

Bute Takes Out Game Magee In Round Ten

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Lucian Bute needs to seek out the best and the brightest at 168 pounds before he becomes a lock for pundits' pound for pound top twenty (and above) lists. But if he keeps banging to the body like he did against Brian Magee in the main event in Montreal on Saturday night, Bute will have a solid chance at getting his reputation to that next level.

His vicious body shots had Magee, game but underskilled compared to the IBF super middleweight champion, down once in the sixth, twice in the seventh, and Bute ended the session with a left uppercut to the chin in round ten. The ref stopped the scrap after the last knockdown, at 2:04, as he felt Magee's insides had been rearranged enough and he'd simply taken enough punishment for the night.

Bute, who took a few rounds to get comfortable against the fellow lefty, boasted a 138-324 to 111-387 edge in punches. The winner told Jim Gray that Magee was tougher than he expected. "This guy was very, very tough." He said that he knew a body attack was key after four rounds. Bute said he'd have to be busier, "let my arms go" in the future. A fight with Mikkel Kessler sounds good to him, if Kessler is healthy, and that he likes Froch and Ward in the Super Six finale.

Bute (27-0 entering; age 31; born in Romania; lives in Montreal) was 167 1/2 pounds and the 12-to-1 underdog Magee (34-3 entering; ex European 168 pound champion; age 35; from Ireland) was 167 3/4 pounds at the weigh in Friday.

In the first, both lefties started fast. Bute caught Magee with a right hook midway through. The Irishman looked to clinch a few times, and didn't look fully in the flow strategy-wise in the first frame.

In the second, ref Pete Podgorski told Mac to stop grabbing. He didn't comply. Bute was letting Magee establish the tone of the bout too much for his corner's liking.

In the third, a counter right worked for Magee. A left hand landed flush on Bute with a minute left, and again fifteen seconds later.

In the fourth, Magee got caught lunging, and paid. Bute perhaps would've had some luck

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keeping Magee off him with a more frequent jab, but that's just not his style.

In the fifth, Bute got a bit busier. In the sixth, a left to the body, followed by a helpful cuff with his right hand, had Magee down. He was up quickly. Bute liked the crowd getting jazzed, and bore in. In the seventh, a left to the gut felled Magee with 20 seconds remaining. That was seen as a low blow, but it was a clean, evil shot. Right after, another body punch put him down.

In the eighth, Magee tried to get himself out of the deep end. But Bute's superior skills, by now, just had him far and away ahead of the less skilled Irishman.

In the ninth, Magee held tough, credit must go to him. In round ten, the ref just saw enough, after another shot sent Magee to the floor, this one a left hand from down under to the chin.

Al Bernstein of boxingchannel.com chatted with 43-2 Kessler, who said he started training six weeks ago, and that he'll start sparring in about three weeks. Kessler was on the shelf, and out of the Super Six tourney, since last summer because he was diagnosed with a weak muscle in his left eye. Kessler exited the tourney after beating Carl Froch UD12 in April 2010, after being beaten by Andre Ward (TD11) in November 2009.

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the Roast says:

Easy win for Bute. Magee never had a chance. Bute vs Kessler would be good while the super six plays out. I am sick of these mismatches. A World Champ like Bute should seek a worthy challenger. I was bored after six. Props to the Ref. A Chicago guy all the way. He was working the Golden Gloves last week. Bute has got to pick better opponants. Beating guys like Brinkley and Magee prove nothing. If Kessler is next I'm cool with that.

ultimoshogun says:

Those were some wicked body shots Bute dealt out last night. Kessler/Bute should be a good one.

Radam G says:

I cannot think of how the cartoon Mr. MaGoo looked right now. But I'm trying to figure out why Brian Magee reminds me of that cartoon. But somebody really needs to holla at my man. He ain't da MAN. His dome looks like an ellipse, or a half moon or sumptin! Maybe somebody oughta tell him that his headline -- I mean hairline -- has faded away and that his hair looks like

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it is running backward from his mug. So just cut the rest of the fuzz off the dome. Bald is in now like sin. And the ladies think that it is sexy, sexy! [I hear 'em talkin.'] I grow hair like a stallion, DANGGIT! But if my jive was ellipsing or half mooning, I'll be a shine-headed muthabaldy. And would be gettin' DA LUV! Holla!

amayseng says:

im with the roast on this one. bute needs challenged. mcgee really didnt do that bad in the fact he fought hard and tried to follow his gameplan. however, at his age and physical debilitation he was not able to follow it accordingly. if only he was able to land that straight left hand more as he laned it nicely approx 3 times. however, bute had to play it patiently then break him down with body shots and then came back up top. when bute put it on him he really did damage. pavlik bute will be a good matchup in about 3 fights for kelly as he needs to get the rust off. bute vs kessler would be a decent fight althou kessler is past his prime. id love to see bute knock out the cocky for no reason carl froch. however, johnson will beat froch in the super six...

the Roast says:

Hey Ultimo, did you catch the UFC? I saw a few clips on youtube. Too bad that Jones kid didn't choose boxing. I like the long arms. I agree about the bodyshots. Also agree with Radam about the baldness. Shave that head! Make it a third fist, bust open some eyebrows, like you know who. I disagree with amayseng on Froch-Johnson. I think Froch is faster and will move and box Johnson for twelve rounds. It will be a good fight. Johnson is a tough dude and he will make Froch earn it. I give Kessler a decent shot to upset Bute. Bute has to get those hands up. Maybe Bute can take on Sergio Martinez in a hands at the waist duel.

brownsugar says:

Bute "The Body Snatcher" Lucien,.. Bute is getting pretty consistant with the bodyshots and uppercuts.. it's going to take someone from the SuperSix to give him a challenge.

the Roast says:

Fighting nobodys won't help Bute. Andre Ward will toy with Bute. Ward is way too fast for Bute. Ward is not a killer but he will win by lopsided UD if they ever fight. I think Ward will UD Froch in the super six final and then beat Bute. Showtime has pulled way in front of HBO. I never thought I'd see the day when that happened.