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Germany's Markus Beyer retained his WBC super-middleweight crown with a majority 12 round points win over Australian Danny Green in Germany Saturday.

Italian judge Massimo Barrovecchio scored the fight 114-114, Marty Denkin of the USA scored the bout in favor of Beyer by 115-112 and Anok Hongtongkam of Thailand scored the bout 114-113 for Beyer.

Beyer appeared to have the fight under control entering the last round, but was caught by a Green uppercut early in the 12th round, setting up an exciting end to the fight. After Beyer received a standing eight count, Green swung wildly while looking to produce a title clinching knockout, but Beyer covered up and survived the round.

"I'm obviously disappointed, I didn't do enough to win the fight," Green said. "Congratulations to Markus Beyer, he fought a very, very good fight, he come back very strong. Before the fight I had respect for him, I've got even more respect for him now."

Beyer said Green was a difficult opponent, but not as difficult as their first meeting when Green had Beyer hurt and on the canvas before the Australian was disqualified.

Green started the rematch more cautiously and after a couple of even early rounds, Beyer started to take control with his measured counter punching and accurate body attack. The Australian appeared to be coming back into the fight when he caught Beyer with some uppercuts in the sixth round, but Green was unable to sustain the attack, as Beyer was able to avoid Green's big right hand.

"He was tough, but Danny didn't put everything on one card like he did the first fight," Beyer said.

Green's record dropped to 19 wins (18 KOs) and two losses, while Beyer's record now stands at 32 wins (12 KOs) and two losses.