

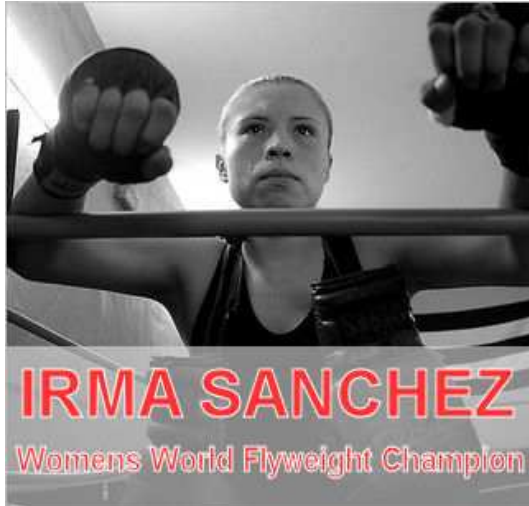


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BOXER OF THE MONTH – JULY



RECENT RESULTS

Irma Sanchez vs Carlota Santos
Womens World Flyweight Title
July 23, 2011 in Guadalajara, Mexico

Ju Hee Kim W 10 Fahrpratan Looksaikongdin
Womens World Lightflyweight Title
July 9, 2011 in Jeollanam-do, South Korea

UPCOMING TITLE BOUTS:

Unathi Myekeni vs Gabisile Tshabalala
Womens World Superbantamweight Title
August 20, 2011 in East London, South Africa

Rafael Guzman vs Rafael Hernandez
World Superfeatherweight Title
August 20, 2011 in Manzanillo, Mexico

Myriam Lamare vs Lely Luz Florez
Womens World Lightwelterweight Title
September 9, 2011 on Reunion, France

Harry Simon vs Tony Dodson
World Lighthweight Title
September 30, 2011 in Windhoek, Namibia

Nenad Stankovic vs Shendrit Hotnjani
Mediterranean Heavyweight Title
September 30, 2011 in Belgrade, Serbia

Ann Sophie Mathis vs Cindy Serrano
Womens World Welterweight Title
October 1, 2011 in Yutz, France

Saul Roman vs Sebastien Madani
World Superwelterweight Title
October 7, 2011 in Las Palmas, Spain

Alexander Petkovic vs John Napari
Intercontinental Heavyweight Title
October 14, 2011 in Munich, Germany

Björn Blaschke vs Mounir Toumi
Intercontinental Cruiserweight Title
October 22, 2011 in Tuebingen, Germany

Lubabalo Msuthu vs Mavhusu Nedzanani
World Bantamweight Title
TBA in East London, South Africa

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

Zita Zatyko vs Izabella Torok
Womens World Cruiserweight Title
TBA in Hungary

REPORTS



Photo: Ju Hee Kim successfully defended her WBF Womens World Lightflyweight title.

Korean Heroine Retains Title

In the beautiful city of Wando, seven hours outside of the capital Seoul, WBF womens world lightflyweight champion Ju Hee Kim put in a masterful performance to outclass the gutsy Thai challenger Fahrpratan Looksaikongdin over 10 rounds at the Farmer and Fisherman Sports & Cultural Centre to retain her title for the first time.

The 25-year-old Kim dominated the fight, being the aggressor throughout, forcing the pace while Looksaikongdin fought off the back foot trying, and successfully at times, to counterpunch the always advancing champion.

With many top politicians and a capacity crowd in attendance the South Korean heroin prevailed victorious with the judges scoring 100:90 (Moon Moo Hong), 99:90 (Kho Ki-Bong) and 98:92 (Choi Yoo-Suk).

With an accidental clash of heads in round five completely shutting Kim's left eye, she nevertheless continued to



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outbox the game Thai. Ju Hee Kim's record moves to 15-1-1 (6) while Looksaikongdin drops to 7-3 (0).

Kim is a truly special champion. She is a dignified, respectful, delightful young lady, with a great sense of humour and warmth. Her demeanour is one of a true and respected champion, and she remains a humble and wonderful human being. With WBF President Howard Goldberg at ringside, the WBF Asia Pacific Coordinator Jung Moon Ho must be congratulated for his outstanding work and superb organisation on behalf of the World Boxing Federation.

The support in Korea for Ju Hee Kim is mindblowing. She was virtually on every TV network after the fight, with posters and banners showing her with her title everywhere. The people of Korea adore her, as do the high ranking politicians who attended the fight en masse. It was an honour for the WBF that out of all the titles she defended on this occasion, only the president of the World Boxing Federation was invited to make a speech at the weigh-in. The WBF made many friends and we have already secured a formal date early next year for Kim to once again defend her WBF title.

“La Guerita” Sanchez Takes World Crown

The World Boxing Federation womens world flyweight championship bout between co-challengers Irma “La Guerita” Sanchez of Mexico and Carlota Santos of Panama in Guadalajara, Mexico on Saturday (July 23) before a packed house of enthusiastic fans was broadcast across Mexico and the United States on the Televisa Network.



Photo: New WBF Womens World Flyweight Champion Irma Sanchez receives her belt from WBF Latin American Coordinator Sergio Sotelo.

Both fighters weighed in at 49,4 kg and both fighters came to fight!

The taller Sanchez obviously was the crowd favorite as soon as she stepped into the ring and did not disappoint. Taking control of the fight from the opening bell, the 23-year-old Sanchez displayed a good jab and top-notch boxing skills.

Santos, although outclassed, proved to be a worthy and competitive world title contender.

The fifth started slowly with the action building about the middle of the round with both fighters landing telling blows. This stanza ended with Sanchez pulling ahead with some very solid punches and crisp combinations to the body and head of the Panamanian girl.

The sixth stanza was clearly the most entertaining with neither boxer giving an inch. As the round wore on the harder blows landed by Sanchez became more apparent and although the round continued at a furious pace Santos suffered a cut on her left eye and seemed weary. The contest was stopped between rounds with Sanchez awarded a seven round TKO when Santos corner decided that the cut was beyond reasonable and deemed her unable to continue.

The look of defeat on Santos' face said it all as she sat in her corner watching “La Guerita” jumping with joy at her victory and becoming the new WBF womens world flyweight champion. WBF Latin American Coordinator and Supervisor, Sergio Sotelo, awarded the championship belt to Sanchez. Alan Santana, the WBF's representative on the US west coast stated, “Overall, I'd have to say it was a good night for women's boxing, promoter Hector Garcia of HG Boxing, and the World Boxing Federation.” Irma “La Guerita” Sanchez, now 20-5-1 (6), deservedly, wore her newly won belt with the pride of a true champion.

◀ INSIDE

The WBF Goes Mexico

The World Boxing Federation is proud to announce that former five-time world featherweight champion Manuel “Mantecas” Medina will soon start promoting WBF-sanctioned bouts in Mexico. The 40-years old Medina will mainly focus on up and coming prospects, staging regional title fights.

For starters, he is looking to fill the vacant spot of the Latin light flyweight championship and is planning a two-fight elimination tournament.



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Photo: New promoter and 5-time world featherweight champion Manuel Medina with WBF Latin American Coordinator Sergio Sotelo at the press conference for the Nunez v Ibarra WBF Latin flyweight title eliminator last July 8 at Tijuana.

Medina himself fought as a professional from 1985 to 2008. During his long and illustrious career, the Mexican warrior won five featherweight championships. He first captured the IBF title in 1991 and regrouped after losing it by winning the WBC belt four years later. Medina lost his first title defense and came up short in a shot at then-WBO champion Naseem Hamed in '96 but made another comeback two years later when he once again grabbed the IBF strap. In 2001, he became a four-time titlist by winning the IBF belt for a third time against Frank Toledo. However, he lost the title in his first defense, but this time by a close decision against the legendary Johnny Tapia. He then went on to win his final world title in 2003 when he defeated reigning WBO champ Scott Harrison.

After a loss to Malcolm Klassen in 2008, Medina decided to hang up the gloves for good. He fought 84 times as a professional, winning 67 fights (31 by knockout) with 16 loses and one draw. During his championship career, he squared off against great fighters like Hamed, Tapia, Juan Manuel Marquez, Tom Johnson or Kevin Kelley amongst others.

Besides, the WBF will also started to work with Hector Garcia's HG Boxing, one of Mexico's premier promoters. Garcia is regarded as one of the world's leading female boxing supporters and has staged his first WBF world title fight on July 23 when Irma Sanchez and Carlota Santos clashed for the vacant women's flyweight title.

Mexican legend and multiple weight-division world champion Erik "El Terrible" Morales has been working with the WBF in Mexico for quite some time already. He is the promoter of unbeaten Manuel Jimenez, the current WBF minimum weight world champion.

CHAMPIONS:



Heavyweight World Champion International	Evander Holyfield (USA) Raphael Zumbano (Brazil)
Cruiserweight World Champion Intercontinental International	vacant vacant Bjoern Blaschke (Germany)
Lighthweight World Champion Intercontinental International Asia-Pacific	vacant Nadjib Mohammadi (France) Denis Simcic (Slovenia) Manny Vlamis (Australia)
Supermiddleweight World Champion	vacant
Middleweight World Champion Intercontinental International	Karama Nyilawila (Tanzania) Anthony Fitzgerald (Ireland) Denis Saioni (France)
Superwelterweight World Champion Intercontinental	vacant Sebastien Madani (France)
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	Patrick Hyland (Ireland) Matima Molefe (South Africa)
Superbantamweight World Champion	vacant
Bantamweight World Champion International	Lubabalo Msuthu (South Africa) Hassan Azaouagh (France)
Superflyweight World Champion	vacant
Flyweight World Champion	vacant
Lightflyweight World Champion	Felipe Salguero (Mexico)
Strawweight World Champion	vacant



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

Natascha Ragosina (Russia)
Christina Hammer (Germany)
Ann Sophie Mathis (France)
Myriam Lamare (France)
Ramona Kuehne (Germany)
Oksana Vasiliyeva (Russia)
Unathi Myekeni (South Africa)
Renata Szebeledi (Hungary)
Nadya Hokmi (France)
Irma Sanchez (Mexico)
Ju Hee Kim (South Korea)

← PRESIDENTS COLUMN



"Let The Fans Judge Us!"

It has been gratifying of late to witness the continued activity within the World Boxing Federation, as well as the up and coming title fights. To be able to afford opportunities to fighters and countries around the globe, to put their top fighters on the map or perhaps on the road to stardom is something we take quite seriously as a forward thinking world sanctioning organization.

Fights have taken place in France, Mexico, Hungary, Australia, USA, South Africa, Germany, Albania, Ireland to mention but a few, while upcoming fights include events in Ghana, Korea and Brazil again just mentioning a few that come to hand.

Interestingly enough, we at this point in time are incredibly prevented from operating in the UK, even though we have interest from a number of promoters wanting to stage our titles, affording their excellent and world rated fighters an opportunity to contest a world championship belt. The BBBofC were issued with a most polite letter from yours truly, introducing who we are and what we stand for. They were told about the integrity and moral fibre of how we operate, and were even afforded the opportunity of putting a member of their Board on our Executive Committee for a period of time simply to concur with our standards and operations. More importantly I asked to be given the opportunity to meet their Board on either a formal or informal basis just to introduce the WBF to them. Not only was I refused the opportunity to meet with the BBBofC, my letter apparently never even reached their main office, but was duly dismissed without discussion.

Without making judgement on the BBBofC as they did with us, surely an interesting debate is the moral fibre and duties of any boxing commission. Is it not to develop strategies to ensure the safety of their licensed boxers? Should they not be introducing an educational strategy to allow boxers who retire the capacity to find work elsewhere and in other forms? The management of a benevolent fund to cater for injuries sustained in the ring? Perhaps more frequent medicals for fighters to ensure that boxers are fit to fight. Yes, there are many functions of a boxing commission vital to the sustained continuity of excellence within the pugilistic art.

Perhaps one of the functions a commission should NOT have is to judge sanctioning bodies. Perhaps that is the duty and responsibility of the knowledgeable fans. Fans who know when title fights are legitimate and when they are not. They are perhaps better equipped to judge and support or possibly not support the World Boxing Federation. Title fights are as good as the fighters involved and the truth be told not the sanctioning bodies. Is it not strange that we are prepared to be judged by the fans while the BBBofC remains steadfast in preventing the true test of whether the WBF can do justice to excellence in the UK? A fighter like Derry Matthews, so highly thought of in England cannot fight a world rated opponent for a world title because administrators are not prepared to give the WBF a chance. What an injustice to Derry and other fighters interested in fighting for WBF titles.

Perhaps one day, sooner rather than later, the BBBofC will afford us the opportunity simply to meet with them and to talk - and that, my friends, would be the correct and cordial thing to afford any world sanctioning body.

Howard Goldberg

President World Boxing Federation

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