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There were too many headlocks, too many clinches, and ref Russell Mora had to work way too hard for his check. No, this was no classic in the main event at the Joint at the Hard Rock in Las Vegas on Saturday night. But Richar Abril had his hand raised after 12 rounds of mauling and brawling against Sharif Bogere on Showtime, proving himself to be the better man in this ugly style of pugilism.

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The judges scored it 115-111, 116-110, 116-110.

Golden Boy promoted.

The WBA lightweight champion Abril (age 30; 134 1/2; from Cuba, living in Miami) entered at 17-2-1, while Bogere (age 24; from Uganda; 134 pounds; WBA No. 2) was 23-0 coming in.

In the first, Abril landed a three punch combo. Abril went down from a shove. We wondered if Abril could maintain the distance he wanted or Bogere's quicker feet could get him inside.

In the second, the shorter Bogere looked to rattle and manhandle Abril. Ref Russell Mora told both men to keep it clean with 30 seconds to go.

In the third, Abril picked his shots and spots. Bogie threw more, got busier, got in his face in the fourth. Mora told Abril not to do headlocks at the end of the round.

A clash of heads in round six occurred when Bogere pulled Abril's face toward his head. Abril now had two cuts to deal with. A right, a looping long one, landed on the Cuban. The cut on the right eye was smeared with blood.

The thing got uglier, and Mora warned both men in the seventh for ruffian tactics.

Mora took a point from Abril for holding early in the eighth. The Cuban was landing sharp, clean rights by now.

Abril's right hand kept on doing damage in the tenth. Bogie got tired in round eight or so, and his defense suffered. In round 11, we saw Bogere actually leap in, try and close the gap. In the 12th, Bogere had a point taken for butting. We went to the cards.

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ali says:

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amayseng says:

that was an awful fight to watch.

has bogere ever fought before? that guy had no control of himself, flailing and flying in all over the place out of control after throwing a few shots..

i hope to never see him again.

fightscorecollector says:

Looking through all the cards i collected in twitter, was i too harsh in scoring for Abril 117-109

Most scores were 115-111 or 116-111

i will post up all the scores in the next few hours

cheers

brownsugar says:

[QUOTE=ali;26458]Looked like John Ruiz vs John Ruiz[/QUOTE]

Abril benefits from over 200 fights in Cuban amateur system. The muscle memory in his footwork, upper body movement and eyes (trained to see everything coming) makes him one of the hardest men in boxing to hit cleanly. and a nightmare for anybody to beat convincingly.

Even though he's hard to watch,.. he's got more pure skill and technique than Broner will ever have.

I doubt that Broner will go anywhere near him... I know for a fact Rios that will never grant him a rematch.

He fights about as aggressive as man walking his dog on a sunny afternoon, choosing to pick the moment of attack sparingly.

If he fought more like Hitman Hearn and used his long jab like a spear, there's no way "the

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Lion" could have pounced on him as frequently as he did before his constant lunging finally took a toll on his stamina.

Could you imagine what a fight between Abril and Vasquez would look like???A fight between 2 of the most skilled boxers at lightweight, while simultaneously being 2 of the hardest fighters to enjoy watching in the ring.

It's a shame we'll never see Broner, Gamboa, De Marco, or any other big name lightweight go anywhere near these 2 guys.... so they might as well fight each other.

ali says:

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I agree bogere is the wildest fighter ive ever seen

ali says:

B-sug Abril has more skill then Broner I just don't see it. I do think your right about Broner never facing Abril it's to big of a risk and to little of s reward.

amayseng says:

broner is a superior athlete though with some outstanding power, from what we have seen at the level of opponents he has been facing..

abril for sure would make it difficult for broner, having such reach advantages and good boxing skills

that is a good matchup for sure

Radam G says:

Abril is a chump, as I said when he lost to Bam Bam. The shorty African revealed it. Abril couldn't carry the spitin bucket for Bam Bam. Abril is a big-time poser, not closer. Holla!

brownsugar says:

Amayseng, Ali..... I like Broner too,... He Says he's the Can-Man,anybody can get it,... however this is not true in practice..... he hasn't responded to Co-lightweight Champion Vasquez's challenge, And I doubt he responds to Abrils challenge.

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No doubt about it. Abril is not too entertaining to watch. But he exhibits the type of skills few boxers can grasp. If Broner fought either Abril or Vasquez,.. he'd have to use his legs way more than he's had to in the past... all this while facing a guy with cat-like reflexes... how would broner responed being the shorter, slower boxer?? (slower as in defensive reflex,.. not hand speed)

SouthPaul says:

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Lmfao. Now theres a true living nightmare...

Radam G says:

Broner responds with feints to can the two fighters who B-Sug mentioned. Abril and Vasqueuz look better than they are because they have had fighters following them and falling in. Feinting makes the Abril and Vasquez shaky and jittery like a slinky toy. Those muthasucka ain't no Roy! That's Superman Roy Jones Jr is ya' nasty. Broner can stop both of 'em in the night! Holla!

amayseng says:

radam i had abril beating bam bam

the thing abril does well is make you fight his fight, following him around the ring, chasing and being off balance to get to him.

i just think broner is too talented for him, although broner would have to really chase him down to get him out of there, its hard to throw combinations while your chasing someone down

Radam G says:

Broner would NEVER and I mean NEVER chase Abril. There is no reason to. For WHAT? Cut bambi off at the bridge and shoot him down. Abril is a clown. Holla!

ali says:

Abril did lose to Hank Lundy weak a\$\$ lol