

Mike Jones Wins Semi Snoozer...WOODS

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Mike Jones met Sebastian Lujan in a welterweight IBF eliminator, set for 12 or less on the Cotto-Margarito undercard. The Philly fighter looked loose in the first, while the Argentine looked to impose his will on Jones. Jones looked to place an uppercut on Lujan, who looks to be wide open for it in round one. Lujan, by the way, lost to Margarito in 2005.

In the second, a left hook clanged Lujan, who looped shots. He backed up now, and you felt like his crackle and pop was absent on this night.

Lujan showed determined head movement in the third and Jones wasn't quite sure what to throw. Boos were heard in the third and again in the fourth. The crowd wanted Jones to be busier and nastier. A "Cotto" chant erupted from the bored crowd. In the fifth, a right hand by Jones jazzed up the masses. In the sixth, and seventh, and eighth, we saw more of the same. Both men were throwing, but power was largely absent, and drama was missing. I was told by Bill Emes that rounds eight and nine were the same; I was off using the restroom and paying \$5 for a bottled water. "Knock the midget out, Mike" someone near me yelled, just as Jones had Lujan on the ropes, and Lujan dropped his hands, daring to be hit. Hit he was. We went to the cards. Jones got it, 119-109, 119-109, 118-110.

Mike Lee (8-0 with 5 KOs) got some work in, and built up his resume another notch, scoring a TKO4 win over 9-19-1 Allen Medina, who made him work a l'il bit for the win. Lee was up 3-0 on all the cards when he landed a sharp overhand right to end the matter.

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