

JACKIE BROWN DRAWS.

SURPRISE DECISION.

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Kid Francis, of France, meets Jackie Brown at Manchester.

Jackie Brown is, I think, the only British boxer a hold a world title. Correct me--

--if I'm wrong Francis gives Brown--

--some punishment on the ropes, but the Manchester man comes back with a succession of telling punches which even matters up. Francis put up a fine show against Al Brown, world's bantamweight champion,

--so Jackie is not under-estimating the abilities--

--of his opponent. In the first six rounds Francis took--

--the lead on points. But after that Brown--

--started taking the fight in hand, and was obviously the superior at pointmaker in the latter rounds. As the fight proceeded,

--Brown's supporters began to be happy about the result. Brown's left did lightning work and connected frequently, although Francis did not lose form. He was clearly boxing for a knock-out.

But Brown's defence was too good. The decision of a draw came as a surprise. The majority thought Brown deserved the verdict, and registered their disapproval with no uncertain voice.