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Robert Craddock, The Courier-Mail
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JEFF Horn's win was an Australian sporting fairytale, but triggered a deluge of hostile reactions around the world.

The unanimous decision had barely been handed down before the Twittersverse was sent into meltdown mode.

No-one questioned Horn's heart, and some old hard-heads agreed with the judges' decision.



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American fight commentator Teddy Atlas led the chorus of disapproval when he said: “They gave a win to Horn for trying hard – you are not supposed to get it for trying hard”.

Leading sports journalist and opinion-shaper Stephen A. Smith was just as caustic, claiming: “It’s garbage ... What did we just see? This is a horrible decision. Horrible”.



Michael Wilbon, known for his no-nonsense views on the mass-rating US sports show Pardon The Interruption, said: “Horn fought valiantly. But he lost, plain and simple.

“Ah boxing. There is nothing like it. Showing heart does not equal winning.

“That said, Manny is 5-4 in his last nine fights and cannot put away ANYBODY.”

This was a reference to the fact that Pacquaio has not had a knockout victory for eight years.

Even basketballer Kobe Bryant and actor Samuel L Jackson had their say.

Bryant simply put up a photo of a bewildered face and Jackson said: “You can say bull----”.

Then, in an obvious reference to Horn’s bloodied face, Jackson said: “That is the face of a winner?”



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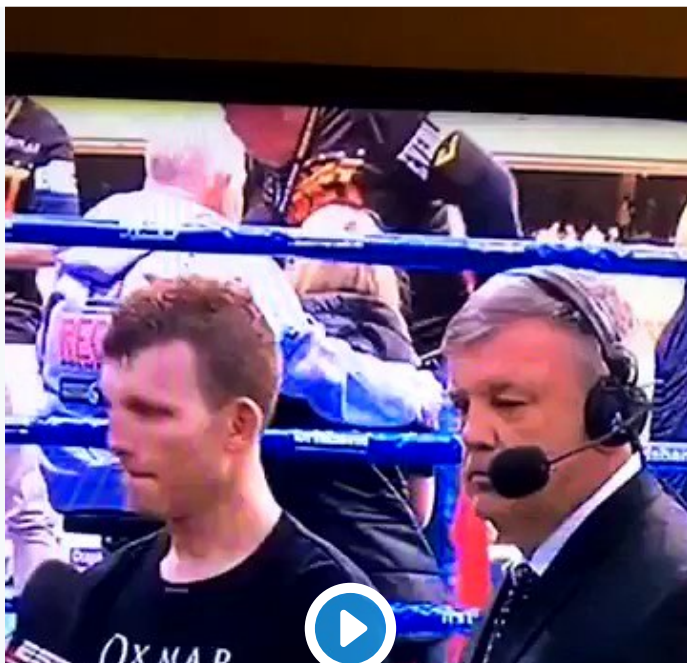
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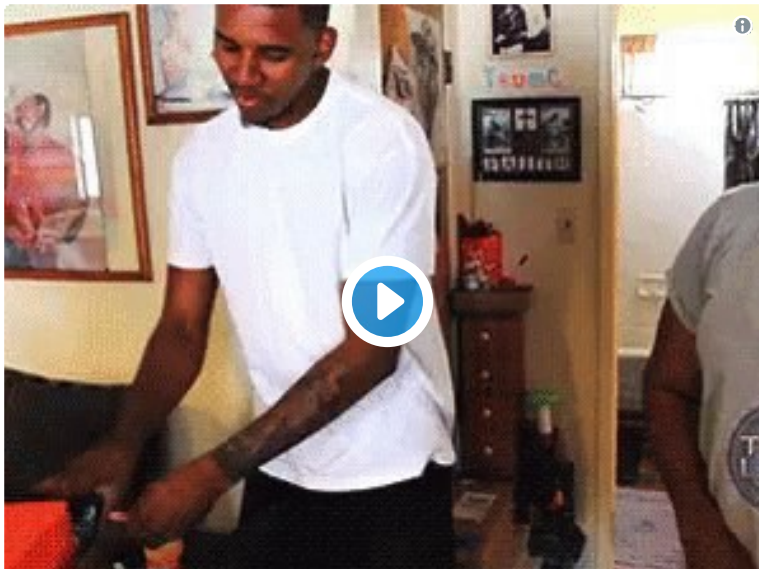
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