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Proof that you don't need to be on a grand stage to have a great fight, here is an unknown fight from a few weeks ago in Thailand that is absolutely a must see.

What you have here is a match in the 46kg (101 lbs) division at the Channel 7 Stadium in Bangkok from February 6. In the blue is **Muangthai Sor Boonyeeam**, a 17 year old fighter with a record of 40-18. In the red,
Amata Por Tongboran
, age 20, 40-20. Two very young fighters, neither of whom sports an amazing record, but the end result is simply spectacular.

No joke, you should watch this:

What starts off as a relatively normal Muay Thai opening round picks up immediately at the start of round 2 as Amata comes out fast and furious. He spends almost the entirety of this 2nd round landing punch after punch, absolutely rocking Muangthai to the point that many refs would have stepped in and called a down. In the 3rd, Muangthai rallies, connecting with his own shots before landing one of the most beautiful elbow KO's I have ever seen. Both men show a huge variety of technique here, using elbows, knees, kicks, and punches to show off the full range of what makes Muay Thai so special. But it's the changes in momentum and the heart shown by both that really sets this fight apart and makes it something special.

We've got a long way to go before the year is done, but don't be surprised if this one shows up on the Fight of the Year ballots when the time comes.