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BOXER OF THE MONTH – JUNE 2011



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

Third Time Lucky For Champ Renata

Hungarian title holder Renata Szebeledi rejoiced when finally she was crowned world champion in her third attempt last Saturday (July 2) in Lemgo, Germany after she upset local favorite Pia Mazelanik is an intense battle to win a unanimous 10-round verdict and with it the vacant WBF womens world bantamweight championship.



Photo: New WBF womens world bantamweight champion Renata Szebeledi from Hungary.

Still only 20 years of age, Renata turned professional back in 2008 – and lost her first five bouts in a row! From her following 15 contests since, she suffered just three reversals: A 6-rounder against current WBF womens world superflyweight champion Nadya Hokmi and back-to-back losses for WBF world titles last year. In September, the young Budapest girl ventured to South Africa to take on Unathi Myekeni for the superbantam belt and two months later she took on Oksana Vasilieva in Russia for the featherweight title, both times giving a good account before losing on points (Szebeledi was never stopped in her career).

Now she finally returned to her natural bantamweight division – and hot favorite Mazelanik, 12-3-1 (0) going in, was not able to stand the heat that Szebeledi brought to the ring. Boxing open air on this cold evening, Pia took the first round, before Renata got going. To all intends, this was Szebeledi's career-best performance and she would not be denied. Just when Pia looked to get back into things, Renata send her heavily to the floor in round six. From then on, it was an uphill battle for Mazelanik, who fought her heart out to the delight of the huge admissionfree crowd. After a fast-paced, action-packed fight, handled well by Luxembourg referee Tonio Tiberi, all three judges had Szebeledi ahead by 97:92 (Tamas Sasvari from Hungary), 96:94 (Dominique Schmitt from Luxembourg) and 95:94 (Arnold Golger from Germany).

PATRICK HYLAND WORLD FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION

RECENT RESULTS

Denis Saioni W 10 Vitor Sa International Middleweight Title June 30, 2011 in Nice, France

Renata Szebeledi W 10 Pia Mazelanik Womens World Bantamweight Title July 2, 2011 in Lemgo, Germany

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

UPCOMING TITLE BOUTS:

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

Lubabalo Msuthu vs Mavhusu Nedzanani World Bantamweight Title July 24, 2011 in East London, South Africa

Sabelo Jubatha vs TBA Intercontinental Featherweight Title July 24, 2011 in East London, South Africa



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It was a hard road to the world title for Szebeledi, as her record of 12-8 (6) attests, but she thoroughly deserves to be at the pinnacle of her career so far, joining the evergrowing list of champions produced by Zoltan Petranyi's Profibox Promotion. Mazelanik's trainer Kai Gutmann, who co-promoted this excellent event with his partner Thomas Mrutzek, said in the ring: "We knew Szebeledi is really tough and strong, but too many girls take easy roads to titles these days in laughable matches which alienate sponsors and fans sooner or later. This will not happen with my boxers at my shows. We want real fights, even at the risk of losing. Pia lost today fairly, but she will come back stronger for the experience and the fans will love her for that, because they got more action from her and Szebeledi tonight than Klitschko and Haye delivered. That's what boxing is about!".

Saioni Wins Nice Battle

At the age of 36 and after ten long years in the paid ranks, Frenchman Denis Saioni finally won the first professional title of his career when he annexed the vacant World Boxing Federation International middleweight crown on Thursday (June 30) in his hometown of Nice at the Cote d'Azur. Saioni deservedly won an 10-round unanimous decision over Portugal's former WBF Intercontinental champion and world title challenger Vitor Sa, which was scored 97:93 (twice) and 96:94.



Photo: New WBF International Middleweight Champion Denis Saioni from France.

Sa, from Oporto, was fired up and chased Saioni throughout, who cleverly circled the ring. The hometown favourite boxed from the outside, but stopped and punched enough to be in command. However, any time he wasn't fast enough, Vitor was able to land telling punches. After six rounds, it was still everybody's fight and the crowd at the open air Masséna Forum in the center of Nice pushed their hero forward throughout. From round seven onwards, Saioni was able to pull away to secure victory, but with blood flowing down from a cut over the right eye (from a legal punch as ruled by Austrian ref Ernst Salzgeber), Sa was still trying to win in the last round.

When Denis was finally awarded his first championship belt, everyone in attendance knew he had witnessed a minor classic. Saioni improved his record to 35-5 (14), while Sa fell to 24-6 (4). The show was expertly staged by Pierre Vitale of the boxing club PC Nicois.

Seemann Hansen New ExCo Chairman

The World Boxing Federation is excited to announce the addition of Denmark's Torben Seemann Hansen to its staff, who will become the first chairman of the organizations' Executive Committee with immediate effect. At the same time, the duties of the ExCo have been reformulated and extended and it will now also act as a task force in developing strategies to achieve the WBF's objectives and optimize its activities.

To that effect, WBF President Howard Goldberg (South Africa) and WBF Vice President Jean Marcel Nartz (Germany) have resigned from the Committee, with new members to be added in due course on Seemann Hansen's recommendations.



Photo: New WBF Executive Committee Chairman Torben Seemann Hansen from Denmark.

With Torben, the WBF has gained a true authority and a fine administrator who enjoys a high reputation in boxing circles worldwide. Besides being an accomplished judge in 167 international championship bouts, Torben is a former vice president of the European Boxing Union (EBU), and headed many committees for them over the years. He is still serving as EBA (European Boxing Association) vice president and was both General Secretary and chairman of the Danish Federation and also held administrative posts with the WBC and the minor IBO. The experience which Torben accumulated in more than 40 years in the sport will now be put to use for the World Boxing Federation.

In other news WBF internal news, John Levy Prado has been appointed Regional Representative for Panama and will work under the Continental Coordinator for Latin America, Sergio Sotelo. Also, Italy's Matteo Fratini was released from his positions as ExCo member and Honory Consultant, but the WBF hopes he will continue to accept assignments as judge.



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CHAMPIONS:



Heavyweight World Champion International

Cruiserweight World Champion Intercontinental International

Lightheavyweight World Champion Intercontinental International Asia-Pacific

Supermiddleweight World Champion

Middleweight World Champion Intercontinental International

Superwelterweight World Champion Intercontinental

Welterweight World Champion

Lightwelterweight World Champion Intercontinental International

Lightweight World Champion Intercontinental International

Superfeatherweight World Champion

Featherweight World Champion All Africa

Superbantamweight World Champion

Bantamweight World Champion International

Superflyweight World Champion

Flyweight World Champion

Lightflyweight World Champion

Strawweight World Champion Evander Holyfield (USA) Raphael Zumbano (Brazil)

vacant Sefer Seferi (Albania) Bjoern Blaschke (Germany)

vacant Nadjib Mohammedi (France) Denis Simcic (Slovenia) Manny Vlamis (Australia)

vacant

Karama Nyilawila (Tanzania) Anthony Fitzgerald (Ireland) Denis Saioni (France)

vacant Sebastien Madani (France)

vacant

vacant Yvan Mendy (France) Miguel Gonzalez (USA)

vacant Guillaume Salingue (France) Hedi Slimani (Tunisia)

vacant

Patrick Hyland (Ireland) Matima Molefe (South Africa)

vacant

Lubabalo Msuthu (South Africa) Hassan Azaouagh (France)

vacant

vacant

Felipe Salguero (Mexico)

Manuel Jimenez (Mexico)



Heavyweight Middleweight Welterweight Lightwelterweight Superfeatherweight Superbartamweight Bantamweight Superflyweight Lightflyweight (all other divisions vacant)

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

LINKS & CONTACTS



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