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Thomas Dulorme has an above average jab, and he could use it excessively and win rounds more easily than he did against Karim Mayfield in the first TV fight on HBO's Boxing After Dark presentation, from the small room at Boardwalk Hall in AC. But Dulorme, who has backers who really hope his stature grows in the boxing crazed native land of Puerto Rico, landed enough of those jabs, and enough sharp lefts to get the nod. The judges saw 98-92, 97-94, 96-93, for Dulorme, who showed enough skills and promise that his contender card won't be revoked.

Mayfield's? Well, he didn't drape himself in glory with his showing. His trainer asked for more after nearly every round, and generally, he didn't show himself to be able to solve a style difference.

Main Events, headed by Kathy Duva, promoted the fight and the card.

The fighters got feisty at the weigh-in, when Mayfield (33; 18-0-1; from San Fran) put his mouth near the 24-year-old Dulorme's chest, and shoving ensued. Mayfield is trained by Virgil Hunter and sparred with Amir Khan ahead of this scrap. His manager was snagged a few days ago and charged with conspiracy to commit murder, so we'd have to see if that weighed on his mind.

Dulorme (from Puerto Rico) is working with Robert Garcia, the trainer for Marcos Maidana and Brandon Rios and Mikey Garcia. he was TKO'd by Luis Carlos Abregu, and came in with a small cloud hanging over his head still.

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In the first round of the junior welter tangle, Dulorme landed a hard left hook. He landed another off a jab, and that one stung too. In the second, Mayfield again waited too much. He looked like he didn't know how to get inside the man with the longer reach.

In the third, Mayfield got busier. His right hand was finding a home, and Dulorme held, hard, a couple times.

In the fourth, Dulorme's jab helped him dictate the tone. Mayfield was making it an uglier fight. Hunter chided him after the round, told him to stop smothering himself. In the fifth, D landed another left hook, and another. He landed it as a lead and Mayfield showed a good chin, with those eight ounce gloves.

In round six, Mayfield got still closer, though he'd square up, and indeed, smother himself, too often. "Take it to another level," Hunter said post-round.

In the seventh, the Mayfield right was working. Dulorme didn't look comfy working inside, where Mayfield liked to do his thing. Blood trickled from a slice on Dulorme's scalp midway through the round. Ref Steve Smoger said it was from a butt.

In the eighth, Dulorme's above average jab was working. So did a low blow...and then another. Mayfield got a little break. A point wasn't taken, for the record. Hunter told Mayfield he needed to win the last two.

In the ninth, Dulorme was able to dictate distance and won the round. Garcia told him not to jump in with punches, and basically told him he was winning, and not to be stupid. Hunter said he was OK with Mayfield getting dropped if he was in heated pursuit of the win.

In the tenth, Mayfield landed a hard shot at the end, and Dulorme held to finish. We went to the cards.

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Skibbz says:

Dulorme gonna be called Danjah from now on. He not one to take lightly or sleep on.. Looked to me Mayfield was tired by 8 when the Danjah man was still looking fast and moving around no problem.. And didn't he tie him up well. Mayfield needed a good slap upside his head from his corner to wake up him, now he got slapped with a loss.

The Shadow says:

Man, Hunter's fighters are losing left and right.

Is it just me or is that coach of the year thing like a curse?!

Roach hit a rough patch, losing 47 fights in a row, Hunter's star pupil gets hurt and all his prized horses lose badly, look good in losing efforts, or win and look bad doing it (I don't know which is worse, tbh).

Then we had Garcia's best fighter losing badly, Rios going winless, blowing weight, getting pop for drugs, his little brother gets stripped of his belt on the scales...If not for Maidana, his year looked pretty bad.

Anyway, Hunter's guys need to start winning soon. You can be a surrogate dad and give sound life advice camouflaged in odd and sometimes insightful analogies all you want but your fighters need to win, too.

Radam G says:

The trainer cannot fight for the fighters. Hunter needs a hypnotist to put the whammy on his fighters to superman win. Something like Dr Michael Dean did the late, very good Ken Norton in the first bout with GOAT Ali.

Da doc put da whammy on the jaw breaker and made him believe that he -- KN -- was half "black superman, half Mandingo warrior."

KN also shake up the GOAT's wife. She passed out seeing her hubby with big swollen jaws that were a bit too tubby. Holla!

Skibbz says:

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Ha! Hunter looks like he's the type to practise telepathy... "I'm going to channel my energies to you now son."

Garcia did a good job though and so did his fighter. Props to them.

SouthPawFlo says:

Good Fight..

Mayfield did himself a disservice by smothering his own punches on the inside, but I wish the referee would have been more assertive and at least "warn" Dulorme for the excessive holding and the 2 Low Blows...

I believe Virgil Gave his Fighter the instructions necessary to win the fight, Karim just didn't execute....

Skibbz says:

Smother he did, but he should have done better when it came to the clinch. He had an arm free a lot of the time but he would just hold his arm out in the air waiting for Smogs to break them up.. What's that all about? If you see the ref paying no mind to that the first few times, switch it up.

And he got mugged with two low blows straight after each other. Lovely work by Dulorme on that and he got away with it too. Hit him once, touch his gloves then hit him again. Mayfield wasn't there mentally and it showed.