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ROMIE ADANZA

MANILA — California-based Filipino-American muay thai fighter Romie Adanza provided a fitting climax to last Sunday's kickboxing fight night at the Resorts World Manila by outpointing Chinese champion Huang Haigong to win the World Boxing Council (WBC) international featherweight crown.

Despite his unanimous win though, the 31-year-old native of Leyte was not too happy with his performance.

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“I could have done better, I got tired early and my timing was a bit off. He did not hurt me with his punches,” said Adanza, ranked third best pound-for-pound kickboxer in North America after the title bout promoted by In Sync and Shandong Hao Han that brought world-class professional boxers to Manila.

Promoter Dennis Warner was happy at the initial results of the presentation which was beamed live to China by AKTV 5.

“What we want is to discover Filipino talents in this sport and bring them to mainland China and the United States. When we return in October, we will tap more local talents in our fights,” he said.

Australian-based Reindhart Badato from Lucban, Quezon set the tone for the main event by knocking out Malaysian K.A. Bin Rusli right in the first round to win the WBC international super featherweight division Challenger title.

His younger brother Michael, however, lost his bout against Korean Jae Gil Noh, who went on to win the Shandong World Sanda 4-Man world title, edging out Chinese Lu Jian Cao in a closely-contested fight.

Crowd-pleaser was American WBC world middleweight titlist Ky Hollenbeck who overpowered Chinese Foo Lang Wong with his array of dazzling and explosive moves for a technical knockout (TKO) victory in their WCK vs. Shandong international middleweight match-up.

Chinese female fighter proved superior to a young Thai kickboxer Nujjaree Sawatdee posting a lop sided win on points in the lone women’s division fight.

Two Filipinos went down in defeat to their foreign counterparts with welterweight Joey Tabbu getting pummeled by Japanese Issei Shima in the curtain raiser, while Chinese Li Yang totally outclassed local fighter Alny Calambas.

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Warner, meanwhile, advised local Muay Thai groups to get in touch with him at wckmuaythai@gmail.com to help him find promising local fighters.