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In one of the most punishing set of fights in the history of local cage fighting, medical personnel were kept busy as fight after fight ended with serious pain, some requiring ambulance trips to Southwest Medical Center Saturday during the Revolution Cage Warrior Challenge Battle for the Belt.

The first came when Jonathan Mendoza face Liberal's Peyton Yancey. Yancey was the aggressor from the opening bell, and after Mendoza went down close to the cage, he landed awkwardly and dislocated his elbow.

Later, in a fight that was converted from an AMMA fight to Pankration since both fighters had their competitors withdraw, Shakir McKillip faced Samson Jeanty in the limited strike bout.

Jeanty lost a point early for a strike to the face, which is illegal in Pankration, and then Jeanty avoided an arm bar attempt by McKillip by lifting McKillip off the mat and then slamming him back down. McKillip's head hit first, which was also illegal, and McKillip was left on the mat unconscious. Jeanty, however, was unfamiliar with the rule limitations, and the slam would have been legal in the fight he was prepared to have. Jeanty exhibited sportsmanship and accepted the disqualification.

In the next fight, Daniel Lopez had to be taken to Southwest Medical Center to stitch a four-inch cut on his forehead.

The shots were not any different than other fights, according to promoter Dave Rine.

“I have no earthly idea what was going on,” he said “I told Minnie to go outside and see if there was a full moon. A dislocated elbow when a guy put his arm down wrong, two guys head butted each other, and start a cut. Another guy gets put to sleep. Then after that, seven perfect fights with no problems.”

The night started with the junior Pankration division, and Rine didn't believe his fighters can as prepared as they should have.

“On the junior fights, my juniors were so used to winning, they didn't train hard enough,” Rine said. “Two or three did really well. Gus Hink did well. He lost the fight, but it was technical. Peyton Yancey and Anna Pepa had good nights. Pepa was a hard-fought fight. That girl was pretty tough.”

The Fight of the Night went to Michael Solis and Liberal's Juan Guerrero. Guerrero won the fight in the second round with a technical knockout.

The fights also provided quite a draw for Liberal. The capacity crowd was made up of both local and not-so-local fans. Plainview, Texas sent a large contingent.

“According to cagetix, our online ticket selling company, about 200 people came from Plainview,” Rine said.

But fighters also came from Topeka, Emporia, Garden City and Ulysses in Kansas and from

Colorado, Oklahoma City, Beaver, Okla., and form several communities in Texas.

“There are a lot of people that come and watch in Liberal,” Rine said. “It is a pretty good draw. If we have four or five a year, it would be an even better draw for Liberal for a weekend.”

Results:

#### JUNIOR PANKRATION

Orlando Muñoz 29-27 decision over Toby Headrick

Raul Rosas 30-27 decision over Gus Hink

Anna Marie Pep 29-28 decision over Laken Flores

Benjamin Ren 30-28 decision over Orlando Muñoz

Carlos Muñoz 29-27 decision over Marcus Auliara

Michael Torres 29-28 decision over David Loma

Kevin Rosas TKO over Sergio Rodriguez

Maria Olbeda TKO over Diana Olvera

Jesse Rosas 29-27 over Angel Muñoz

Gustavo Garcia 29-28 over Christian Valles

Kenia Rosas TKO over Mary Kate Cusolito

Peyton Yancey TKO over Jonathan Mendoza

Angel Moncayo 29-28 over Michael Torres

Dalton Stang 30-29 over Chris Cardenas

Shakir McKillip disqualification over Samson Jeanty

ADULT  AMMA

Daniel Lopez vs. Chris Waters, no contest

Ronald Davis choke over Armando Ramirez

Devan Johnson forfeit over Juan Marquez

Carlos Ramos forfeit over Billy Barrera

Arturo Moreno TKO over Richard Blea

Juan Guerrero TKO over Michael Solis

Benito Hernandez TKO over Brent Murrison

Keitha West Tap due to strikes over Stephen Swingle

PRO MMA

Raul Rosas guillotine tap over Eric Benton

Albert Tapia TKO over Robert Madrid

Mario Muñoz tap due to choke over Trenten Wilkinson

