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Manny Pacquiao's camp slam unanimous decision in loss to Jeff Horn

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PHOTO: Pacquiao was bloodied by a Jeff Horn headbutt, but the punches did not seem to slow him. (ABC News: James Maasdorp)

Manny Pacquiao's Australian strength and conditioning coach has labelled the judges who awarded Sunday's Battle of Brisbane to Jeff Horn "crazy", saying the unanimous decision should have gone their way.

The Filipino great's career is at the crossroads after losing his WBO welterweight title to Horn in front of a packed Lang Park.

Pacquiao, who said in the ring after the fight that he accepted the judges' call, did not attend his scheduled post-match press conference as members of his entourage went to ground.

But former heavyweight boxer Justin Fortune, who has been working with Pacquiao since 2002, emerged from a sombre dressing room and made it clear he did not agree with the result.

"The referee was sketchy, the judges were crazy," Fortune told reporters.

"Manny lost the fight, but Jeff Horn looks like a pumpkin. Those scores, that card? It should be the other way around.

"You can make as many excuses as you'd like — it was a shitty referee, shitty judging — but that's boxing.

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"You get given a gift sometimes, you get screwed sometimes. But when you come to someone's house you're supposed to mess them up ... never leave it in the judges' hands."



PHOTO: Horn bore the scars of a 12-round slugfest with one of the best punchers ever. (ABC News: James Maasdorp)

In the ring after the fight, Pacquiao said he did not expect Horn to be as tough as he was.

Fortune, who predicted Horn would mentally collapse the moment he walked out to the ring, admitted they underestimated the 29-year-old local hope.

"He fought better than we ever thought he would," he said.



"Jeff fought 100 times better than he'll ever fight again.

"The kid's got a lot of heart, a lot of balls. We'll see where he goes from there.

"We knew he would fight nothing like we ever saw him on video, because 50,000 people, it's your home, you'll fight."

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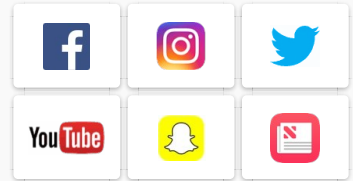
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