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The Spaniard Martinez threw a long overhand right, which landed some, but left his chin on a platter for the 25-year-old Frampton. A tight right to the chin sent the loser to the mat for the count. He rose but was too unsteady to continue, in the eyes of the referee.

The end came at 2:46, and Frampton (now 16-0 with 11 KOs) picked up the European super bantam crown from Martinez (now 27-4).

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Promoter Hearn said the kid could fight in May, and that he wants a world title.

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[QUOTE=Editor Mike;25494]



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how did you all have the fight at the time of stoppgae, i had it 77-75 Frampton

**brownsugar says:**

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This one slipped under my radar...but I've read so much press about Frampton after this win...a YouTube review is mandatory.

### **Bernie Campbell says:**

The fight up until the Knockout was dead even in my oppinion! Martinez was some tough MF. He put alot of pressure on Frampton, got hit with a ton!