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Zab Judah showed himself and the fightworld that he still has it, or at least, still has enough to beat the Vernon Paris' of the world at the Aviator Complex in Brooklyn on Saturday night. Judah, fighting for the first time as a pro in Brooklyn, looked sharp, and strong against a fighter who probably hadn't seen anything like Judah's combo of speed and power in the main event which ran on NBC Sorts Network. "Brooklyn, Brooklyn, Brooklyn," the fans shouted after Zab dropped a sharp lead left, and then flurried with a combo platter, forcing the ref to halt the event. The time of the ending was 2:27 of the ninth.

The ex 140 and 147 pound champ Judah (age 34; 41-7 entering; from Brooklyn) was 138, while Paris (age 24; 26-0 entering; from Detroit) was 138 as well. The fight served as an IBF 140 pound title shot eliminator.

In the first, Judah came out sharp and fast. He buzzed Paris, and the crowd went loco. The straight left did it, and Judah got over-excited. He answered with a snazzy left hook late in the round.

In the second, a straight lead again hurt Paris. His eyes said that he hasn't felt power and speed like Judah's.

In the third, Paris went low with a right, and also turned his back a few times on Judah? Was he misbehaving because he was frustrated? His left hook was working a bit, however. In the fourth, Paris had good luck with both hands, especially the lead right. Zab came on in the last third, but Paris was now in the bout a bit more. In round five, it was tight, as Paris was ripping some shots. Judah's right uppercut midway through had the crowd jazzed.

In the sixth, Paris took the round off, or he was tired. Judah's right to the body was subtle and sharp. Paris didn't do enough to impress the judges in the next round either. In round eight, Paris started peppy, but Judah took the next two thirds. In the ninth,Judah hurt him and finished him

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**ali says:**

Zab can still beat B-level fighters which I thought he couldn't....now the question is will can he beat A-level fights...I say no even though he looked great tonight.

**amayseng says:**

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**the Roast says:**

Excellent win for Zab. Completely outclassed Paris from start to finish.

**Radam G says:**

Wow! Hum! Huh! Enough said! Holla!

**mortcola says:**

Looked damn good. Judah is all about the mind. If he's on, which is 50% of the time, he's championship material. If he's off, or if he gets intimidated (Khan), he folds. He was definitely on last night.

**DaveB says:**

Yeah, yeah, yeah. This guy is like Lazarus, he keeps rising from the dead.....until he steps up and gets a beat down. I've heard it so many times before with this guy. He beats someone on the B level and then it is the new improved Judah, the focused Judah blah, blah, blah and then, and then, and then he steps up and loses and says he was fouled when he gets knocked out. Let him beat someone of true significance and then I'll listen.

**michaelabii says:**

I watched the NBC fight telecast last night. If this is a template for whats to come then I am all for it. Great action packed competitive fights. I honestly thought they trumped the HBO telecast even though I would never miss a Morales fight. Judah looked great but Bryant Jennings appears to be the real deal. Solid skills, athletic, good technique and a real will to fight. I noticed every time he got tagged he came back hard and fast. Now back to Judah; Zab is always in shape so even when he looks bad he is never totally outclassed. Also, these days he does not rely solely on his straight left and left uppercut and last night he used his natural skills to outclass Paris. Paris does have talent but was not in shape for a fight of this magnitude which is a knock on his commitment to the fight game especially after talking trash for days prior to fighttime. The question is what will Zab do when he gets in to real "dog" fight when the other guy does not go away. I am happy for Judah though - he seems to have found some inner peace and still apears to still be committed to do what it takes to stay at the top level in the fight game.

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Zab seems to walk around at about 142/145 and apparently stays in shape in between fights. Petersen beats Kan convincingly this time around.

**brownsugar says:**

Paris was a deadman walking after round 2, his movement and poise went entirely out the window as he squared up and reverted to his usual plodding,.... bomb throwing ways... discipline gone, strategy tossed aside, just the burning desire to connect in a meaning ful way was all that remained..... by the 5th that was gone too. Only the relentless punishment he absorbed from Judah somehow seemed to fuel his desire to "get even"... that's not boxing maybe he'll see the light after he watches the replay. For a fighter who boasts training with the Mayweathers,.. Vernon didn't look very defensive minded. Good win for Judah but how high up the ladder can he climb.... with Campbell and Morales still hanging around the sport, Maybe Judah can notch a couple of vets on his resume. But from what I understand he's supposed to get the winner of Peterson vs Khan. Khan doesn't need to beat him again,.. but Judah vs Lamont sounds like a good fight.

**deepwater says:**

that was easy money. lol. I hit the nail right on the head with that prediction.