Gvozdyk retains WBC light heavyweight title

Гвоздик зберігає титул WBC в напівважкій вазі

У Філадельфії український боксер Олександр Гвоздик захистив пояс чемпіона світу за версією WBC в напівважкій вазі проти французького боксера Дуду Нгумбу. Рефері визнав перемогу українського боксера технічним нокаутом. Поєдинок пройшов з перевагою Гвоздика, який в кожному раунді збільшував перевагу за очками.

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In Summary

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Unbeaten Oleksandr Gvozdyk retained his World Boxing Council light heavyweight title Saturday with a fifth-round technical knockout of Doudou Ngumbu, who was halted by a right leg injury.

Ukraine's Gvozdyk, making his first defense of a title he won with a devastating knockout of Adonis Stevenson in December, improved to 17-0 with 14 knockouts.

Although Gvozdyk had some trouble with Ngumbu's awkward style, he connected with a hard right in the first round and a left hook in the fourth.

The champion was leading on the cards when the proceedings at the 2300 Arena in South Philadelphia came to an anti-climactic ending as Congolese-born French fighter Ngumbu suddenly pulled back in the fifth round and limped into a corner.

The bout was paused for a few minutes before referee Eric Dali finally called a halt at 58 seconds of the fifth round.

A distraught Ngumbu, his first world title challenge in ruins, wept in his corner after falling to 38-9 with 14 knockouts.

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