

FINAL JABS

The final presidential debate between Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton and her Republican rival Donald Trump featured some substantive clashes and plenty of jibes and insults. Some key moments:

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN

HE SAID: I don't know Putin. If we got along well, that would be good. If Russia and the United States got along well and went after ISIS, that would be good. He has no respect for her.

SHE SAID: Well, that's because he'd rather have a puppet as president of the United States.

WHO WON: When Mrs Clinton called her rival Mr Putin's puppet while condemning the interference of Russia in the US elections, Mr Trump lost his cool and could not make an effective rebuttal.

THE ECONOMY AND TRADE

HE SAID: I've visited so many communities... and they cry when they see what's happened. I pass factories that were thriving 20, 25 years ago, and because of the Bill that her husband signed and she blessed 100 per cent, it is just horrible what's happened to these people in these communities... Now she wants to sign the Trans-Pacific Partnership. And she wants it. She lied when she said she didn't call it the gold standard in one of the debates.

SHE SAID: When I saw the final agreement for the TPP, I said I was against it. It didn't meet my test. I've had the same test. Does it create jobs, raise incomes, and further our national security? I'm against it now. I'll be against it after the election. I'll be against it when I'm president.

WHO WON: When the moderator pointed out that Mr Trump's job growth plan was unrealistic, Mr Trump switched to talking about American jobs being shipped overseas, blaming unfair trade deals. Mrs Clinton tried to defend her stance on trade but Mr Trump did a better job in connecting with voters.

FITNESS TO BE PRESIDENT

HE SAID: I say the one thing you have over me is experience, but it's bad experience, because what you've done has turned out badly. For 30 years, you've been in a position to help. The problem is, you talk, but you don't get anything done.

SHE SAID: He raised the 30 years of experience, so let me just talk briefly about that. You know, back in the 1970s, I worked for the Children's Defence Fund. And I was taking on discrimination against African-American kids in schools. He was getting sued by the Justice Department for racial discrimination in his apartment buildings... And on the day when I was in the Situation Room, monitoring the raid that brought Osama bin Laden to justice, he was hosting the Celebrity Apprentice.

WHO WON: Mr Trump had previously managed to label Mrs Clinton as an ineffective politician. But this time, she struck back by comparing each period in her life with his and highlighting her own achievements. It worked.

