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Juan Manuel Lopez stayed busy with a TKO win on Saturday night over fringe contender Mike Oliver in Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

Oliver caught JuanMa (now 31-1 with 28 KOs; from Caguas, PR; age 28) with a clean left hook early on, and then followed with a mad Mike-Mike flurry. JuanMa sent a message with a left hook to the body with 1:28 to go in the first, which sent Oliver (now 25-3; from Connecticut; age 31) to the floor. There was much wrasslin and clinching in between the periods where both men threw power shots, many of them hooks. Oliver went down again right before the round ended, and he looked like he was contemplating packing it in.

In round two in this battle of lefties, JuanMa did some holding and hitting, while Oliver's legs seemed shaky. The ref warned him several times for leading with his head, which the crowd liked. He fell to the mat twice during clinches. A left hook to the head sent Oliver down, for the

third time, with 38 seconds remaining. His corner judged him to be without hope, and pulled the plug. Good call by his corner. The kid was at a serious strength and power disadvantage.

In his last outing JuanMa dropped his WBO featherweight crown in a massive upset to Orlando Salido. The Oliver fight was for the WBO Latino featherweight title.

TSS Universe, who should JuanMa target next?

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ali says:

Juan ma is not getting better to me he's getting worst ...his punches r wide ass hell his D wasn't that good to begin with and I see no improvement in that area...I don't see him beatings any of those Guy mentioned. _

brownsugar says:

I didn't see the fight but I have respect for Ali's summary of the precedings.... Juanma Ma may never improve,.. he may never be like that great Mexican Warrior who died at the age of 23...a boxer who seemed to grow magnificently in every fight (Salvador Sanchez.... one of he best ever). But he'll always be fun to watch. He'd do himself a favor by not marinating too long... and getting past Salido,.. if that's even possible... Don't worry,.. Arum will put him to the best use now that he's blown his chances with Gamboa.

Radam G says:

Go and peep at the bout on YouTube, B-Sug! Ain't saying that ali is blind. But if he knew the opponent that Juanma fought, he'd realize dat "Momma said there will be days like this." Hehehe! Holla!

brownsugar says:

Just saw the replay Radam.....Wow,... all 7 minutes of it... I remember Mike Oliver when he was a fast-rising prospect who got blasted out of contention on ESPN several years ago... never been the same since.. Oliver left whatever strategy he had and went totally buck wild in there,.. leaping from Alabama with wide hooks as if he was the heavy hitter... JuanMa dropped him everytime he touched him(literally).. Can't believe Mikes' head Trainer (John Skully) couldn't get Oliver to fight a more intelligent fight... it was like the lite punching Oliver was trying to hit the lottery..... JuanMa still gets hit,.. but he had nothing to worry about from Oliver,.. whose hardest punches are like feather dusters. Sad to see Oliver go out like that.

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