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It was supposed to be the stiffest test of Adrien Broner's career at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City on Saturday night, and on HBO, and the "The Problem" didn't have one in passing the

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hurdle. The end for Antonio Demarco, game but defensively deficient, came at 1:49 of the eighth, by TKO, as his corner waved a white towel to signify their concession.

Broner, who really got cooking after a few rounds of scoping out the Mexican, went 241-451 overall, power, 216-373 to 93-351 overall, 80-253 power for the loser.

After, Broner said that yes, he does love to fight, but all in all, he wants to be a playboy. He said he knew Demarco was in over his head. He said that he wanted to send the message that if you fight Broner, you won't get that doodoo off your shoe. And next? Bigger game? He said it's up to Hayon and Golden Boy. He plugged his Instagram and Twitter as well. There was nothing as memorable as hairbrushing or a mock proposal, but his ring work didn't do the job better than any pub stunt. "I was going to do exactly what I did, shake him up, shake him, bake him, cook him and eat him, no homo," he said of his plan entering this scrap, with I'm pretty certain that last reference flying right over our man Larry's head.

Broner (24-0 with 20 Kos entering; from Cincinnati; age 23) weighed 134 1/2, while Demarco (28-2-1 with 21 KOs; from Mexico; age 26) was 134 1/2 pounds. Broner was five pounds heavier than Demarco, on the unofficial scale, on Saturday.

Broner in his last bout drew some scorn for not making weight, and not trying to make weight versus Vicente Escovedo. Larry Merchant mentioned before the bout that his late colleague Manny Steward met Broner a little while back, and told him he might do well to be more aggressive than Floyd Mayweather and a bit less aggressive verbally than "Money." He has emerged as a "love him or hate him" sort, similar to Mayweather, to a lesser degree of course, but it seems like he borrowed an old Floyd playbook.

The WBC lightweight titlist Demarco fought on Sept. 8, and barely broke a sweat, blasting out John Molina in the first. His sole loss came to the late bomber Edwin Valero in Feb. 2010, and he has matured much since then. He grew up tough, on the streets of Tijuana, a homeless kid in rags who had to forage to eat.

In the first, the ex junior lightweight champ came out gunning. His handspeed stood out, but only after the lefty Demarco sent notice that his hands were there to do damage. Broner had luck with left hooks, scuffing up the right eye a tiny bit. Rom Quirarte his trainer, told Demarco to

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be a bit busier. "Keep stalking, stay behind your jab," said Broner trainer Mike Stafford.

In the second, Broner stayed focused. It was not a busy pace, but Broner's quick hands impressed the crowd. Stafford noted that Demarco doesn't move his head.

In the third, Demarco went to the body. He was backing up Broner, or Broner was letting him back him up. The Mexican got busier.

In the fourth, we saw a cut on Demarco's right eye. Broner worked inside. His uppercuts scored time and again.

In the fifth, he hurt Demarco. "Underneath," his corner yelled. He complied...and threw in some of everything to boot. A slice looked a little nasty under Demarco's left eye. In the sixth, Broner didn't work as hard. Then he hurt him with a body shot.

In round seven, the ref warned Broner not to go low. Two rounds before, he warned him for holding behind the head. The corner told Demarco Broner had slowed down. Er, not so much...In the eighth, Broner did solid work again and a left hook put Demarco down and his corner threw in the towel.

In the TV opener on HBO, Seth Mitchell, the latest hope for a boxing public which craves an American player at heavyweight, took on Johnathon Banks, a protege and pal of the Kronk sage, Emanuel Steward. Banks was busy last week, breaking training to sub in for Manny, cornering Wladimir Klitschko for his bout against Mariusz Wach. We wondered if his head was screwed on straight?

Mitchell, a footballer at Michigan State who took up boxing at age 25, after he finally decided his knees couldn't handle football, is one to look up to. His mom raised him, as dad was nowhere to be found. A win would put him a step closer to a crack at a Klitschko, or at least a Povetkin.

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Mitchell was seen as raw, but with power to burn. Raw won out, as Banks hurt him in round two. He sent him down twice, and then on the third occasion, the ref halted it. Banks landed 25 of 42 power shots in the fateful seconds, and his tutor, who always wanted his guys to be the aggressor, go for the stoppage, was somewhere, smiling.

After, Banks said after that he dedicated the win to Manny, because Manny loved knockouts. The winner said he knew he had a strong foe in front of him. He said the loser made a mistake not grabbing his arms when he was hurt. Larry Merchant said that he'd seen Banks before and he didn't act like a tiger. The winner said maybe turning 30 kicked it into a gear for him. Will he fight a Klitschko now? He said he's just thankful for meeting Manny. Banks, who has been fighting since age 15, said he wasn't scared of the bigger man. He said he knows how to fight Wladimir Klitschko, and in fact, made half a living figuring out Klitschko, so yes, we might see that fight in the future.

Mitchell after the fight said he reached on Banks, and was caught by a counter. He admitted he grabbed at the waist, not the arms. Are his dreams crushed? "Not at all," he said. "It set me back a little bit...Don't be sorry for me, be sorry for my next opponent."

The Michigananer Banks, at 28-1-1, was 218 pounds. Mitchell, 25-0-1, from Brandywine, Maryland, was 242. Both men are 30 years old.

In the first, a right cross tagged Banks. A right had Banks holding at 1:30. Trainer Andre Hunter told Mitch not to fall in after throwing. Javan Hill told Banks to "let his damn hands go."

In the second, he did; Mitchell went down, with 1:52 left. He held on, and Banks flurried. He went down again, with 46 seconds to go. Down Mitchell went again, and ref Eddie Cotton waved it off. "An amazing upset, Steward magic," said Jim Lampley.

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ali says:

I am officially convince that Broner is the the truth. I still haven't seen him hurt but I expect him to handle it like a G.

DaveB says:

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Radam G says:

Broner, with the arms crossed-arms defense and that leaning to the right on his back foot, fights more like the prime Ken Norton than like Money May. And Broner has truth, real power and speed, not phony trying-to-be jive remindful of Gary Russell. Holla!

MisterLee says:

Russell is the truth and he gonna show Broner someday!

the Roast says:

I've got your crow sandwich for you Caveman Lee! Demarco got destroyedo! I thought it would go the distance,117-113 but damn Broner is a tough problem to solve for any fighter. The first commandment of boxing is speed kills. 23 year old Broner has speed to burn. He will be hard to

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Hats off to J Banks for knocking out big Seth Mitchell on the undercard. Way to come through for Manny.

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What about my \$5 dollar footlong subway sandwich for being the only poster to predict the exact round that Broner would defeat Demarco in, checkout the "Demarco Is Capable Of Beating Broner" thread. Like I previously said, Broner was too fast and too skilled for the one dimensional Demarco!

deepwater says:

That was a flawless beat down by broner , good job. Did demarco try anything from the outside? I didn't see because I was watching broner . Props to banks. He went for it and spoiled plans and shut people up and had the ko of the night. He is stewards most exciting heavyweight. Banks was with steward for half his life and was raised a man by manny . It's good that he made manny happy by giving what he likes a brutal knockout.

deepwater says:

Demarco nailed him a couple times in the beginning and he took it so I would say he has a good chin. Bodywork might be the best weapon to use against him.

Schteeeve says:

Broner needs a good beatdown.

ali says:

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Awesome performance. Broner entered the ring so calm and relaxed I almost thought he was experiencing stage fright and was going to go passive on us. Until the 1st bell rung and he showed he was ready for the task ahead.

Demarco offered barely more resistance than a punch bag.

Broner's combos are the same he uses on FightHype training vids.

Why didn't Demarco do something different? Was he so overcome that he succumbed to a fatalistic mentality (like Dawson vs Ward)?

Again,... this was an Amazing performance (good call SRD)... HBO please don't let Broner go straight to PPV,.. not just yet. But after a few more performances like this, ... I'm sure he'll be on his way.

Broner is the closest Mayweather clone out there... and perhaps that comment takes a little away from Broner as far as being a uniquely talented boxer.

In contrast to Broner,.....Mayweather used his whole body as a weapon and could fight out of a variety of stances. Broner looks like Floyd from the waist up. but Mayweather used his legs with just as much precision and accuracy as his fists... dipping, floating... darting in and out or just bicycling when necessary. (which takes a lot more stamina)

I'm not saying that Broner has to emulate Mayweather to a "T",.. he's got his own offensive style and it's good enough for me.

If Broner can continue to look good, I'd like to see what he's capable of at 140 when he decides to move up. (he outweighed Demarco by 5 pounds so you know it's coming).

Broner vs Garcia, Mattysse, Marquez or Rios would be PPV worthy.

amayseng says:

bronner has the physical goods that is for sure...

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demarco may be a tough sob but is limited skill wise...

broner did what he should have and i expected him to do..

if he could get the jive, and self celebration out of him he could be the american peoples champion down the road...

i am excited to see him mature mentally and take on some 140 lb fighters who are an actual threat...

very happy to see banks and wlad K dominate in the wake of losing Manny,

it sure was empty listening to the hbo commentary without him last night...

Radam G says:

Don't go overboard, SRD. Broner is a process in work. And he doesn't have the speed or savvy of a young Money May. And unlike Money May, the kid takes too many chances with his mean skills and hotdogness. I still say that he is a dexterous bully. And that ain't a bad thang 'cause it works fo' him -- thus far. And now that I got a clear sweet science look at him -- no coconut wine or inattention because of dame fever -- the kid fights like Money May. NYET! Broner's style is more cross armed like Ken Norton and the late, great Archie Moore.

The kid isn't bootlegging a form of the Philly Shell/Crab style, as the Pops Joy May-taught one to Money May. SCLA Ali start band wagon jumping. Broner is more of a fighter than Money May. Money May is a safety-first arse kicker. Broner is a speed-demon, bullying whup@\$\$. Holla!

Radam G says:

I'm not gonna git in a G war wif none of Russell's homesuckas. Let Russell step up and dance with a live body, then we will see the joker behind the drape. Only da know nothings, he can rape. I'm reminded of the O-Game of 2008, Russell was not so great. OMFG! He was outta sight! He didn't even fight. The thought of fighting reality and making weight to get there, made him passout like a bytch. It was not a "LUV T-K-O, but an O-Game's ditch!

When his humbuggery is revealed, I wonder if he is going to fly off in an air balloon. He won't be in the dream of cons and scams anymore, but in dat squared jungle where the truth will ease out. The place of little doubt. Holla!

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Radam stop saying he fights like Ken Norton no he fuc\$king don't. Give Broner his props the boi put tips on the top guy @135 he's the truth period.

Bernie Campbell says:

Save Broner for another time! On the undercard! Seth Mitchell The Great Black Hope! Why did people believe his sh.... to begin with! The dude has no amatuer pedigree, was a football jock all his formative years, had to rely on people watching his back! Thats a way of life! Nothing like Boxing, just you and me and the ring! Butt holes like Atlas and Kellerman saying the US Champ is in the NBA or NFL! Champ of Monopoly maybe! Dude spends 2 rounds with a Cruiserweight and gets knocked from here to Maryland! Dont Assume, Dont Listen, and Dont Stereotype!

Radam G says:

That was props, SCLA Ali. Apparently you don't have a good opinion of "The Jawbreaker" aka "Mandingo Warrior/Black Super Man" Kenny Norton. Double fudge you, dude! Uncle Kenny could FIGHT.

Go holla at him on Youtube. Broner-DeMarco Bout closely resembles Kenny Norton-Jerry Quarry Bout. Broner does not fight like Money May. Broner is a fighter-boxer-banger and has the Kenny Norton's leaning on the back foot and a crossed-arms style. Money May is strickly a boksing fool. And will take your arse to safety-first school. Holla!

maromero says:

Broner vs Mathysse would be similar to Leonard Vs Duran

teaser says:

Broner looked really good against as the writer says " a defensively deficient opponent" who also didn't put in enough volume punch wise to fight the style of fight he decided to fight ...Broner had all the time in the world to hit him ..actually pretty hard to miss him....especially with that wicked hand speed advantage...looked very comfortable ...hope we get to see him pushed a little harder next timelots of strong guys at 135 and 140 to physically match up withwould love to see another Duran Leonard like match up to but Matthyse is no Duran and Broner though fast isn't the combination puncher that made Leonard so dangerous and exciting to see...now that's not saying it wouldn't be a good fight

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You going too far now..I do think Broner is the truth but not as good as Mayweather was at 23.

maromero says:

[QUOTE=Radam G;22388]Broner would cut Matthyse into swiss cheese and serve him as a sandwich to the canvas. Enough keyboard BANG, BANG, banging fo' now. Holla![/QUOTE]

Listen up junior, Mathysse is the red bull and Broner is just beginning to be a Matador. Ill see Broner getting his hair brushed while he out in oblivion rapping with 2pac n Biggie until he turns into the flash and jumps up off the canvas with no hands

Radam G says:

Okay! Good that bout won't ever happen, any time soon, if ever. Broner will have an easy, short night. Holla!

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You are obviously on drugs and should be banned from posting on this website until you checkout of rehab!

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