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RECENT RESULTS

Christina Hammer W 10 Maria Lindberg
Womens World Middleweight Title
May 27, 2011 in Usti nad Labem, Czechia

Miguel Gonzalez W 10 Christopher Fernandez
International Lightwelterweight Title
May 14, 2011 in Campbell, Ohio, USA

UPCOMING TITLE BOUTS:

Sebastien Madani vs Franklin Mamani
Intercontinental Superwelterweight Title
June 11, 2011 in Rumilly, France

Ann Sophie Mathis vs Olivia Boudouma
Womens World Welterweight Title
June 23, 2011 in Pennes Mirabeau, France

Nadjib Mohammadi vs George Tevdorashvili
Intercontinental Lightheavyweight Title
June 23, 2011 in Pennes Mirabeau, France

Patrick Hyland vs Philippe Frenois
World Featherweight Title
June 25, 2011 in Dublin, Ireland

Denis Saioni vs Vitor Sa
International Middleweight Title
June 30, 2011 in Nice, France

Lubabalo Msuthu vs Mavhusu Nedzanani
World Bantamweight Title
July 3, 2011 in East London, South Africa

Sabelo Jubatha vs TBA
Intercontinental Featherweight Title
July 3, 2011 in East London, South Africa

Ju Hee Kim vs Fahpratan Looksaikongdin
Womens World Lightflyweight Title
July 9, 2011 in Jeollanam-do, South Korea

Zita Zatyko vs Izabella Torok
Womens World Cruiserweight Title
August 2011 in Hungary

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

REPORTS

Hammer Retains WBF Title

In a battle of unbeaten champions, WBF and WBO female middleweight titelist Christina Hammer scored a close ten-round unanimous decision over light middleweight belt-holder Maria Lindberg at an SES promoted show in Usti nad Labem, Czech Republic, to regain supremacy at the 160 pounds limit.

Both champions engaged in a fast-paced, high action bout from the get-go. While Lindberg was the aggressor, Hammer tried to use her longer reach effectively and outbox her challenger.

Most of the early rounds were very close and hard to score. Only the third was a clear stanza for the champion, when she caught Lindberg with a couple of hard shots to bloody her nose. Willing and eager to become a two-division world champion, Lindberg, from Sweden, got herself right back into the fight and scored with good punches as well.



Photo: Christina Hammer with challenger Maria Lindberg and promoter Ulf Steinforth.

In the second part of the contest, Hammer, from Germany, slowly took over with faster and more accurate combinations. Her work rate increased and she had more success than earlier and won rounds more convincingly. It was still a tough fight, with Lindberg very much in it and having some good moments of her own. Hammer seized the deal in the tenth and final round, when she pushed herself even more and outfought her dangerous challenger.

After the bout's conclusion, both fighters offered their respect to each other and waited for the official verdict to be announced. Scores read 98:92 and 97:93 twice, all for Hammer. To most ringside observers, the scores – especially the 98:92-call – were too wide, they had seen a much closer battle after all. But still, there was no doubt about the winner.

Scoring her career best victory, Hammer moves her record to a perfect 10-0 with 7 knockouts. Lindberg, who also proved to be among the very best in female boxing, falls to 5-1-2 with 1 K.O.

“Boom Boom” Mancini Watches Gonzalez’

A new WBF International lightwelterweight champion was crowned in Campbell, Ohio on Saturday (May 14)



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when Miguel 'Silky Smooth' Gonzalez, from near-by Cleveland, won a 10 round decision over Christopher Fernandez at Saint Lucy Hall.

A sell out crowd watched a very exciting fight between these two warriors. Gonzalez was in top form and Fernandez was a very worthy challenger, he should hold his head high after this performance.

Gonzalez was in control of the fight from the opening bell and landed several body shots that sent Fernandez to the canvas on two separate occasions in rounds two and four, but Fernandez was a very game co-challenger.



Photo: Alan Santana (left) and Sergio Sotelo (right) from the WBF flank new International champ Miguel Gonzalez.

He weathered the storm, fought back with the pride of a true warrior and did himself, and boxing in general, very proud. In the end, however, all three judges scored the bout 100:87 in favour of the new champion.

The crowd definitely got their monies worth. Adding to the excitement of the evening, in attendance were ring legends Ray 'Boom Boom' Mancini, the former world lightweight champ and Ohio all-time great, and ex-world title challenger Frankie Duarte. Both men appeared as if they could still go a couple of rounds.

The 25-year-old Gonzalez, now 17-2 (13), seems ready to take on the best in the world. He has worldclass ability and the personality of a star performer. Fernandez displayed the kind of endurance and tenacity that may be better displayed at the higher weight he prefers. No one in the audience or press seemed unhappy about the decision or action.

It was a successful production from beginning to end and the card was excellent. It is good to see people walking away from a night at the fights with smiles on their faces and sharing the lefts and rights landed as they re-told the story of the nights' display.

INSIDE

Dan Hernandez Joins WBF Media Team

The media department of the World Boxing Federation (WBF), headed by Media Director Clive Baum, has been substantially strengthened by the adding of renowned boxing journalist Dan Hernandez of Los Angeles.

Besides reporting on the stateside activities of the WBF, like the recent International title win of Miguel Gonzalez, Hernandez will write an exclusive column entitled "Dan's Corner", which has took off with his memories of Jerry Quarry. Also, readers are invited to send in their questions to Dan, making "Dan's Corner" an interactive feature.



Photo: Dan Hernandez with legendary trainer Angelo Dundee.

Hernandez, 64, is a lifelong boxing fan, having attended fights at the Olympic Auditorium, Hollywood Legion Stadium and even Dodger Stadium in his childhood days. A desire to reminisce about past fights and fighters and experiencing news ones led Dan to become an internet writer, and he was so astute that he soon he took on the role of lead interviewer with the ringsidereport.com website.

Just a partial list of the boxing personalities he had the pleasure to meet as interview subjects reads like a Hall of Fame-roster: Joe and Marvis Frazier, Carmen Basilio, Gene Fullmer, John Montes, Chad Dawson, Steve Albert, Al Bernstein, Billy Backus, Israel Vasquez, Antonio Margarito, Floyd Mayweather Jr., Manny Pacquiao, Freddie Roach and many more. He also reported on major bouts from both California and Nevada.



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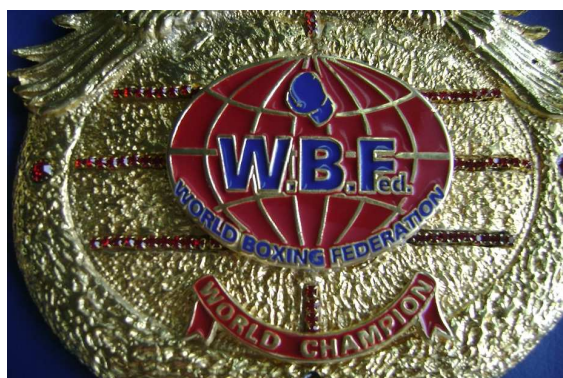
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However, Hernandez retired from that position some time back to devote more time to his wife of 46 years, three daughters and now 10-year-old grandson. But when the offer came to join the WBF media team, it brought Dan back with a renewed fervor to his favorite sport:

"The WBF, with its new and innovative ideas, offers an excellent presence and showcase for my adventures and opinions on boxing," Hernandez said.

Superflyweight World Champion	vacant
Flyweight World Champion	vacant
Lightflyweight World Champion	Felipe Salguero (Mexico)
Strawweight World Champion	Manuel Jimenez (Mexico)

CHAMPIONS:



Heavyweight	Natascha Ragosina (Russia)
Middleweight	Christina Hammer (Germany)
Welterweight	Noni Tenge (South Africa)
Lightwelterweight	Myriam Lamare (France)
Superfeatherweight	Ramona Kuehne (Germany)
Featherweight	Oksana Vasilieva (Russia)
Superbantamweight	Unathi Myekeni (South Africa)
Superflyweight	Nadya Hokmi (France)
Lightflyweight	Ju Hee Kim (South Korea)
(all other divisions vacant)	

Heavyweight World Champion International	Evander Holyfield (USA) Raphael Zumbano (Brazil)
Cruiserweight World Champion Intercontinental International	vacant Sefer Seferi (Albania) Bjoern Blaschke (Germany)
Lighthweight World Champion International Asia-Pacific	Dawid Kostecki (Poland) Denis Simcic (Slovenia) Manny Vlamis (Australia)
Supermiddleweight World Champion	William Gare (South Africa)
Middleweight World Champion Intercontinental	Karama Nyilawila (Tanzania) Anthony Fitzgerald (Ireland)
Superwelterweight World Champion	vacant
Welterweight World Champion	vacant
Lightwelterweight World Champion Intercontinental International	vacant Yvan Mendy (France) Miguel Gonzalez (USA)
Lightweight World Champion Intercontinental International	vacant Guillaume Salingue (France) Hedi Slimani (Tunisia)
Superfeatherweight World Champion	vacant
Featherweight World Champion All Africa	vacant Matima Molefe (South Africa)
Superbantamweight World Champion	vacant
Bantamweight World Champion International	Lubabalo Msuthu (South Africa) Hassan Azaouagh (France)

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FINAL NOTES

Just married in Las Vegas: Our world champion Ramona Kuehne and her longtime life-partner Stephan Boestfleisch! Congrats!

The WBF female cruiserweight championship between Zita Zatyko and Izabella Torok, originally scheduled for June 4, has been postponed. The first ever female title bout at the cruiserweight limit will now happen in August. A injury Torok suffered in training caused the delay.

Heavyweight legend and current WBF world champion Evander Holyfield scored a one-sided tenth round technical knockout over Denmark's boxing hero Brian Nielsen at the Koncerthuset in Copenhagen in a non-title affair.