski 38-37 Golovkin, Judge Kevin Morgan 39-36 Golovkin

Round 5

Derevyanchenko survived a doctor's examination and when the round started he bossed the early action with a stabbing jab that Golovkin just could not get past. Golovkin did land a tasty uppercut but Derevyanchenko replied with a crunching left to the body and was chasing Golovkin down at the bell.

Score: 10-9 Derevyanchenko

TIED 47-47

Round 6

Another round for Derevyanchenko. Golovkin's jab has been an important tool for him in the past but he was being out-jabbed and caught by straight rights as Derevyanchenko followed in behind his jab. Golovkin tried to up his pace but Derevyanchenko was quicker and stronger.

Score: 10-9 Derevyanchenko

Derevyanchenko 57-56

Round 7

It was pick up or pack up time for Golovkin and he responded well. He finally had his own jab working and was also leading with left hooks. Derevyanchenko was fighting back in bursts but was ignoring his jab and Golovkin took the round with a bunch of punches before the bell.

Score: 10-9 Golovkin

TIED 66-66

Round 8

Now it was Golovkin on the front foot and connecting with jabs. He was slotting jabs through Derevyanchenko's guard and banging to the body. Derevyanchenko's jab was absent and his work his rate dropped off as though he was paying for setting such a fast pace in round three to six.

Score: 10-9 Golovkin

Golovkin 76-75

Official scores: Lombardi 76-75 Golovkin, Marliniski 76-75 Golovkin, Morgan 77-74 Golovkin

Round 9

Derevyanchenko tried to turn the tide bringing his jab back into play but Golovkin was on a roll and was quicker and more accurate.

Derevyanchenko attacked fiercely in the middle of the round and looked as though he might take it but Golovkin finished strongly scoring with hooks and just had the edge.

Score: 10-9 Golovkin

Golovkin 86-84

Round 10

A great round and a crucial one. If Golovkin took it he would be three points in front on my card with two rounds to go. If Derevyanchenko won it he would cut the gap to one point with two rounds remaining in which to snatch the fight. It was three minutes of savage action as Derevyanchenko would launch a furious attack and then Golovkin would battle back to put Derevyanchenko on the retreat. The advantage swung one way and then the other and in the end a strong finish from Golovkin deservedly won him the round but now he too was cut over his right eye.

Score: 10-9 Golovkin

Golovkin 96-93

Round 11

Derevyanchenko was far from finished; He put in a huge effort in this round marching forward firing hooks and uppercuts. Golovkin was scoring with accurate counters but he just could not keep Derevyanchenko off and was outscored.

Score: 10-9 Derevyanchenko

Golovkin 105-103

Round 12

It was not a classic round. Both fighters were tired and often fell into a clinch. Derevyanchenko probably threw more punches but Golovkin was more accurate and that was enough for him to edge the round.

Score: 10-9 Golovkin

Golovkin 115-112

**Official scores: Lombardi 115-112, Marlinski 115-112 Golovkin,
Morgan 114-113 Golovkin**

Golovkin wins the vacant IBF and IBO titles and now has plenty of options other than to fight Saul Alvarez again. At 37 he has slowed a bit but his experience saw him pace the fight better than Derevyanchenko and that was a big factor in his victory. Once again Ukrainian

Again Derevyanchenko comes up short. So close yet so far. The flash knockdown in the first and the cut over his right eye both played a part in his defeat. I would take him to beat Demetrius Andrade, Ryota Murata and Jermall Charlo and it seems inevitable that he will get a shot at a version of the middleweight title next year.

Akhmedov vs. Hernandez

This one was over quickly. Just 30 seconds into the first round Akhmedov landed a right to the head the saw Hernandez go down on one knee. Hernandez climbed to his feet at nine but the referee waived the fight off as Hernandez still looked shaken. All over in 44 seconds and the twelfth win by KO/TKO for the 24-year-old Kazak as he retains the WBC International Silver title. Experienced Hernandez suffers his fourth defeat by KO/TKO.

Baranchyk vs. Bracero

After his disappointing loss to Josh Taylor Baranchyk needed to get a win and his sense of purpose showed here as he attacked hard from the start. He alternated between some quick stinging hooks and some wild swipes from both hands and he twice fell to the floor after missing with those shots. Bracero tried to box but was on the back foot and his punches did nothing to deter the Belarusian's attacks. Baranchyk chased in vain early in the second and on one occasion Bracero ducked under a punch from Baranchyk wrapped his hands around the back of Baranchyk's knees and tossed him to the canvas. Baranchyk got his revenge at the end of the round with some fierce attacks that saw him pin Bracero to the ropes and score with a succession of head punches. Bracero was cut over his left eye but it was difficult to see whether it was

caused by a punch or a clash of heads. Baranchyk hustled and harried Bracero for the full three minutes of the third. He shook Bracero with a right to the head and raked him with punches until late in the round when Bracero fired back with some hooks of his own. Baranchyk ended it in the fourth. With Bracero trapped on the ropes Baranchyk landed a thudding left hook to the body and a booming right to the head. Bracero pitched forward grabbing Baranchyk and being dragged half way across the ring before Baranchyk shrugged him off. Bracero went face down on the canvas and although he beat the count the referee stopped the one-sided fight. Baranchyk wins the vacant WBA Inter-Continental title with his thirteenth win by KO/TKO. His wide decision lost to Taylor cost Baranchyk his IBF title and a place in the World Boxing Super Series final but you can be sure he will be fighting for a title again in 2020. Bracero is 38 and it showed. He did not have the power or movement to match Baranchyk but it is difficult to argue he should retire after his draw with 25-2 Thomas LaManna and inside the distance victory over 25-2 Artemio Reyes in his previous two fights.

Madrimov vs. Barrera

It looked as though Uzbek "The Dream" Madrimov might get this one over in the first round when he connected with a solid leaping left hook to the head that dropped the Mexican to one knee. Barrera was up at eight and then fought on equal terms with the unorthodox and sometimes crude Uzbek who continually used exaggerated lateral leaps to change his punching angles. In the second Barrera exposed some of Madrimov's faults as he boxed behind his jab avoided the wild lunging attacks of Madrimov and did enough to take the round. Barrera tried to stick to his boxing in the third but he lacked the power to keep the strong Madrimov out and the Uzbek was roughing Barrera up inside and turning the fight into a wild brawl. Barrera was finding it impossible to box in the fourth as Madrimov was getting past Barrera's jab and using his strength to tire Barrera. Madrimov was spending a lot of time waving his arms about and feinting but the few punches he threw were generally on target. Madrimov was landing with clubbing punches in the fifth and Barrera began to fall apart. He was being driven across the ring with Madrimov bouncing punches off his head when the referee made a good stoppage. With his power and his awkward, eccentric style Madrimov is a handful for anyone. He was defending the WBA Inter-Continental title

which he won in only his second pro fight knocking out 24-2 Frank Rojas in two rounds and he is yet to be taken the distance. Only the second loss by KO/TKO for Barrera who is now 1-4 in his most recent activity.

Ceballo vs. Amanov

Ceballo outclasses Amanov before the fight is stopped in the third round. In the first it was immediately apparent that Ceballo had much quicker hand speed both when taking the fight to Amanov and when countering and his slick movement frustrated the few attacks that the crude Amanov launched. Ceballo totally dominated the second. He was driving Amanov around the ring sending straight rights through Amanov's defence and connecting with combinations to head and body. The referee was already tracking the action and looking ready to step in to save Amanov. The doctor examined Amanov before the start of the third, in the second Amanov had dabbed at his eyes. There was no cut but he seemed to have a problem with his vision. The doctor examined both eyes closely but let the fight continue. Ceballo was again connecting with hard rights and as Amanov reeled back from another attack the referee stopped the fight and took Amanov over to the doctor and this time the doctor advised the fight be stopped. Another outstanding performance from Puerto Rican Ceballo and his sixth win by KO/TKO. In the amateurs he won gold medals at the National Golden Gloves, the US national Championships and the Police Athletic League National Championships. Tougher opposition is needed but he has the look of a future world champion. Azeri Amanov was disappointing. His footwork was poor and he was too slow to pose any kind of threat to Ceballo.

Szeremeta vs. Cortes

Pole Szeremeta makes a successful debut in the USA with stoppage of Cortes. Szeremeta had Cortes on the back foot for much of the first round before flooring the Mexican with a wide left hook. Szeremeta strove to end it then but he was too anxious and missing with his shots and Cortes was in no further trouble. Early in the second Szeremeta rocked Cortes with a big right and connect with two hooks as Cortes dropped to one knee. The Pole landed another left hook when Cortes clearly had one knee on the canvas and Szeremeta luckily missed with another which would probably have led to his disqualification if it had landed. Cortes rolled over and over on the canvas and he seemed to be waiting for Szeremeta to be disqualified.

When he saw that was not going to happen he quickly got half way up but his corner signalled for him to go down again and the referee stopped the fight. The 29-year-old Pole relinquished the European title to chase a world title shot. With Golovkin and Derevyanchenko the only fighters rated above him in the IBF ratings this was by way of a showcasing of the Pole with a view to a fight with the winner. After turning pro at 16 and winning his first 21 fights Cortes activity dropped off and he is now 6-5 in his last 11

October 4

London, England: Feather: Ryan Walsh (25-2-2) W TKO 9 Hairoon Socarras (22-0-3). Feather: Leigh Wood (23-1 W TKO 9 David Oliver Joyce (11-1). Feather: James Dickens (28-3) W PTS 10 Carlos Ramos (11-2). Feather: Tyrone McCullagh (14-0) W PTS 10 Razaq Najib (11-4).

Walsh vs. Socarras

Walsh's power wins though as he halts Socarras in the ninth round of a hard-fought close fight in the MTK Golden Contract Tournament. Socarras made a fast, confident start taking the fight to Walsh stabbing out jabs and getting inside with hooks to the body. An oddity is that although both are orthodox they both boxed southpaw. In the second Walsh was getting inside and working the body well as again both fighters switched to southpaw near the end of the round. Walsh outscored Socarras in third connecting with some crisp hooks and knocking Socarras back on his heels with a left hook and an overhand right. Socarras had a good fourth snapping out his jab and landing some quick rights. To level up the scores. Walsh had a big fifth. Boxing southpaw he shook Socarras with a right to the head then they both blatantly landed low before a left hook from Walsh sent Socarras staggering back into the ropes which prevented him going down. However it was obvious the ropes had held him up so the referee gave Socarras an eight count. Walsh dominated the rest of the round with Socarras getting a warning for a very low left hook. They fought on even terms in the sixth with Socarras just having the edge but getting another warning for a low punch. Walsh took the seventh and eighth with some wicked body punching. A confident Socarras was dancing around Walsh

in the ninth firing jabs and rocking Walsh with a right. Walsh fired back a big left hook sent Socarras crashing into the ropes. Walsh fired punch after punch and with nothing coming back from Socarras the fight was stopped. Important win for the 33-year-old British champion, the WBO No 6, who gets win No 12 by KO/TKO. He is 9-1-1 in his last 11 fights. Socarras has been plagued by draws but had won his last six fights and was No 7 with the WBA.

Wood vs. Joyce

Wood gets unexpected stoppage over former amateur star Joyce. When your opponent knows what to expect-do something different. As both are aggressive fighters it was expected that Wood's tactics would be to go toe-to-toe with the equally aggressive Joyce but instead he boxed more. Wood took charge early flooring Joyce with a left in the second round. Joyce continued to march forward but was being countered by Wood and they constantly traded punches with Joyce trying to turn the fight into a brawl and Wood dominating when he boxed on the outside. Wood had built a lead. Joyce fought back strongly in the sixth but he was badly shaken by a right early in the seventh and floored late in the round. Joyce survived and returned to the attack in the eighth and it seemed as though his pressure tactics were working as Wood looked to be tiring in the ninth until he blitzed Joyce with a ferocious attack and with Joyce under fire on the ropes the fight was stopped. The 31-year-old Wood, the Commonwealth champion, wins the WBO European title and qualifies for the semi-finals of the MTK Golden Contract tournament. If the tournament provides fight such as this it will be a big win for boxing. Joyce, 32, was making the first defence of the WBO European title.

Dickens vs. Ramos

Dickens also moved through to the semi-finals of the featherweight section of the MTK Tournament with points victory over Ecuadorian-born Ramos in a clash of southpaws. The visitor did well in the first scoring with some crisp left hooks but from the second the quicker hands and better mobility saw Dickens take charge. He was slotting jabs through the guard of Ramos and firing quick lefts. As he came under pressure the Ecuadorian's work began to unravel and his work rate dropped. Ramos was trying to confuse Dickens by fighting with his hands at thigh level and he paid for that when a crunching left cross dropped him heavily in the fourth. Ramos survived and remained competitive

although being outboxed. He shook Dickens with a left to the head in the eighth but was leaving himself open with his hands down approach. Ramos landed a cracking combination at the start of the ninth but Dickens was piercing his guard with right jabs and straight lefts and Ramos was looking exhausted. Dickens took the last with some classy boxing and also took the decision. Scores 97-92 twice and 99-91 for Dickens. He retains the IBF European title with his sixth win in a row. He lost on a second round retirement suffered a broken jaw when challenging Guillermo Rigondeaux for the WBA super bantam title in 2016 and obviously apart from wanting to win the Golden Contract Tournament another world title shot has to be the long term aim. European Union champion Ramos proved strong if limited and gave Dickens a few problems to solve.

McCullagh vs. Najib

In a fourth quarter final of the MTK Tournament McCullough outpoints late substitute Najib. In what was a scrappy contest at times McCullagh used his superior skills to box and score on the outside. Najib was coming forward for the whole ten rounds but was being picked off at range by McCullagh and tied up inside leading too many clinches. More experience might have made Najib better prepared for the awkward southpaw style of the WBO European champion but he compensated for his deficiencies with his aggression and that aggression saw him pick up a round here and there and meant that McCullagh had to stay focused in a disappointing contest. Scores 98-92, 97-93 and 96-94 for McCullagh. The 29-year-old WBO No 8 super bantam took this fight at featherweight attracted by the promised rewards for the winner of the Tournament offering a lucrative contract and some big fights. Najib, 25, came in at very short notice when Mexican Carlos Araujo could not make the weight. He had lost a wide unanimous verdict to Carlos Ramos for the EU title in June and it would be unfair to judge him on the substitute outing.

Los Hornos, Argentina: Super Bantam: Ckarl Mansilla (14-1) W TKO 4 Diego Silva (29-6-4).

Good win for Mansilla as he floors experienced Silva twice on the way to victory. Despite being floored in the second Silva continued to take the fight to Mansilla. Experienced or not Silva made a basic mistake in the

sixth. He was moving in throwing punches but forgetting to keep his guard in place and a left hook knocked him down. He was up quickly but was a little unsteady and that was enough for the referee to waive the fight over at the end of the eight count. Fourth win on the trot by KO/TKO for Argentinian No 1 Mansilla. For No 8 Silva it is now four losses in a row.

Northbridge, Australia: Super Light: Terry Tzouramanis (23-4-3) W PTS 10 Brandon Ogilvie (22-3-1). Light Fly: John Humberdross (2-0) W PTS 10 Michael Kaplan (8-1).

Tzouramanis vs. Ogilvie

Tzouramanis wins this clash of highly rated Australians as he floors Ogilvie in the sixth on the way to a split decision over the local fighter. The fight was for the interim WBA Oceania title and Tzouramanis registers his eighth win in his last nine fights. The 25-year-old Ogilvie was also on a good run being 17-1-1 in his last 18 contests. He was No 3 in the Australian ratings and Tzouramanis No 4 and despite their ratings they are probably the best two in Australia in this division.

Humberdross vs. Kaplan

The Australian National Boxing Federation works hard to keep the activity high in national title fights. In this one for the vacant light flyweight title Humberdross made it an away double as he copied Tzouramanis and beat a local fighter. Humberdross took the unanimous decision over home town fighter Kaplan to win the national title in only his second fight with an 17 months gap between the first and second. Kaplan had scored victories in his last six fight but they were all at six rounds or less.

Ghent, Belgium: Middle: Kevin Ongenae (11-6-3) DREW 10W Junior Wabaga (6-1-1). Welter: Meriton Karaxha (25-5-2) W PTS 8 Renald Garrido (24-26-3).

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Ongenae vs. Wabaga

In a good mix of styles Ongenae and Wabaga fight to a spilt draw in a Belgian title match. In an entertaining contest Ongenae was putting together some sharp combinations and constantly switched guards but it was the speed and accuracy of his jab that was his strongest weapon.

Wabaga was warned twice in the second for low blows but other than that it was a clean open fight. Wabaga came forward aggressively throughout and landed a cracking right to the head in the fourth and worked hard all the way but with that jab and some clever footwork Ongenaë looked to have done enough to be a clear winner but the judges saw it differently with one turning in a score of 97-93 for Ongenaë one 96-94 for Wabaga and third scored it 95-95 so Ongenaë retains the Belgian title. He is a clever tactical boxer but his lack of power is a drawback. Wabaga had won his last five fights but looked fortunate to get a draw here

Karaxha vs. Garrido

Another away loss for Frenchman Garrido as he drops a split decision against Karaxha. A clash of heads in the first saw Garrido cut over his left eye and that bothered him for the rest of the fight. Karaxha had slight edges in height and reach and more importantly a better defence. Garrido was his usual aggressive self throwing lots of punches but also wide open to counters. Karaxha's better skills really made the difference here but he also indulged in some of his usual illegal tactics flirting with disqualification but just staying on the right side of the line. Garrido's wide open style makes for entertaining fights but he pays the price in eating counters and Karaxha outboxed him for what should have been a unanimous decision. Scores 78-74 twice for Karaxha and 77-76 for Garrido. Albanian Karaxha is 7-0-1 in his last eight fights. Former French champion Garrido has lost his last five with three of them being split decisions.

Crotone, Italy: Welter: Tobia Loriga (30-8-3) W PTS 10 Emanuele Cavallucci (11-1-1). In front of his home fans Loriga proves that age is just a number as he regains the Italian title with majority decision over champion Cavallucci. It was a fast-paced fight early with plenty of exciting exchanges. Southpaw Cavallucci kept switching guards and with his clever boxing and better mobility went in front. A clash of heads saw Loriga suffer a cut over his left eye in the third and things got worse when it later turned out he had also injured his right hand. When a punch from Cavallucci shook Loriga in the fourth it looked as though the champion was on his way to victory. Loriga took the fifth and sixth as he began to exert stronger pressure and was forcing Cavallucci to the ropes more often. Cavallucci looked to have edged the seventh and done enough to share the ninth but Loriga outscored the champion in the

eighth and won the tenth clearly and the decision. Score 96-94 twice for Loriga and 95-95. Loriga is 42 and has been a pro for 16 years previously holding the Italian super welter title and has shown there is still plenty of fight in him. Cavallucci, 31 had won his last eight fights and was making the first defence of the title. He had never gone past the sixth round in a fight and that proved to be a disadvantage here but he deserves a return.

.Tlalpan, Mexico: Fly: Adrian Curiel (15-2) W PTS 10 Mario Andrade (15-10-6). Super Light: Denilson Valtierra (11-0) W PTS 8 Cesar Soriano (15-3).

Curiel vs. Andrade

Curiel boxes his way to majority decision victory over an aggressive Andrade. No knockdowns but the young prospect was pushed hard all the way but some sharp countering just gave him the edge over the more experienced fighter. Scores 96-94 twice and 95-95. The 20-year-old "Cat" gets his third win in a row. Andrade going the other way with his third loss in a row.

Valtierra vs. Soriano

Valtierra builds an early lead but then has to work hard to get a close unanimous verdict over Soriano. Valtierra totally dominated early having Soriano in deep trouble a number of times. Soriano survived and as Valtierra faded Soriano staged a strong finish but it was just not enough. Scores 77-75 and 78-75 for Valtierra and 77-75 for Soriano. The 17-year-old "Kaiser" Valtierra takes the WBC Latino title from champion Soriano who was making his first defence.

Czestochowa, Poland: Super Middle: Robert Parzeczewski (24-1) W PTS 10 Patrick Mendy (18-15-3). Middle: Patryk Szymanski (20-2) W PTS 8 Denis Krieger (14-9-2). Super Welter: Louis Greene (11-1) W TKO 2 Lukasz Wierzbicki (18-1). Heavy: Marcin Siwy (20-0) W PTS 8 Kostiantyn Dovbyshchenko (6-5-1).

Parzeczewski vs. Mendy

Neighbourhood fighter Parzeczewski gets by Mendy but the Gambian-born Mendy made it a close fight and an uncomfortable night for the Pole. Parzeczewski made a cautious start and had trouble dealing with the aggressive and awkward attacks of Mendy. The local fighter had a good third knocking Mendy into the ropes with a solid right and he

worked well to the body in the fourth. Mendy looked to be in trouble from a Parzeczewski attack in the fifth but rebounded to take the sixth landing well to head and body. It looked as though Parzeczewski was tiring in the seventh with Mendy in charge of the exchanges. Parzeczewski came back strongly in the eighth but Mendy took the ninth. Parzeczewski put in a big effort in the last which was enough to get him the win but only just. Scores 97-93, 97-94 and 96-94 for Parzeczewski. The 25-year-old Pole retains the Polish International title with his fifteenth win in a row. He has scored useful wins over Dariusz Sek and Dmitry Chudinov but has still not made it into the EBU ratings. English-based Mendy is a far better fighter than his record indicates and he has scored a few upsets along the way.

Szymanski vs. Krieger

After two inside the distance losses in a row this was a must win fight for Szymanski and he did manage to come out on top but it was not a sparkling performance. Szymanski made a good start piercing Krieger's guard with accurate jabs in the opener and mixing in some hard hooks in the second round. Krieger did better in the third with some hooks to head and body but Szymanski took the fourth as he again jabbed strongly. Over the middle rounds Szymanski's jab was being countered strongly by Krieger and the Pole often had to clinch to stifle Krieger's attacks. Szymanski outboxed Krieger at the start of the seventh but shipped some heavy punches late in the round and looked shaky at the bell. Szymanski finished with a good eighth and was a deserving winner. Scores 80-72, 79-73 and 78-74 although it looked a closer fight than that. Those inside the distance losses last against Fouad El Massoudi and Robert Talarek have left big questions over how far Szymanski can go. German-based Moldovan Krieger has won only two of his last ten fights but has yet to lose by KO/TKO.

Greene vs. Wierzbicki

Big shock for the locals as England's Greene blasts out unbeaten southpaw Wierzbicki in two rounds. The upset was on the cards from the time that Greene floored Wierzbicki with a right hook in the first round. Wierzbicki beat the count but Greene landed some more heavy punches. Wierzbicki tried to use his jab to get into the fight but at the bell was showing a cut over his right eye. Wierzbicki made a strong start in the second but a brutal right from Greene put Wierzbicki down heavily.

He made it to his feet but after the eight count Greene was connecting with more heavy punches and with Wierzbicki unable to defend himself the fight was stopped. Huge win for Greene and his sixth victory by KO/TKO. His only loss was on points against highly rated Larry Ekundayo. Wierzbicki had met and beaten some experienced opposition but was blown away in quick time here.

Siwy vs. Dovbyshchenko

Czestochowa resident Siwy maintains his 100% record of wins against carefully selected low grade opposition. Over the first three rounds it looked as though Siwy might end this inside the distance. He rattled Ukrainian Dovbyshchenko with strong jabs and right crosses and impressed with some sharp left hooks. In the fourth Dovbyshchenko came into the fight more and Siwy's old problem with stamina reared its head. In the fifth and sixth Siwy slowed down only fighting in bursts and puffing heavily. Dovbyshchenko took advantage of that and pressed hard until Siwy found the energy for a strong finish over the seventh and eighth. Scores 78-75 twice and 78-74. Siwy marches on with a heavily padded record but it is about time he faced something resembling a test. Dovbyshchenko is really just a four and six round prelim fighter but he can still boast that he has not lost a fight inside the distance.

Malamulele. South Africa: Super Feather: Sibusiso Zingange (14-3-2,1ND) W TKO 8 Mziwodumo Mangxilana (6-7-5). Super Feather: Rofhiwa Maemu (18-9-3) DREW 10 Koos Sibiyi (23-14-5).

Zingange vs. Mangxilana

Zingange retains the WBA Pan African title with stoppage of Mangxilana. Not a noted puncher Zingange seems to have picked up some power under his new trainer Harold Volbrecht. He has lost only one of his last ten fights. Second loss in a row for Mangxilana.

Maemu vs. Sibiyi

Sowetan Maemu was expected to be too young and too quick for oldie Sibiyi but in the end had to settle for a draw which snapped his six-bout winning streak. At 38 Sibiyi still has some life left in him.

Doncaster, England: Light: Gavin McDonnell (22-2-2) W TKO 7 Nathan Kirk (12-4). Home town favourite McDonnell keeps busy with stoppage of a game Kirk. McDonnell had height, reach, experience and

quality over Kirk and was never really troubled. In the seventh he connected with a series of shots to head and body and with Kirk against the ropes and just covering up the referee stopped the contest. The 33-year-old McDonnell, a former British, European and WBC Silver champion lost in world title shots against Rey Vargas and Daniel Roman and is rebuilding slowly. Fourth loss by KO/TKO for Kirk.

Kissimmee, FL, USA: Super Light: Yomar Alamo (17-0-1) DREW 10 Antonio Moran (24-4-1).

Alamo vs. Moran

Alamo keeps his unbeaten label but only just. In this contest of two speedy, solid technical fighters Moran seemed to settle quicker in what was a battle of jabs over the opening round. Alamo forced the pace harder in the second and third pinning Moran to the ropes and belting him to head and body. Moran had his jab working well in the fourth but pressure from Alamo helped him build a lead over the middle rounds. Moran then finished strongly over the late rounds to close the gap. Scores 97-93 Alamo, 96-94 Moran and 95-95. Puerto Rican Alamo, the WBO No 8, was defending the WBO NABO title and for me just did enough to win this one. Mexican Moran gave Jose Pedraza a tough fight in June last year only losing by scores of 96-94 on the three cards but was knocked out in the seventh round by Devin Haney in his last fight in May.

Houston, TX, USA: Super Light: Darwin Price (16-0) W TKO 5 Breidis Prescott (31-18) Local fighter Price floors Prescott twice on his way to an inside the distance win. Prescott is well over the hill now and just a scalp for fighters such as Price. A right to the head sent Prescott down the first time but the finisher was a destructive left hook to the body that saw Prescott writhing on the canvas in agony. After being inactive in 2018 Price has scored three wins this year. Ten losses in his last eleven fights for Prescott

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Brovari, Ukraine: Light: Denys Berinchyk (12-0) W PTS 12 Patricio Lopez (26-3). Super Middle: Max Bursak (35-5-2) W TKO 5 Beka

**Mukhulishvili (5-8). Feather: Oleg Malynovskyi (25-0) W PTS 8
Vittorio Parrinello (11-4). Super Light: Mishiko Beselia (19-1) W TKO
4 Eduard Merinets (4-9-1). Middle: Dmytro Mytrofanov (7-0-1) W
TKO 4 Novak Radulovic (9-5-1).**

Berinchyk vs. Lopez

After Berinchyk's ring entry everything else was going to seem tame. He was wheeled into the arena in a big iron cage wearing a Hanibal Lecter mask! Whether that scared Mexican Lopez or not he certainly never really posed any threat to the local fighter. Berinchyk started at a fast pace constantly marching forward throwing punches ignoring Lopez's jabs. Southpaw Lopez, who had big advantages in height and reach, was livelier in the second but was often pinned to the ropes. Lopez started the third much more brightly scoring with a series of head punches but under pressure from Berinchyk his work became sloppy. Lopez found himself on the ropes again in the fourth. Berinchyk battered away at the Mexican's defence before backing off with Lopez urging Berinchyk to come back and fight. The pattern did not change over the middle rounds as Berinchyk's attacks ebbed and flowed like the tide marching forward then backing off and then striding forward again and with Lopez tiring from the intensity of Berinchyk's attacks the fight was one-sided. Berinchyk slipped to the floor in the eighth and Lopez did the same in the ninth and both fighters seemed to take a round off in the tenth. Berinchyk was back on the attack in the eleventh sending Lopez's mouthguard flying with a punch and he swarmed all over Lopez in the last. Scores: 120-108 twice and 120-109 for Berinchyk. Second defence of the WBO International title for Berinchyk who is rated No 7 by them. As an amateur the 31-year-old Ukrainian won silver medals at the World Championships and the 2012 Olympics, where he beat Jeff Horn and Anthony Yigit, but after four years as a pro I would have expected him to have progressed more. Lopez had won his last four fights but was under-powered to be competitive in this one.

Bursak vs. Mukhulishvili

Bursak too strong for Georgian novice Mukhulishvili. Bursak handed out a beating to Mukhulishvili in every round and the Georgian did well to stay in the fight. By the fifth Mukhulishvili was taking heavy punishment and his face was battered, bruised and bloody. The referee halted the action to get the doctor to examine Mukhulishvili's nose which was

pouring bloody and the fight was stopped. Since losing to Gilberto Ramirez for the WBO title in 2017 Bursak has dropped the level of his opposition but has failed to impress even then. Eighth consecutive loss for Mukhulishvili.

Malynovskyi vs. Parrinello

Although an elite level amateur Parrinello has struggled as a pro and he found Malynovskyi too strong for him. Parrinello has some slick skills built over a long time in the amateur ranks-too long a time. After a close first round Malynovskyi pressed from the second being able to get inside due Parrinello's to the lack of power. Malynovskyi rattled Parrinello with some hard rights in the third and bossed the fight from there. Parrinello showed some fine movement and defensive skills but was always on the back foot and although over the second half of the fight many rounds were close Malynovskyi was a comfortable winner. Scores 80-72, 79-73 and 79-74 for Malynovskyi. Second win this year for the Ukrainian who had only one fight in 2018. After having great success in the amateur ranks, including competing at the 2008 and 2012 Olympics, Parrinello did not switch to the pros until he was 31 so left it much too late.

Beselia vs. Merinets

Beselia beats up on poor Merinets for three rounds for victory. Merinets was in way over his head. Beselia was showering him with punches over the first two rounds and ended it in the third. He was driving Merinets around the ring with Merinets just covering up and not throwing anything back. Beselia had Merinets pinned to the ropes and was unloading with hooks when the referee stopped the fight just as the towel came fluttering in from Merinets corner. Ukrainian-based Beselia has impressive figures as long as you don't look too closely. The opposition has been of very inferior standard and he was exposed by his inside the distance loss to Spanish-based Dominican Kelvin Dotel in December. Ukrainian Merinets is 1-7 in his last 8 fights.

Mytrofanov vs. Radulovic

Mytrofanov gets his fourth win on the bounce by KO/TKO as he scores brutal kayo of Radulovic. Mytrofanov raked the Serb with shots to head and body over the first three rounds attacking relentlessly. Radulovic tried to counter but was under too much pressure to get his punches away and by the end of the third already looked to be fading. In the fourth Mytrofanov took Radulovic to the ropes and pummelled him with

light punches before driving home a left hook to the body and then connecting with a booming left hook to the chin that sent Radulovic down flat on his back. The referee instantly waived the fight over. Radulovic was badly hurt and finally had to be carried from the ring on a stretcher. No report yet on his condition. Mytrofanov, a Ukrainian based in Oxnard, is a former double Ukrainian amateur champion who won a bronze medal at the European Championships. He competed for the Mexican Guerreros and Ukrainian Otamans in the WSB and fought at the 2016 Olympics. Kosovon-born Radulovic has three losses by KO/TKO.

Tokyo, Japan: Super Fly: Junto Nakatani (20-0) W TKO 6 Milan Melindo (37-5). Feather: Ryo Akaho (35-2-2) W TKO 6 Kyung Min Kwon (7-6).

Nakatani vs. Melindo

Some consider Nakatani to be the best young prospect in Japan and he impressed again here as he crushed a sliding Melindo. He was tracking Melindo around the ring in the first two rounds using his height and long reach to score with southpaw jabs and then following with straight lefts with nothing of consequence coming back from Melindo. The action was one-sided with Nakatani landing with heavy lefts in the third and jarring Melindo with hooks in the fourth. Melindo was looking to counter but could not get past the jab. Melindo soaked up some hurtful punishment in the fifth and looked to have very little left. In the sixth Nakatani drove home a whole series of powerful straight lefts through the guard of Melindo until the referee stepped in to save the brave little Filipino. At 5'7" the 21-year-old Nakatani, a former Japanese flyweight champion, is almost freakishly tall and with his height, reach and power (15 wins by KO/TKO) he can be a real force in the division. He is rated WBA 2/WBC and WBO 3 but now needs to step up to tougher opposition. Third loss in a row in Japan for Melindo but in fairness two of those were world title fights. At 31 and in the twilight of a distinguished career Melindo needs to think where he goes from here.

Akaho vs. Kwon

Akaho brushes aside the slow and limited Kwon with ease. Akaho tempered his usual wild aggression and showed some skill in methodically beating down Kwon who was never in the fight. With Akaho

landing punch after punch in the sixth the referee stopped the uneven battering. Akaho has come up short in challenges for the WBC flyweight and WBO bantamweight belts but a run of nine wins over carefully vetted opposition has him in the IBF ratings at No 12 but still a long way away from another title fight. Second loss by KO/TKO for Kwon. It seems impossible to believe that at one time South Korea was a major force in world boxing and now they don't have a single world level fighter now.

Brisbane, Australia: Super Welter: Adrian Rodriguez (12-2-2) W TKO 10 Billy Limov (5-2-1).

Former MMA fighter "Road Rage" Rodriguez wins the vacant Australian title with late stoppage of Limov. These two had fought a draw in October for the Queensland State title and it looked as this one would also go to the scorecards before Rodriguez ended it with just two minutes remaining in the fight. Limov landed a strong right cross but then Rodriguez rocked Limov with a right before putting him down on his back with a devastating combination of a left hook and a right cross. Somehow Limov made it to his feet at eight but he staggered back to the ropes and the referee stopped the fight. Rodriguez had lost to Samuel Colomaban when challenging for this same vacant title in 2017. New Zealand-born Limov was also having his second shot at the title have been stopped by Joel Camilleri in February this year.

Blois, France: Middle: Michel Mothmora (31-28-2) W PTS 10 Francis Tchoffo (19-16-1). To the delight of his home fans Mothmora lives up to his nickname of "The Phoenix" as he rises again and finally wins the French title at the seventh attempt. After a slow start giving away lots of height and reach Mothmora was badly shaken in the third but in a big fourth he twice forced Tchoffo to drop to a knee. Tchoffo banged back in the fifth and this time it was Mothmora who was in trouble and he touched the canvas with both gloves and was given a standing count. Mothmora slowed in the sixth as Tchoffo looked to be taking control but Mothmora found new strength and after a close seventh he dominated the eighth and ninth and then danced his way to victory in the last. The 39-year-old Mothmora "improves" to 1-6 in French title fights but the 1 in

those figures caused great celebrations. Cameroon-born Tchoffo was having his second shot at the title.

Enghien, France: Welter: Yannick Dehez (21-1-1) W PTS 8 Vasyl Kurasov (9-2). Southpaw Dehez gets unanimous decision over Ukrainian Kurasov in a fight of contrasting styles. Dehez has quick hands and some classy movement but lacks any kind of punch. Kurasov was able to come forward and put pressure on Dehez connecting with some good rights and forcing Dehez to fight hard in every round. They fought at a fast pace with all eight rounds being strongly contested and although Dehez deserved the verdict Kurasov was competitive all the way. Scores 79-73, 78-74 and 77-75 for Dehez. The former undefeated French champion had his reputation dented when he lost to modest Yahya Tlaouziti in November. This is his fourth win this year but he has a major reconstruction job to do. Also the fourth fight this year for 21-year-old Kurasov who is 2-2.

San Juan, Puerto Rico: Super Light: Danielito Zorrilla (13-0) W PTS 10 Jesus Perez (23-4). Zorrilla wins the vacant interim WBO NABO super light title with comprehensive victory over Mexican Perez. The Puerto Rican floored Perez with a right in the first and then rocked him again before the end of the round. A great start but at a price as Zorrilla damaged his right hand with the first knockdown and had to rely heavily on his left for the rest of the fight. Over the remaining rounds Perez focused his attacks on Zorrilla's body. Zorrilla showed he could use the right if he needed to hurting Perez with a hook to the body in the fourth and he used some solid, accurate jabbing and left hooks to keep Perez out emerging as a clear victor. Scores 100-89 twice and 98-91 for Zorrilla. He will now be looking to challenge fellow Puerto Rican Yomar Alamo who defended the real WBO NABO title with a draw against Antonio Moran on Friday. Perez went 21-0 at the start of his career but as the going gets tougher fighters such as Perez get beaten.

Bristol, England: Bantam: Lee Haskins (36-4) W PTS 6 Sergio Gonzalez (10-19-5). In his first fight since December 2017 Haskins eases his way back as he wins every round against poor Gonzalez. Haskins put Gonzalez on the floor in the first but then reigned back and

made use of the remaining round to shed some rust. Referee's score 60-53 for Haskins. The former IBF bantam champion is aiming for another title shot. Spanish-based Nicaraguan (that's long hand for perennial loser) is now 0-10-1 in his last 11. In another bout on the show Lee's son Anton Haskins scored a win. Father and son on the same show.

Bradford, England: Welter: Darren Tetley (19-0) W PTS 6 Chris Jenkinson (11-67-3). Former WBO European champion Tetley gets his second win of the year as he outpoints Jenkinson. Tetley won all the way flooring Jenkinson with a left hook to the body in the last and taking the decision by 60-53 on the referee's card. The tall Bradford southpaw never defended the WBO European title and was removed from the ratings when he relinquished it but then it was ridiculous that he was rewarded with a world rating for beating someone who is rated at No 42 in the British ratings. Jenkins is a durable journeyman.

Hockessin, DE, USA: Light: Henry Lundy (30-8-1) W PTS 8 Robert Frankel (37-22-1). Light Heavy: Fanlong Meng (16-0) W TKO 2 Gilberto Rubio (9-9).

Lundy vs. Frankel

Lundy revives his career with wide unanimous decision over tough but shopworn Frankel. Lundy outboxed Frankel all the way outjabbing him at distance and outworking him inside. Frankel stuck to his task trying to find a punch to turn the fight his way but he was well beaten. Scores 79-73 twice and 80-72 for Lundy. Consecutive losses to modest opponents Zaur Abdullaev and Avery Sparrow made it look as though the former WBO super light title challenger's career was finished. He still has hopes of another title shot but at 35 time is running out. The 39-year-old Frankel loses more than he wins these days and usually finds himself cast as a stepping stone for unbeaten climbers.

Meng vs. Rubio

Meng blasts out a horribly overmatched Rubio in two rounds. It was a massacre. Meng put Rubio down with a body punch in the first and with a left to the head in the second. Rubio made it to his feet but was being pounded on the ropes when the referee stopped the fight. Tenth win by KO/TKO for the 6'2" Chinaman who after wins over Frank Buglioni and Adam Deines is mandatory challenger to IBF champion Artur Beterbiev.

Mexican Rubio is 2-5 in his last seven fights with all five losses coming inside the distance but against good class opposition

Flint, MI, USA: Welter: Jaron Ennis (24-0) W TKO 3 Demian Fernandez (13-1). Heavy: Jermaine Franklin (20-0) W PTS 10 Pavel Sour (11-1).

Ennis vs. Fernandez

Ennis puts on a sparkling display of speed and power in beating Argentinian Fernandez. Ennis at 5'10" had height over the 5'6" Fernandez and a comparable edge in reach but he did not need them. He was firing flashing combinations to head and body with Fernandez unable to do more than cover up and counter when he could. Ennis was switching stances which confused Fernandez but he was also given a stern warning for two low punches. In the second Ennis continued to score with dazzling combinations and it was clear this one was not going to last long. In the third Ennis jolted Fernandez with left to the head and then fired a barrage of punches which saw Fernandez drop to one knee. When Fernandez got up instead of fighting he indicated he had a problem with his vision in his right eye and the fight was stopped. The 22-year-old "Boots" Ennis from Philadelphia is a tremendous prospect. He is making up for lost time after a contract dispute slowed his climb. He has 22 wins by KO/TKO including 14 in his last 14 fights. You can expect him to break through in a big way in 2020. Fernandez had won his last nine fights but against substandard domestic opposition.

Franklin vs. Sour

Neighbourhood favourite Franklin floors Sour twice to take a wide unanimous victory. Sour was much the bigger man but also slow with a poor defence. Franklin found it difficult getting through to Sour's chin due to the height difference but he easily outboxed the Czech boxer. Sour was occasionally dangerous with right crosses but Franklin managed to avoid or block most of them. Franklin almost ended it in the sixth when he connected with a counter right that dropped Sour to his knees. Sour was up immediately but when the action resumed was rocked a couple times more. Sour survived but was put down again in the tenth. A booming right cross snapped Sour's head back. He tried to hold but two more right sent him crashing into and almost through the ropes. Again he was up quickly and although rocked by another right held and then

fought back to the final bell. Scores 98-91 twice and 97-71 for Franklin. A former National Golden Gloves champion the 25-year-old from Saginaw is progressing slowly under the radar. Sour, 37, showed a great chin in this one. He had won his last four fights and the only fighter to beat him inside the distance is Filip Hrgovic

**Gilleleje, Denmark: Super Middle: Patrick Nielsen (30-3) W PTS 8
Armen Ypremyan (9-2-2). Middle: Ashley Theophane (48-8-1,1ND) W
PTS 10 Kassim Ouma (29-14-1).**

Nielsen vs. Ypremyan

Nielsen returns with a win as he decisions Ypremyan. The Dane was having his first fight since losing a split decision against Arthur Abraham in April last year. Nielsen won on scores of 79-73 twice and 80-72 but the rust showed. French-based Armenian Ypremyan is 1-2 in his last two fights.

Theophane vs. Ouma

No problem for Theophane as he wins this battle of oldies who have seen much better days. Scores 100-91, 99-91 and 98-92 for Theophane. "Treasure" is 7-0-1ND in his last eight fights with the fights taking place in eight different countries-who needs Thomas Cook? Now 40 former IBF super welter champion Ouma, a Ugandan based in Holland, has lost four in a row.

Fight of the week (Significance): Gennady Golovkin's win over Sergey Derevyanchenko was a big result in a big fight

Fight of the week (Entertainment). Golovkin vs. Derevyanchenko. Twelve rounds of entertaining quality fighting with the result in the balance all the way

Fighter of the week: Gennady Golovkin-a champion again

Punch of the week: The left hook to the body from Darwin Price that finished off Breidis Prescott was a world of pain for the Colombian. The left hook from Dmytro Mytrofanov that knocked Novak Radulovic out cold was frightening

Upset of the week: Londoner Louis Greene (10-1) was brought in to lose to 18-0 Lukasz Wierzbicki but tore up the script and stopped Wierzbicki in two rounds.

Prospect watch: Heavyweight Jermaine Franklin, a former National Golden Gloves champion is now 21-0 and making steady progress.