Fight #9 is a late entry, but a strong contender...

Mosab Amrani v. Mohamed Khamal *(It's Showtime at the Sand, December 18)*

It's Showtime had an excellent year in 2010, but it wasn't until the final fight on the final show that they put on a true fight for the ages. Mosab Amrani v. Mohamed Khamal is a testament to the power of quality matchmaking. These are two young fighters, both eager to move up the ranks, and both coming in determined to win. They're also extremely evenly matched, which results in a tremendous back and forth bout. This one reminds me of Chahid v. Zambidis in a lot of ways, as both men throw at a very fast pace, but also use considerably more skill and technique then you see in many of these all action fights. Khamal is in blue, Amrani in red.

If you ask me, Khamal should have picked up the decision win after regulation, but I have no complaints the way things went down. Fun, fun fight here, and it's not terrible hyperbole when the announced says it may be the best fight It's Showtime has ever produced. Great way for the company to close out the year and springboard into what could be a blockbuster 2011.

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