

## Three Punches and the Lesson They Teach

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One of this author's favorite wrestlers had just defeated a tough opponent in the finals of a Saturday tournament and as the referee held the wrists of both wrestlers, instead of shaking hands, he threw a punch, which landed squarely on his opponent's face. The referee immedi-

ately disqualified him. When asked if it was worth the loss of the medal, the wrestler responded without hesitation that it was. His opponent was a rough customer and well known as a cheap shot artist. The act of retaliation, was giving the hard-nosed opponent a dose of his own medicine. The fact that this author's wrestler

himself employed the very same tactics he despised and detested in his opponent when he delivered the sucker punch did not register at the time. This author didn't add any additional punishment but repeated an often-used cliché; Words, pain and bruises will heal in time and the score remains history forever.