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Trainer of Venezuela boxer
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havana, aug 18, reuter -- eleazar castillo, trainer of the venezuela boxing team at the 14th central american and caribbean games, criticized the decision which gave the games' welterweight crown to cuba's olympic champion, bautista hernandez, over venezuelan manuel vilches in a four to one decision.

castillo said he believed vilches had won all three rounds.

many of the cubans in the crowd that watched the fight agreed with castillo's view. they booed the decision loud and long, although a contrary verdict would have meant that cuba would win only ten out of the 12 gold medals at the games instead of 11.

during the last round of the hotly fought contest, the 18,000 spectators were on their feet. many cubans who watched the bout on television also agreed that the venezuelan welterweight should have won the decision.

francisco +morocho+ rodriguez, the ex-venezuelan amateur champ, commented that young boxers lose enthusiasm when they lose unjustly.
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