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Boxer of the Month - October 2013



Latest Results

Anne Sophie Da Costa W 10 Yesenia Martinez Castrejon

Womens World Strawweight Title
November 9, 2013 in Reims, France

Ana Arrazola W 10 Maria Del Refugio Jimenez Cruz

Womens World Lightflyweight Title
November 2, 2013 in Celaya, Mexico

Natalia Smirnova W 10 Hana Horakova

Womens Intercontinental Lightweight Title
October 26, 2013 in Rostov, Russia

Upcoming Title Bouts

Jennifer Salinas vs Yolis Marrugo Franco

Womens World Superbantamweight Title
November 16, 2013 in Santa Cruz, Bolivia

Michel Mothmora vs Stepan Horvath

International Middleweight Title
November 16, 2013 in Gien, France

Ivan Pereyra vs Christopher Degollado

Intercontinental Superwelterweight Title
November 22, 2013 in Monterrey, Mexico

Osborne Machimana vs Elvis Moyo

All Africa Heavyweight Title
November 22, 2013 in Cape Town, South Africa

Nkululeko Vengenayi vs Simphiwe Tom

All Africa Superfeatherweight Title
November 22, 2013 in Cape Town, South Africa

Gaelle Amand vs Irma Balijagic Adler

Womens World Featherweight Title
November 30, 2013 in Cergy, France

Gogi Knezevic vs Robison Omsarashvili

Intercontinental Middleweight Title
December 7, 2013 in Vienna, Austria

Timy Shala vs Mounir Toumi

Intercontinental Lightheavyweight Title
December 7, 2013 in Vienna, Austria

Laszlo Toth vs Georgi Ungiadze

International Welterweight Title
December 7, 2013 in Vienna, Austria

Lucia Morelli vs Delfine Persoon

Womens World Lightweight Title
December 13, 2013 in Aalst, Belgium

Reports

DA COSTA SCRAPS BY CASTREJON, RETAINS WBF WORLD TITLE

While it was Anne Sophie Da Costa who came in as the reigning World Boxing Federation (WBF) Womens World Strawweight Champion, and the fight took place in her hometown of Reims, France, it was Mexican challenger Yesenia Martinez Castrejon who started their fight best by far on Saturday night, November 9. Castrejon took the fight to Da Costa, who in the first few rounds looked besides herself and surprised by the aggressiveness and hard punching of the visitor. Da Costa tried hard to take control, and slowly started to find her rhythm in the fourth.



Photo: WBF Womens World Strawweight Champion Da Costa with trainer William Guillaume.

After six rounds it was anybody's fight, but in round seven the champion really found her groove and started to pull away with more precision and a higher work rate. Da Costa was at that point fighting with more aggression and urgency than Castrejon, who was still dangerous, especially with her overhand right and body-punching. Going into the last round it still looked as if the fight could go either way, as many rounds were close and hard to score. Da Costa finished best, but both boxers put on a magnificent performance and the crowd, which included WBF Womens World Super Welterweight Champion Anne Sophie Mathis, seemed unsure if their local favorite had managed to keep the world title in France.

Judge Jean Marcel Nartz scored the bout a 95-95 draw, but Vincent Dupas and Jacqui Valliant had it 97-93 for Da Costa, scoring two more of those close rounds for the reigning champion. A jubilant Anne Sophie Da Costa (31) remained undefeated and improved her professional record to 16-0 (7), while the very game and determined Yesenia Martinez Castrejon falls to a deceiving 15-13 (9) after an admirable effort. At only 24 years of age, she should get a new opportunity at a world title in the future.

ARRAZOLA RETAINS WBF WORLD LIGHTFLYWEIGHT TITLE

While her declared ambitions of a knockout victory failed, it was still a very successful evening for World Boxing Federation Womens World Light Flyweight Champion Ana



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Arrazola as she made her first title defense against compatriot Maria Del Refugio Jimenez Cruz on Saturday in Celaya, Mexico. Jimenez Cruz proved to be a very game challenger, as she pressured the defending champion and often found a home for her right hand. However, Arrazola worked well with the jab and used her superior boxing skills to take control from the fourth round on.



Photo: Successful first defence for WBF world champion Ana Arrazola.

None of the boxers looked close to going down at any point of the fight, and it remained competitive for the full ten rounds. In the end judges Martin Godinez, Sergio Gonzalez and Manuel Brizuela scored it 98-92, 99-91 and 100-90 in favor of Arrazola. Referee was Jesus Salcedo. This was a rematch of their 2011 original encounter where Arrazola won an action-packed bout on points, and this time she was also made to work hard despite the wide scores of the judges. The winner improved her record to 19-9-2 (13), while Jimenez Cruz dropped to 10-7 (0). The WBF world title fight was the main event of the first promotion staged by Hector Garcia's Best Talent Promotions, and kicked off the season of what will be a weekly series of shows transmitted throughout Mexico by TVC Sports Network.

SMIRNOVA WBF INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPION, BEATS HORAKOVA AGAIN



Photo: Natalia Smirnova of Russia, the new WBF Womens Intercontinental Lightweight Champion.

Natalia Smirnova of Russia is the new World Boxing Federation Womens Intercontinental Lightweight

Champion after beating the Czech Republic's Hana Horakova for the vacant crown on Saturday night at the Express in Rostov on Don.

This was a rematch of their original meeting this past May where Smirnova won a hard-fought decision after eight rounds, but this time she had no trouble proving herself as the better of the two. Horakova tried her best to even the score, and had a few moments of success, but Smirnova was just too skilled and quick from the start. After ten rounds of boxing dominated by Smirnova, judges Evgeny Drobyshev, Alexander Kalinkin and Ruben Zaburov all had the local favorite a clear winner by scores of 100-90, 99-91 and 99-91.

The new WBF Champion improved her undefeated record to 7-0 (4), having been very active since turning professional this past February. Horakova dropped to 3-10 (0), a ledger not doing her justice as she has fought competitively with many world class opponents. Televised live throughout Russia on Boets TV, the Smirnova vs. Horakova WBF Intercontinental title fight was promoted by ITS Promotions, in cooperation with SKV Boxing.

WBF CHAMPIONS



Heavyweight

World Champion
Intercontinental
International

Carlos Takam (Cameroon)
Amir Mansour (USA)
Fabrice Aurieng (France)

Cruiserweight

World Champion
Intercontinental
International
All Africa

Danie Venter (South Africa)
Ismael Abdoul (Belgium)
Daniel Bruwer (South Africa)
Kevin Lerena (South Africa)

Lighthweight

World Champion
Intercontinental
International
North American
Oceania

vacant
Timy Shala (Austria)
Bernard Donfack (Cameroon)
Shawn Miller (USA)
Reece Papuni (New Zealand)



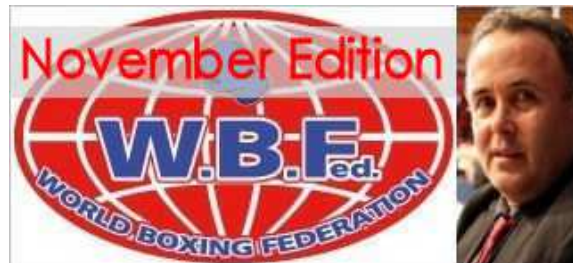
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<u>Supermiddleweight</u>	
World Champion	Francis Cheka (Tanzania)
Intercontinental	Jürgen Doberstein (Germany)
International	Enes Zecirevic (Bosnia)
All Africa	Thomas Mashali (Tanzania)
Oceania	Adrian Taihia (New Zealand)
<u>Middleweight</u>	
World Champion	vacant
Intercontinental	Gogi Knezevic (Austria)
North American	Harry Joe Yorgey (USA)
<u>Superwelterweight</u>	
World Champion	Anderson Clayton (Brazil)
International	Zakaria Attou (France)
<u>Welterweight</u>	
World Champion	Humberto Soto (Mexico)
Intercontinental	Roman Belaev (Russia)
All Africa	Mthobisi Buthelezi (South Africa)
Latin	Aitor Nieto (Spain)
North America	Javier Carrera (Mexico)
<u>Lightwelterweight</u>	
World Champion	Zolani Marali (South Africa)
<u>Lightweight</u>	
World Champion	vacant
International	Vusumzi Tyatyeka (South Africa)
All Africa	Korley Collison (Ghana)
<u>Superfeatherweight</u>	
World Champion	Jesus Cruz Bibiano (Mexico)
Intercontinental	Sebastien Cornu (France)
International	Xolisani Ndongeni (South Africa)
<u>Featherweight</u>	
World Champion	Timur Akhundov (Ukraine)
International	Sergio Lopez (Mexico)
<u>Superbantamweight</u>	
World Champion	vacant
All Africa	Joshua Barnor (Ghana)
Latin	Julio Zarate (Mexico)
<u>Bantamweight</u>	
World Champion	Lubabalo Msuthu (South Africa)
<u>Superflyweight</u>	
World Champion	vacant
Intercontinental	Joseph Hilongwa (Namibia)
<u>Flyweight</u>	
World Champion	vacant
Intercontinental	Doctor Ntsele (South Africa)
<u>Lightflyweight</u>	
World Champion	vacant
All Africa	Mzuvukile Magwaca (South Africa)
<u>Strawweight</u>	
World Champion	vacant



As we move towards the festive season and the New Year, it is time to reflect on another good and successful WBF year.

While we recorded a record amount of WBF fights in 2013, I honestly believe that we have established ourselves as arguably the top women's sanctioning body with some truly outstanding fighters. Our women champions are truly at the top of their game, they conduct themselves with great aplomb and are indeed respected role models in the world of boxing.

Our men's division also increased in volume and we are equally proud of our men champions, but there is still much work to be done. We want to be the best and we need to synergise our efforts in order to achieve that aim – and we will! We will never compromise on the transparency, integrity and ethical approach we advocate to this great sport. We will, irrespective of the time it takes, ensure that the WBF's contribution to world boxing has the highest moral fibre, honourable values and good social morals, and that honesty and integrity is part and parcel of the sport we love.

It has been a busy and exciting year, having opened up several new countries here on my own African continent, including Tanzania, Namibia, Ghana with Uganda to follow. Of course New Zealand also welcomed us with open arms, and we have already had discussions about a title fight in Australia next year.

We have some very interesting projects in line for 2014 which will be revealed early in the New Year.

I would like to express my gratitude to the WBF team, our promoters, fighters, champions, challengers, trainers, managers, representatives – but more so their and our families who lovingly allow them and us to pursue what we love – growing boxing! It is their sacrifice for which we are so appreciative and blessed.

Thus December and January is a time for families to spend quality time together and perhaps take a small break from boxing. It is a time to reflect and look towards a healthy, happy and prosperous 2014.



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WBF WOMENS CHAMPIONS



Supermiddleweight

World Champion **Nikki Adler (Germany)**

Middleweight

World Champion **Christina Hammer (Germany)**

Superwelterweight

World Champion **Anne Sophie Mathis (France)**

Welterweight

World Champion **Arlene Blencowe (Australia)**

Lightwelterweight

World Champion **Rola El Halabi (Germany)**
Intercontinental **Nomadithini Ndyambo (S. Africa)**

Lightweight

World Champion **Lucia Morelli (Italy)**
Intercontinental **Natalia Smirnova (Russia)**
International **Malena Munoz (Mexico)**

Superfeatherweight

World Champion **Ramona Kuehne (Germany)**

Featherweight

World Champion **Shannon O'Connell (Australia)**
(In Recess)

Superbantamweight

World Champion **vacant**

Bantamweight

World Champion **Nadya Hokmi (France)**

Superflyweight

World Champion **Raja Amasheh (Germany)**
Intercontinental **Linda Soto (Mexico)**

Flyweight

World Champion **vacant**

Lightflyweight

World Champion **Ana Arrazola (Mexico)**

Strawweight

World Champion **Anne Sophie Da Costa (France)**

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WBF Inside

BIG HONOR FOR WBF MEDICAL ADVISOR

Dr. Adam Balogh (MD), Medical Advisor for the World Boxing Federation (WBF) and chief surgeon at the Helios Klinik in Huel, Germany, was recently appointed Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.



At a ceremony on October 7 in Washington D.C., Dr. Balogh was among several physicians who became new members of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), a famed institution which celebrated its 100th anniversary this year. In order to become a Fellow, it requires not just the recommendations of a certain number of existing members, but also the publishing of several scientific works.

"It is a huge honour for me to be admitted into this exclusive society of colleagues," said the WBF Medical Advisor. At the recent WBF World Convention in Germany, Dr. Balogh lectured in front of delegates from all over the world and was lauded for his efforts on behalf of professional boxing. WBF President Howard Goldberg of South Africa congratulated Dr. Balogh on his achievements and stressed that "the World Boxing Federation appreciates to have a truly world class physician at the head of its medical department."