



TIM TSZYU BATTERS BRIAN MENDOZA IN DECISION WIN IN FIRST DEFENSE OF HIS WBO 154-POUND TITLE ON SHOWTIME BOXING INTERNATIONAL® SATURDAY FROM AUSTRALIA

Sam Goodman Pounds Miguel Flores in Co-Feature Win

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October 15, 2023 – Undefeated Australian superstar **Tim Tszyu** pounded and wore down tough contender **Brian Mendoza** in his first defense of his WBO Junior Middleweight World Title in a 12-round decision win during a SHOWTIME BOXING INTERNATIONAL telecast live on SHOWTIME® on Saturday, October 14 (Sunday, October 15 in Australia) from the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre in Broadbeach, Queensland, Australia in a Premier Boxing Champions event.

It was a patient, methodically devastating performance for Tszyu, who had stopped his two previous opponents in devastating fashion, but couldn't put the finishing touches on Mendoza. While he didn't stop him, Tszyu landed a number of jarring, highlight-reel type shots, hurting Mendoza several times to win by scores of 116-111, 116-112 and 117-111. The 28-year-old hometown hero remained undefeated at 24-0 with 17 KOs and landed 38% of his power punches, while Mendoza landed 31.6% of power punches, according to CompuBox (98 to 71).

The always dangerous Mendoza showed a granite chin and inhuman toughness but couldn't pull off a come-from-behind victory, as he did against Sebastian Fundora in April on SHOWTIME when he knocked out Fundora in the seventh round. Mendoza's three-fight knockout streak came to a halt as he dropped to 22-3 with 16 KOs.

Tszyu didn't waste any time explaining what he wants to do next.

"Charlo, where you at? Where you at buddy?" Tszyu said in the ring afterward, calling out unified 154-pound champion Jermell Charlo. "He probably thinks in his delusional head that he's going to beat me. Come get it. Come get it."

Tszyu, who said he will take his talents to the United States to face Charlo and may have fought his last fight in his native Australia for the time being, calling this fight his “last hurrah,” is confident he will face Charlo next.

“For sure, man,” he said. “He fought Canelo, the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world. He’s the best 154-pounder. So, let’s prove to everyone who really is the king of the division.”

Tszyu praised Mendoza for his toughness and guile.

“Man, he’s tough,” he said. “He’s crafty. He’s slick. He has power. He’s world class for a reason. He’s just behind me. I wanted to have some fun (tonight), perform for everyone. It’s my last hurrah. We finished up with a little bang. Hopefully we can all go to Vegas together. I’ve got a pack of lions with me, every single person in Australia. The support here has been unreal. Thanks to all the day-ones. See you all in Vegas.”

It was a tactical fight, with Tszyu patiently stalking Mendoza and measuring him and landing big shots. Tszyu pummeled Mendoza in the 10th and 11th rounds as he chased him from pillar to post with a series of thumping overhand rights and lefts. Somehow, Mendoza kept his wits about him and survived the onslaught, but blood trickled from both eyes from the punishment, and the ringside physician examined Mendoza briefly before the start of the 12th and final round.

Tszyu pounded on Mendoza in the fifth in perhaps the most lopsided round of the fight, landing a left uppercut and left hook that left their mark in the form of a purple bruise under Mendoza’s right eye.

Tszyu landed a missile of a right hand with 30 seconds left in the eighth that Mendoza soaked up and somehow remained upright as Tszyu totally wrested control of the fight at that point. Midway through the seventh, Tszyu landed a stinging right uppercut that snapped Mendoza’s head up. Tszyu followed up with a slicing right hand as Mendoza held on to survive the round.

In the co-feature, Australia’s rising contender **Sam Goodman** dropped and out-worked tough former world title challenger **Miguel Flores** to remain undefeated as he captured a spirited 12-round unanimous decision in a catch-weight bout at 125 pounds. Goodman showcased a diverse attack, relying on his jab, a snappy right hand and a committed body attack to up his record to 16-0 with 7 KOs while the feisty Flores fell to 25-5-1 with 12 KOs.

Goodman, who won by scores of 118-107, 120-105 and 120-105, dropped Flores with a left to the body midway through the eighth round after he focused most of his attack to the head in the previous rounds. Moments later, a point was deducted from Flores for veering low with a body shot after repeated warnings. Goodman stayed on the attack, hurting Flores with a right uppercut with 40 seconds left in the frame, but Flores responded with a volley of lefts and rights, thwarting Goodman’s attack.

Goodman hurt Flores again with a right-left combination he landed while running forward with around 1:30 left in the 10th. Flores’ problems compounded seconds later as another point was deducted from him for a left hand that was ruled low.

The event was promoted by No Limit Boxing and The Rose Brothers, in association with TGB Promotions.

Saturday's SHOWTIME BOXING INTERNATIONAL telecast will replay on SHOWTIME EXTREME® on Monday, October 16 at 10 p.m. ET/PT.

Veteran sportscaster **Brian Custer** hosted the SHOWTIME BOXING INTERNATIONAL remote telecast from CBS Broadcast Center while versatile combat sports voice **Mauro Ranallo** handled blow-by-blow action alongside Hall of Fame analyst **Al Bernstein** and three-division world champion **Abner Mares** with boxing historian and Hall of Famer **Steve Farhood** serving as unofficial scorer.

The SHOWTIME BOXING INTERNATIONAL telecast was executive produced by four-time Emmy award winner **David Dinkins, Jr.**, with **Ray Smaltz III** producing and **Chuck McKean** directing.

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