



Miguel Flores Defeats Ryan Kielczweski by Unanimous Decision in Thrilling Main Event of Premier Boxing Champions on ESPN & ESPN Deportes From Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, New York

Cuban Olympian Yordenis Ugas Wins by Unanimous Decision Over Jamal James

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VERONA, NY (August 13, 2016) – Undefeated rising contender **Miguel Flores** (21-0, 9 KOs) defeated exciting featherweight contender **Ryan Kielczweski** (25-2, 7 KOs) by unanimous decision (97-93, 96-94, 96-94) in the 10-round main event of **Premier Boxing Champions** on **ESPN** and **ESPN Deportes** from Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, New York.

In an action-packed fight during which both fighters threw over 750 punches, the Houston native Flores was slightly more fluid and able to do enough work on the inside to keep his unblemished record intact.

Flores said, "I thought I would hurt him with body shots, so we did a lot of work down there tonight. I think my movement was the difference. Ryan said I couldn't move, but I showed him and everyone else that I can."

As Flores appeared to be stealing the early rounds, Kielczweski stepped on the gas at the midway point, throwing punches in bunches and landing regularly throughout the second half of the bout.

Kielczweski said, "I thought we fought a great fight tonight for the fans. I started a little slow, but I really picked it up in the fifth round."

The increased activity was a little too belated to salvage the fight for the Quincy, MA native.

Kielczweski added, "I was gaining steam in the second half of the fight. I can't say that I won, but I thought it could have been a draw. It was a good fight though, and I will be back."

An excited Flores said, "It felt great to get this win tonight. I boxed and banged it out with (Kielczweski). He had some pop, and in the last round he got me with a good body shot, but we are used to tough fights like this. I like it like that. This is fun to me. We will watch the video and correct what I know were a lot of mistakes, but I believe I'm ready for the next level. I'm ready for the top contenders."

Televised coverage kicked off with Olympic bronze medalist **Yordenis Ugas** (16-3, 7 KOs) defeating contender **Jamal James** (20-1, 9 KOs) by unanimous decision (99-91, 98-92, 96-94) in a technical 10-round welterweight showdown.

Three days ago, James stepped in to replace undefeated welterweight Bryant Perrella, who was forced to withdraw from tonight's bout because of an injury to his left thumb. James was coming off just 27 of days rest following his July 16 split decision victory over Wale Omotoso.

Ugas fought last 825 days ago when he lost his second consecutive bout, the third defeat of his career. However, Ugas showed no sign of ring rust on Friday night as he casually controlled the action against James.

Ugas, a five-time Cuban National Champion, used his tremendous experience and was able to neutralize James' height advantage.

“We focused on the body because (James) was tall,” said Ugas. “So we planned on chopping him down, and that's what I did.”

Although Ugas had initially been preparing for his long-awaited comeback against the left handed Perrella, he had no difficulty with the orthodox James.

Ugas added, “I followed my corner's instructions and won round by round. I felt very consistent in there tonight.”

Knowing that he'd come up short, James said, "I thought it was a good fight. (Ugas) brought it tonight. I was fighting his fight unfortunately. I started to outpoint him late, so I should have started earlier with my combinations and countering. I was trying to knock him out and I should have just boxed.”

James added, “I have no excuses though, I am a grown man and could have said 'no' to taking this fight. But fighting is what I do. Other fighters are not doing what I did tonight. Sure, if I had more time to prepare I might have done better, but I am a fighter.”

On his prospects moving forward, Ugas said, “After the long layoff, this is a new beginning for me, and now I am looking for a big opportunity in my next fight. It felt good to get back to fighting.”

A resilient James summed things up adding, “A fight like tonight makes me hungrier to get back in the gym and get myself ready to come back again better than ever.”

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