

# **“The Bosnian Prince” Armin Mrkanovic defeats Nicholas Lavin this Past Friday night in Queens, New York**

Queens, New York (May 22, 2018)—Armin “The Bosnian Prince” Mrkanovic returned to the ring after an 11-month absence to win a win six-round unanimous decision over Nicholas Lavin in a cruiserweight bout that took place this past Friday night at Amazura Concert Hall in the Jamaica section of Mrkanovic’s hometown of Queens, New York.

Mrkanovic controlled the action, and won by shutout scores of 60-54 on all cards to up his record to 8-3.

The bout was the 1st ring appearance for Mrkanovic since his highly controversial defeat against Josh Himes that took place last June 24th in West Virginia.

In that bout, Mrkanovic should have been awarded the bout as he outboxed Himes, and even asked for a review of the fight by the UBF, but his requests fell on deaf ears, and now Mrkanovic is demanding a rematch for the UBF title.

“1st of all, it was good to come back and get a win. It its always special to perform in front of my hometown fans,” said Mrkanovic, whose focus quickly turned to Himes and the UBF.

“I demand a rematch with Himes. The UBF told me that they would make this happen, and to this point they have been silent. Everyone who saw the fight knows that I got screwed, so it is only right that we do this rematch. Himes knows what happened. He has not even fought since our fight. I am ready now, so hopefully the UBF and Himes do the right thing and make this happen.”

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# **“The Bosnian Prince” Armin Mrkanovic continues fight against Josh Himes and West Virginia Commission**

Queens, NY (July 21, 2017) – Cruiserweight Armin Mrkanovic continues to try to uncover the injustice of his June 24th bout against Josh Himes.

Mrkanovic dropped a disputed unanimous decision to Josh Himes in Moundsville, West Virginia in a bout for the UBF All America’s title.

Not only does Mrkanovic dispute the decision, but members of Himes team also told Mrkanovic that they felt it worst it was a draw, and that Mrkanovic deserved to have his hand raised.

Despite many attempts to secure a tape of the fight, Mrkanovic was shut down by the promoter of the event.

That prompted an exchange on Facebook between Mrkanovic, Himes, the Promoter Tommy Wilson and UBF President Richard Spilotro

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Mrkanovic of Queens, New York is looking for an immediate rematch with Himes. His requests have gone silent from both Himes and his promoter.

“I don’t know why they keep protecting this guy Himes,” said Mrkanovic. “They won’t send me the tapes or even post it anywhere for the world to see, I am hoping that I can get the

rematch, and I will show him who really deserved the victory on June 24.”

“They gifted him this belt. The two times he ventured outside of West Virginia, he lost. That says a lot about him. When I asked him for a rematch, he said he did not know if he wanted one because it was a war, and he does not want to go through that again.”

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## **“The Bosnian Prince” Armin Mrkanovic gets robbed in West Virginia**

Queens, NY (July 5, 2017) – On June 24th, cruiserweight Armin Mrkanovic went into his UBF All-Americas title bout with Josh Himes, thinking that even though he was fighting in his opponent’s home territory of Moundsville, West Virginia, that he would receive a fair shake.

That was not the case as most ringside observers believed that Mrkanovic should have come out with the verdict, but instead it was Himes who came out with the unanimous decision by scores of 77-75, 79-73 and an inexplicable 80-72 tally.

“Before the fight, I knew I could and would beat him easily. Before the fight, i was told that my wife got stuck on the road on her drive to West Virginia, and I can admit that I lost the first two rounds,” said Mrkanovic. “I then clearly won five of the next rounds, so for those two judges to give zero and one round shows that something was not right with the fight.”

Mrkanovic claims that even Himes' team agreed that wrong man had his hand raised.

"After the fight was over, his trainer apologized to me, and admitted the fight was at worst a draw, but said that I should have won the fight. The two other cornermen echoed the same sentiments."

Mrkanovic wanted to view the fight for himself, but has received pushback from the local promotion.

"I asked for a copy of the fight, and the promoter has refused to show me. He did not want to share for fear that I would be able to look at what happened. It would have done two things, I would have even a more clear argument plus if there is a rematch, I could further expose Himes' flaws and be even better the next time around. It is funny, I was told that there a handful of people filming it to Facebook Live, but mysteriously those videos are gone. The President of the UBF requested the video, and he can't even view it. The local paper only mentioned the result of the fight, but made other fight's more prominent in their story. I was lucky that I was able to download one of those copies to my phone. I am able to view it, but because the original copy is erased, it is not shareable."

"My team is working on out options on what we can do about this miscarriage of justice."