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A serious Julio Cesar Chavez Jr might not be of the quality of his old man, but a serious Junior is no slouch in a prizefight ring, as he wasn't in the super middleweight main event which unfolded on HBO, from the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas Saturday night.

Junior showed up in shape and of a completely different caliber than the last time he fought Bryan Vera. Last year, Junior was given a gift decision, but on this night, he well earned a UD12, via scores of 114-113, 117-110, 117-110.

Even a boneheaded crew of Texas judges couldn't mess this one up...

Chavez (age 28) was 167 1/2, while Vera (age 32; 23-8) was 167 1/2 on Friday.

Before the fight, Junior said he regrets some past behaviors, but wants to be mature. He said he saw bad stuff growing up, with his dad using substances. He said he'd be cool with his dad training him, but said that his dad tries to live through him too much. He also said he'd be down with fighting Gennady Golovkin. "I'm ready to fight whoever," he said.

These two met last year, with most thinking Vera won. He said prefight that the decision for Chavez hurt him badly. "I was at a loss for words," he said. He stated he expects Junior to look better than he did the first time.

In the first, Vera came out jab heavy. Junior launched looping rights. Vera looked to press, as

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Junior backed up. He mostly moved to his left, as righties do by default. Post-round, Junior's corner told him to keep doing the same, and not to wait for Vera to throw. Ronnie Shields said he liked Vera's work in round one.

In the second, they banged heads. Vera started backing up more in this round. At 1:20 they banged heads again. Junior got a little break. Junior landed lefts to the body and right up top. In the third, the Vera jab stood as his best weapon. A hard right stung Vera. Another right cross stung Vera, but Vera came back with his own. The crowd was in the fight. Junior wasn't just loading up, he didn't neglect the jab, either.

In the fourth, Vera was busy, but his power lagged Juniors.' Shields asked for the jab from Vera after. In the fifth, Junior mugged, and pretended Vera hurt him. Vera's lack of power was again so apparent. He was now backing up, looking like he was being preyed upon more so. "I need you in the middle of the ring," said Shields to Vera post-round.

In the sixth, a sharp right buzzed Vera, a tiny bit, as he has a hard coconut. Vera started looking more sloppy. In round seven, a left hook buzzed Vera a tiny bit and it was hard to fathom how he could change the momentum. In the eighth, he begged Vera to bring it on. The ref took a point from Vera for an infraction, which he didn't specify at 50 seconds left. It was a bad call. Junior scored heavily when he had Vera on the ropes. "Now you're fighting his fight, not your fight," Shields told Vera. Junior, though, had lost some spark.

In the ninth, Vera kept on humming, bless his stubborn soul. He'd eat a hard right, and grin, like he'd been fed a piece of porkchop. In the 10th, Vera kept on eating hard shots but wasn't put off. They traded to end the round to the delight of the fans. In the 11th, Junior landed hard, looking to pull off a stoppage. In the 12th, Vera ate, and grinned. His glove touched the mat, but no knockdown was called. Junior clowned some late, and the fans didn't dig it. We went to the cards.

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Radam G says:

"Plex Gym" is perpretrating a fraud. All that jive that Vera was suppose to do to SOAL JCCJ because of preparing at PG didn't amount to an ant's @\$\$.

Junk science training will never match old skool's blood, sweat and tears. I guarantee you that. Talking dumb syet about trainer Ann "The Mermaid" Wolfe's old skool ways of training James "Cowboy Mandingo Warrior" Kirkland is insane. He ain't gonna "Wear down quick [\$iç]." And he would kayo both of those twins, Lara and Vera in the same night. Holla!

ultimoshogun says:

The remark Roy made about Vera's head spinning like the exorcist made me laugh. How he ate those and never went down is beyond me. Hopefully this is the version of Chavez we'll get from now on.

the Roast says:

Good to see Jr take this fight seriously and do what he should have done the first time. I look forward to seeing Jr fight and get pummeled by better fighters in the near future. That giant head of his will make a great target.

brownsugar says:

Man... There must be a bit of real animosity between Jr and Chavez Senior.

Who goes on TV and volunteers information about their father constantly exposing them to illegal drugs ?? I guess it happens but.....Too much information Dude!
Where's the family unity??

Obviously Senior cares... They have to give him his own area to pace around in whenever junior fights.

But last night, a clearly more dedicated Chavez Jr won the night legit this time. The fight was more about what junior did as opposed to what Vera didn't do.

I liked how Chavez showed that he had a little "game" in there by surprising Vera with lefts to the head and body and occasional right hands tossed in to spice things up.

This fight took the bad taste away from the foul filled stinker between Loma and Salido. that preceeded it..

The flabby brat who stunk up many Mexican PPV shows as the main event on Arums south of the border \$29.99 economy PPV shows looked as poised and professional as he did since

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destroying Andy Lee a couple of years ago.

Sad part about it is that he'll never be an elite fighter... Only an elite attraction.

Unfortunately he's like that finely wrapped rib- eye steak in meat section of your local grocery store.

A cash cow held in reserve for the likes of Martinez, Ward, or GGG to feast upon at some future unspecified appointment as long as its sold before the expiration date.

But if I know anything about Chavez Jr ... When that time comes junior will go down swinging cause this dude clearly don't give a f@#k.

Viva Chavez Jr!

amayseng says:

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Vera is a tough guy, but he lacks coordination and skill. He pushes his punches, doesnt turn them over properly and just isnt a talented guy. What he lacks he makes up with toughness and heart. I hope to see him again, he can stay relevant as a contender and a good undercard fighter his entire career.

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According to your boy, Dan Rafael, Arum is leaning towards a summer showdown with Triple G at 168.

SouthPawFlo says:

Easy Fight to Score, you could see from round 1 This wasn't the same Chavez from September...how Did Vera stay on his feet after taking some of those shots....

Chavez makes a serious Commitment to the Body and his sheer size, chin and body attack will give him a chance versus anybody at 168, I think Ward Picks him apart easily though, but him and Golovkin would be a good scrap....

We know Chavez chin can hold up against big shots, but can GGG hold up????

spit bucket says:

Nice to see that Jr. is willing to fight GGG. Don't think he'll land enough power shots to win though. GGG bounces bombs off him all night. And he WILL go to the body...

SouthPawFlo says:

I think GGG is offensively gifted, and he throws and lands bombs, but I'm still not sold on him...

He's not faced any "elite" competition (because they won't fight him) and I wanna see how he responds when he hits someone with his best and they walk right thru it and fire back, GGG hasn't been in a tough 12rd fight in a while and I wanna see how he responds to adversity in the ring, how he acts when he gets cut, or if it's Rd 10 and he's down on points, etc...

I'm definitely not saying Chavez is the guy to beat him, but he will surely be a challenge for him

brownsugar says:

If and when GGG does face Chavez.. GGG still wont be facing an elite fighter. If Vera can keep it competitive... I Shudder to think of the carnage that GGG will wreak upon him.

ultimoshogun says:

I believe Chavez presents a solid challenge for Gennady as well. He's the naturally bigger guy and appears to have a chin made of vibranium that so far has absorbed every big shot thrown at him...However, I think Jr's best shot at upsetting Golovkin will be to stay in his chest and force him to fight in the trenches. With Golovkin's deadly accuracy, if Jr allows him to dictate the distance I think Golovkin busts him up.

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Ultimo Chavez is no joke..

Chavez can cut a fighter in half with the left to the body and he knows how to use leverage... In fact leverage is his friend.

I never thought I'd see the word Vibranium used in the context of boxing... Lol.. Stan Lee is somewhere giving somebody a high five.

Its a fight I will not miss if it happens... It launches one particular middleweights career into the stratosphere. The loser gets a heroes farewell from the big leagues.

ultimoshogun says:

Haha, I figured either you or the Roast would pick up on the "vibranium" reference.

Carmine Cas says:

Chavez looked good, hopefully he can be consistent and come to fight not just show up.

Vera did himself a HUGE disfavor by not attacking the body, ldk if he was afraid of being countered or what? But he was the shorter guy he had many opportunities to get inside and bang the drum. And Ronnie Shields did not instruct him to as well, what were they thinking?

It's great to see Chavez willing to fight GG, I'd love to see him put his money where his mouth is and do it. Perhaps he thinks he can over power him with his sheer size? If Golovkin is as good as everyone says it could be a long or maybe even a short night for Chavez.

Jr. does have quite the beard but Martinez hurt him in the earlier rounds of their fight but the round ended, and then Maravilla broke his left. Imagine what Golovkin or Ward will do to him when they place their shots accurately.

Let's make those fights happen.

ericfarrell85 says:

Chavez appears to be a relatively soft puncher given his size. He landed countless bombs in the Vera fight and Vera walked through most of it. Unless Vera has a jaw wired with titanium I don't see Chavez bothering GGG too much from the power POV. Chavez has impressive

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stamina though for a man his size. That really stood out in both Vera fights.