



BOXER OF THE MONTH



Hungary's Diana Kiss and in the process solidify her boxrec # 1 world rating. Kiss came with solid credentials in this clash of 20-year-olds, but Hammer, from Dortmund, Germany and managed by SES Boxing who staged this show, left no doubt why she is the foremost female middleweight on the planet at the moment. When Christina finally put her foot on the gas in round seven, there immediately was a huge gap in class visible and she severely punished Kiss to the extend that the girl from Budapest declined to come out for round eight. "Had she kept on taking these kind of punches, I would have become perplexed! The WBF belt is beautiful and I'm happy to wear it now," said Christina after the fight.



RECENT RESULTS:

Christina Hammer TKO 8 Diana Kiss
Womens World Middleweight Title
February 18, 2011 in Ljubljana, Slovenia

Denis Simcic W 10 Sandro Siproshvili
International Lighthheavyweight Title
February 18, 2011 in Ljubljana, Slovenia

UPCOMING TITLE BOUTS:

Matima Molefe vs Oscar Chauke
World Featherweight Title
March 26, 2011 in Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Guillaume Salingue vs Domenico Urbano
Intercontinental Lightweight Title
April 9, 2011 in Bruay La Buisserie, France

Manny Vlamis vs Philip Maley
Asia-Pacific Lighthheavyweight Title
April 29 in Brisbane, Australia

Diosbelys Hurtado vs Amaro Dialo
World Superwelterweight Title
September 2, 2011 in Las Palmas, Spain

REPORTS:

KISS HAMMER-ED, SIMCIC SHINES

It was a big night for the World Boxing Federation at a sold-out Sportpark Arena in Ljubljana, Slovenia on Friday, Feb. 18, with two championship bouts that more than lived up to what they promised beforehand.

In a female world title bout, unbeaten Christina Hammer, now 9-0 (7), captured the vacant WBF middleweight belt (to add to the WBO belt she already holds but not defended in this fight) by impressively overpowering

In the second WBF fight of the night, International lighthheavyweight champion Denis Simcic successfully defended his title for the third time with a unanimous decision over stubborn Georgian challenger Sandro Siproshvili. Although Siproshvili, who lives in Prague, was probably Denis' toughest opponent to date, the Slovenian born in Germany lived up to the challenge in a great way. Simcic was faster all the way through, both mentally and with hands and feet and from time to time actually landed power shots on the incoming challenger's iron jaw. Apart from a nose bleed early in the fight and a six round in which the defending champion needed a rest, Simcic came through with flying colours in what must be a career-best performance. He is now 26-1 (14) and his manager Ulf Steinforth may well look for a WBF world title shot later this year.



Heavyweight
Middleweight
Welterweight
Lightwelterweight
Superfeatherweight
Featherweight
Superbantamweight
Superflyweight
Lightflyweight
(all other divisions vacant)

Natascha Ragosina (Russia)
Christina Hammer (Germany)
Noni Tenge (South Africa)
Myriam Lamare (France)
Ramona Kuehne (Germany)
Oksana Vasilieva (Russia)
Unathi Myekeni (South Africa)
Nadya Hokmi (France)
Ju Hee Kim (South Korea)



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Good luck to some of the other sanctioning bodies who compromise their integrity and credibility by staging ridiculous titles. We at the WBF are certainly not prepared to, not now or ever, give up on our morals, our values and our principals. You, the paying boxing supporter, be the judge.

INSIDE:

WBF TURNS DOWN HOLYFIELD v NIELSEN

The five-men Championship Committee of the World Boxing Federation, after consideration of all arguments, has decided against sanctioning the proposed second title defence of its world heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield against Denmark's Brian Nielsen.

The main reason, obviously, is that 46-year-old Nielsen, while sporting a glossy record of 64-2 (43), has been out of the ring for almost a decade. The Holyfield vs Nielsen fight is scheduled for May 7 in Copenhagen, Denmark and will be promoted by Sauerland Event. WBF president Howard Goldberg, who is part of the Championship Committee, said: "While Brian Nielsen a decade ago posed threats to heavyweights worldwide, he has not fought in nine years and thus does not qualify to contest a WBF world title at this point. We have no problem with this fight taking place, but certainly the WBF will not approve it as for our title."

Jean Marcel Nartz, the vice president of the WBF, further explained the decision: "Although the WBF is a world boxing sanctioning body and although we are a business as well, our primary business is to ensure that our fights are quality matchups, that fighters are deserving of title opportunities and that the standards we aim for are not compromised in order to make a quick buck."

While Holyfield will remain WBF champion, should he lose to Nielsen his title will automatically be declared vacant.

I was recently asked to speak at a University dinner outlining the current status of boxing worldwide, but with particular reference to the role played by the new and improved World Boxing Federation. The most important question posed to me was where has the legitimacy of boxing titles gone? An insightful question and one I thoroughly enjoyed giving an answer.

The fact is that boxing indeed has way too many titles. However, unlike some of the other organizations, the World Boxing Federation usually does not like to compare itself with others, rather to look at ourselves, always reflect and to concentrate on delivering the highest standards possible and to make our titles meaningful. Yes, there are other organizations dreaming up titles beyond belief, titles where the term "Youth" is the norm and yet fighters in their forties seem to be contesting these titles designed for youngsters. Silver titles, super titles, interim titles, gold titles, blue titles, Emeritus titles, diamond belts, Pan-something titles - the list is endless but also meaningless once the credibility is no more.

So my answer to the question firstly was initiated by a responding question. Why shouldn't the WBF do all these crazy titles, forget our credibility and rather put a few dollars in our account? The answer was very simple - we don't care about what our opposition sanctioning bodies do, rather we strive for credibility, honesty, integrity and transparency. We want the paying boxing public to scrutinize the WBF and see what it is that we do. They will see that we are a principled sanctioning body which hopes to build rather than to destroy. We want the public to buy in to what we do, what our objectives are, and to walk away from our title fights with great enjoyment and satisfaction.

We at the WBF offer three main titles - our world title for top world class contenders, our Intercontinental title for top fighters just outside the term 'world class' (although ironically most of our Intercontinental champions are just that), and our International title for good prospects in order to put them on a direction towards higher titles. And yes - we do have some regional titles to groom local up and coming fighters usually with records around 10 and 1 or close thereto. Four is more than enough for us.

And we have turned down many requests for titles we consider an insult to the fans. A decade or so ago, some writers proposed that boxing will come to the point that one day there are more titles on offer than fighters who can win them! At that time, most people laughed about this statement, but we have now indeed reached this point and it's time common sense should kick in. Principles and values first, Dollars in the bank later!

