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In their first bout Argenis Mendez and Rances Barthelemy fought to a no decision at the Target Center in Minneapolis, MN, USA on January as Mendez went down twice in the 2nd round and the original knockout rule was reversed due to commission orders following video replay. Argenis Mendez and Rances Barthelemy will go at it again for the IBF super featherweight title on July at the Convention Center, Miami, FL, USA. Rances Barthelemy opened as a -400 choice with the Boxing odds with Argenis Mendez opening as a +310 dog.

Rances "Kid Blast" Barthelemy

The 28 year old Rances Barthelemy stands at 5 feet 11 inches tall with a reach of 73 inches and an orthodox stance. A native of Cuba, Barthelemy now resides in Miami, FL. Barthelemy is the top ranked Cuban and is ranked 12th in the world. Barthelemy has a career record of 19 wins, 0 losses, and 0 draws with 12 out of his 19 wins coming by knockout. Barthelemy, prior to the ND with Mendez, scored a knockout win over Fahsai Sakkreerin in the 2nd round of a scheduled 12 round bout that took place on June 21, 2013 at the Convention Center in Minneapolis, MN, USA.

Argenis Mendez

The 27 year old Argenis Mendez stands at 5 feet 9 inches tall with a reach of 71 inches and fights from an orthodox stance. Mendez is from the Dominican Republic and now resides in New York, USA. He is the top ranked boxer from the Dominican Republic and is ranked 7th in the world. Argenis Mendez has a career record of 21 wins, 2 losses, and 1 draw. Out of his 21 wins 11 have come by knockout and Mendez has never suffered a knockout loss. Prior to his ND with Barthelemy, Mendez came off a MD draw against Arash Usmanee on August 23, 2013 in a 12 round bout that was for the IBF super featherweight title. Prior to that Mendez won the IBF super featherweight title in a knockout in the 4th round of a scheduled 12 round bout against Juan Carlos Salgado on March 9, 2013 in Costa Mesa, CA.

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The Pick

Barthelemy gets the call!

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As seen in the first fight, Barthelemy is a tough style for Mendez. Barthelemy was in complete control before the incident happened after the bell. He was finding Mendez an easy target and starting to hurt him with power shots.

This is going to be tough mentally for Mendez. The last time he was in the ring, he was being hurt and eventually knocked out cold by Barthelemy albeit after the bell. Not a good memory though and coming right back against the same guy.

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Well spoken sir.....

I am so stoked for this fight!..

Not because of the anticipation of an epic confrontation.

As Oubobcat already stated....

Barthelemy was administering a decidedly one sided thrashing before the fight reached its inconclusive ending.

I just want to watch Barthelemy move those happy hands with the same fluid mastery seldom seen since the days of Donald Curry and a prime Wilfredo Gomez.

Tyson who is promoting this event believes things will be different the second time around. Its hard for me to expect Mendez to have any more success in the rematch than he had their first fight.

I'm having a hard time believing that Mendez believes he can win.

....any more than I could believe Seth Mitchell would be capable lasting five rounds with Chris Areola.

Barthelemy put on one of the most spectacular displays I've had the pleasure of witnessing in a while. Camp Mendez may have worked out a new strategy but the main problem I saw Mendez having was the problem had whenever he moved his hands.

Every time he moved his hands Barthelemy unleashed explosive omni-directional combinations with unerring accuracy and concussive force. I don't know how Mendez will ever overcome the insurmountable gap in talent. I'm expecting another brutal knockout or a onesided UD.....But this is boxing. Where everyone has a punchers chance.

brownsugar says:

Barthelemy at 5'11" with a 73" wingspan is poised to break into the upper echelon.

Of Super featherweight contenders this year. And what a wild card he'll be. With elite talent like Mikey Garcia, Lomachenko, Gamboa, and Gary Russell it will be exciting to see where he fits in.

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If Barthelemy is as good as I think he is....there will be some major upheaval taking place in the 130 lb ranks.