

Meeting Information

Purpose:	Assessment Committee (concerning protest)
Date:	2013-01-11
Participants:	Ulf Silverbern, Vice Chairman Mikael Forsgren, Member Jesper Gunnarson, Member

Ruling Protocol

Concerning the protest in the match between Mickaël Lebout and Nicholas Musoke at the event Vision 5, on December 1st, in Stockholm, Sweden.

Protest argumentation sent to SMMAF by Mr. Mathieu Nicourt:

(Received: December 2nd 2012 at 00:56)

As the manager from french fighter Mickaël Lebout of team Free Fight Academy, Paris, France, I contest with my team the draw decision for the match Mickaël Lebout against Nicholas Musoke in the Vision Fighting Championship 5, December the first 2012.

For this match, Musoke win the first round but Lebout win without contest the round 2 and 3.

In the first round Musoke had an advantage in striking and takedowns. It can be a 10-9 or 10-8 for Musoke.

In the second round Mickaël Lebout took Musoke down at the beginning of the round and take total domination on Musoke almost to the end with cross, mount, back and ground and pound. Musoke can't do nothing and was ready to give up or been TKO. Musoke finishes the round absolutely tired and it is why he had no more energy in the last round and lost it too.

In the third round Mickaël Lebout give more strikes and one takedown. Musoke was too tired to do anything.

It isn't possible to give other thing that 10-8 to Mickaël on the second round! And at least 10-9 in the round 3.

Mickaël Lebout has obligatory won this fight.

I ask that the commission look at the match one more time and give his decision.

Waiting for your answer.

Yours faithfully,

Mathieu Nicourt.

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Answer from George Salfeldt; SMMAF President, to Mr. Mathieu Nicourt:

(Sent: December 3rd, 2012 at 17:48)

Dear Mr. Nicourt,

Thank you for your email.

From the receipt of your protest fee the Swedish MMA Federation Assessment Committee will need two weeks to investigate the matter and then decide on a ruling.

Here you can find all details concerning protest procedure and how to pay the protest fee: <http://www.smmaf.se/protest.asp> Please read this carefully.

You can find the Assessment Committees earlier rulings here:
<http://smmaf.se/association.asp?id=66>

Please remember paragraph 32.4: "The results of a match shall only be changed if an obvious mistake has been uncovered, one that had an effect on the outcome of the match and was made by the referee, judges or another official."

Please send us promptly any additional information that you have and that may help the Assessment Committee in their investigation.

Best regards,

George Sallfeldt
President
Swedish MMA Federation

Email from George Sallfeldt; SMMAF President, to Mr. Mathieu Nicourt:
(Sent: December 20th, 2012 at 09:37)

Dear Mr. Nicourt

The Assessment Committee has not yet finalized their ruling concerning your protest in the bout between Mickaël Lebout and Nicholas Musoke.

They expect to publish their ruling on the 11th of January.

Best regards,

George Sallfeldt
President
Swedish MMA Federation

Assessment Committee protest handling:

Validity of the protest

The protest was correctly sent to SMMAF within the stated 48 hour limit and the protest fee of 2 000 SEK was also paid. Mr. Nicourt also made an argumentation regarding how the match should be ruled. The Assessment Committee finds the protest valid.

Background

The match between Mickaël Lebout and Nicholas Musoke was held at the event Vision 5 on December 1st, in Stockholm. It was arranged with the rule set Swedish Professional Mixed Martial Arts.

Analysis – Jesper Gunnarsson

I have reviewed the Nicholas Musoke vs. Mickael Lebout match at Vision FC 5.

It turned out to be a challenging task

My scoring of the match based on video:

R1: 10-9 Musoke

R2: 10-9 Lebout

R3: 10-9 Lebout

My score is 29-28 Lebout and it differs from the official score.

The official score sheets show the following scores:

Judge: Mike Rohm

R1: 10-9 Musoke
R2: 10-9 Lebout
R3: 10-9 Musoke
29-28 Musoke

Judge: Hans Ersson

R1: 10-9 Musoke
R2: 10-9 Lebout
R3: 10-9 Lebout
29-28 Lebout

Judge: Bobby Rehman

R1: 10-8 Musoke
R2: 10-9 Lebout
R3: 10-9 Lebout
28-28 Draw

I can conclude that my score is similar to judge Erssons score. Regarding judge Rehman's score it is similar to mine although he has round 1 as a 10-8 round for Musoke. That score I do not agree with however I do not see that as an obvious mistake.

Judge Rohm's score sheet shows some odd marks:

1. The sum of the match is summed to 10-9 instead of 29-28
2. In round 2 the score for Musoke is changed from 10 to 9
3. Some markings in the score fields (probably for scoring points) that do not belong there.

These errors are not good although not changing the outcome of the match. The scoring of 10-9 to Musoke in the last round is however questionable.

In third round Lebout is the dominant contestant in the clinch. He succeeds with one takedown but not so much more other than being dominant. In the standup they are even in this round. Lebout is clearly the round winner due to the dominant clinch work and takedown.

I cannot see Musoke as the winner of that round. This mistake along with the uncertainties of judge Rohm's score sheet must together be ruled as an obvious mistake.

The supervisor report states that judge Rohm is under judge training supervision from Marko Gyllenland. This can explain the errors done by judge Rohm.

As the two other judges rule it one draw and one win Lebout, it is not obvious that the protest should be ruled as a victory to Lebout.

My recommendation is therefore that:

1. The match is ruled as a "no contest" due to mistakes made by one judge.
2. The referee committee discusses with Marko Gyllenland on how to approach judge Rohm and the errors done by him.

Analysis – Mikael Forsgren

Here is my verdict of the match: Nicholas Musoke vs. Mickael Lebout - Vision FC 5.

My scoring of the match based on the video recording:

R1: 10-9 Musoke
R2: 10-9 Lebout
R3: 10-9 Lebout
29-28 Lebout

My score differs from the official score.

The official scores:

Judge: Mike Rohm
R1: 10-9 Musoke
R2: 10-9 Lebout
R3: 10-9 Musoke
29-28 Musoke

Judge: Hans Ersson
R1: 10-9 Musoke
R2: 10-9 Lebout
R3: 10-9 Lebout
29-28 Lebout

Judge: Bobby Rehman
R1: 10-8 Musoke
R2: 10-9 Lebout
R3: 10-9 Lebout
28-28 Draw

My score is the same as judge Erssons score. Judge Rehmans score is similar to mine except that he gave Musoke a 10-8 scoring advantage in the first round, which i think is too much for that kind of knockdown, but I can not claim that he made a big mistake with that scoring.

I don't agree with the scoring of the third round made by Judge Mike Rohm. So because of that the whole match, as I see it, Lebout is clearly the winner of the third round due to more activity stand up, the dominant clinch work and takedown. I don't see Musoke as winner of that round and therefore not the winner of the match.

My recommendation is that the match is ruled as a "no contest" due to the mistakes by one judge.

Analysis – Ulf Silverbern

Here is the verdict of the match: Nicolas Musoke vs Mickael Lebout - Vision FC 5

My scoring (Ulf Silverbern) of the match based on video recording:

R1: 10-9 Musoke
R2: 10-9 Lebout
R3: 10-9 Lebout
29-28 Lebout

Scoring by Mikael Forsgren based on video recording:

R1: 10-9 Musoke
R2: 10-9 Lebout
R3: 10-9 Lebout
29-28 Lebout

Scoring by Jesper Gunnarsson based on video recording:

R1: 10-9 Musoke
R2: 10-9 Lebout
R2: 10-9 Lebout
29-28 Lebout

I scored the third round in the same way as Jesper and Mikael, 10-9 in favor to Lebout. The scoring of 10-9 for Musoke in the third round is questionable. I also agree with

Jesper that the referee committee discusses with Marko Gyllenland about judge Rohm and his mistake. I agree with Jesper and Mikael that the match should be ruled as a "no contest".

Ruling

The match is ruled as a "no contest" due to the mistakes of one judge.

Stockholm 2013-01-11

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