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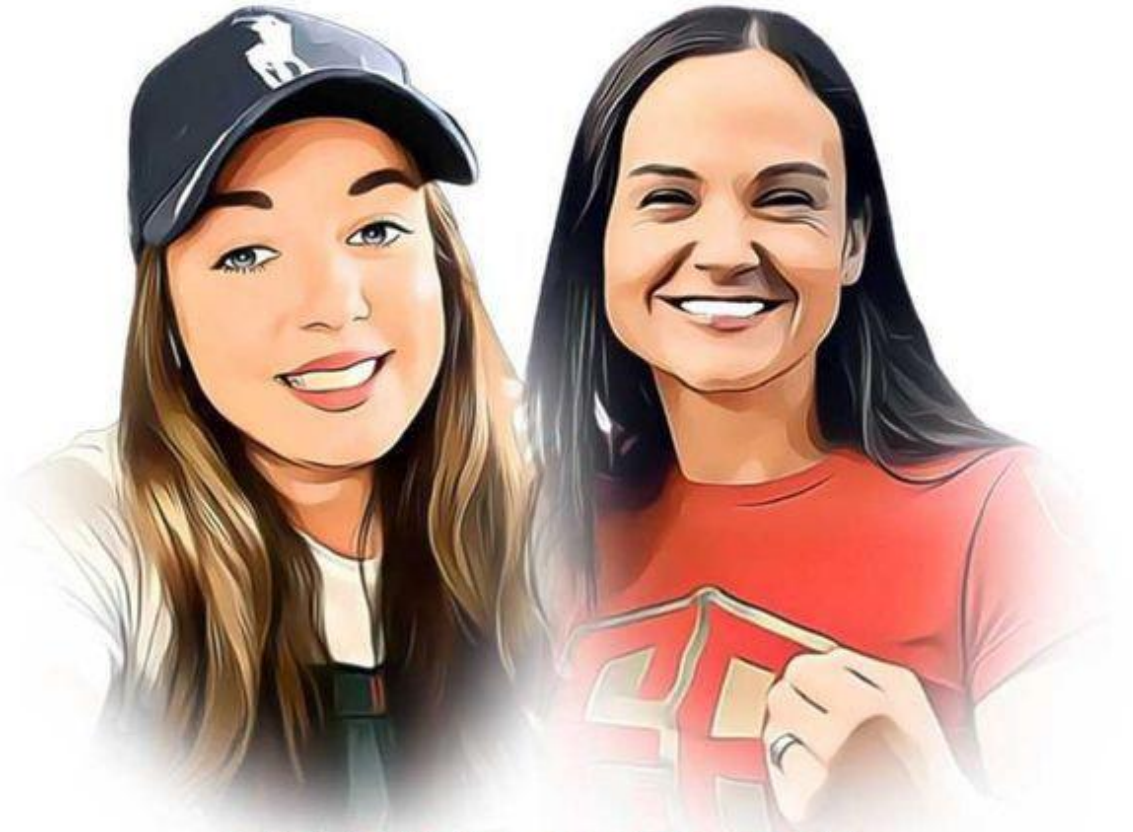


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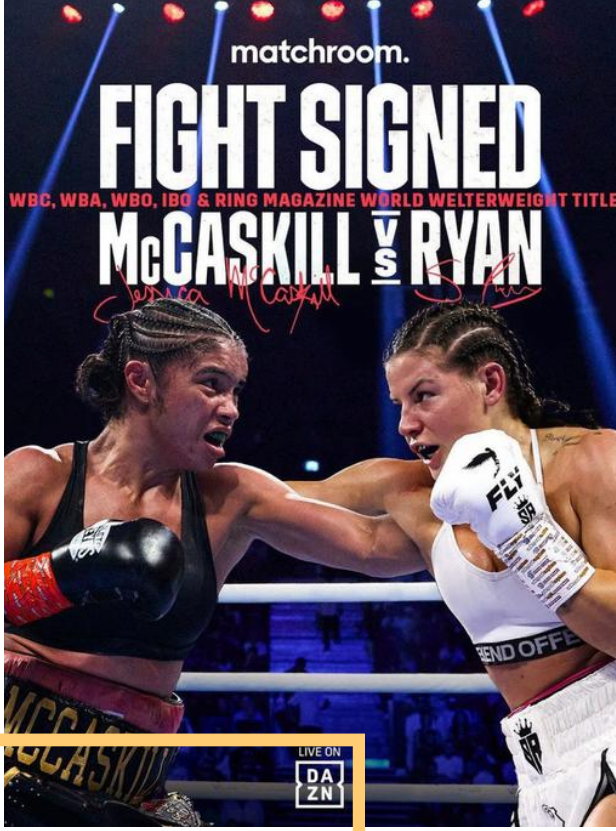
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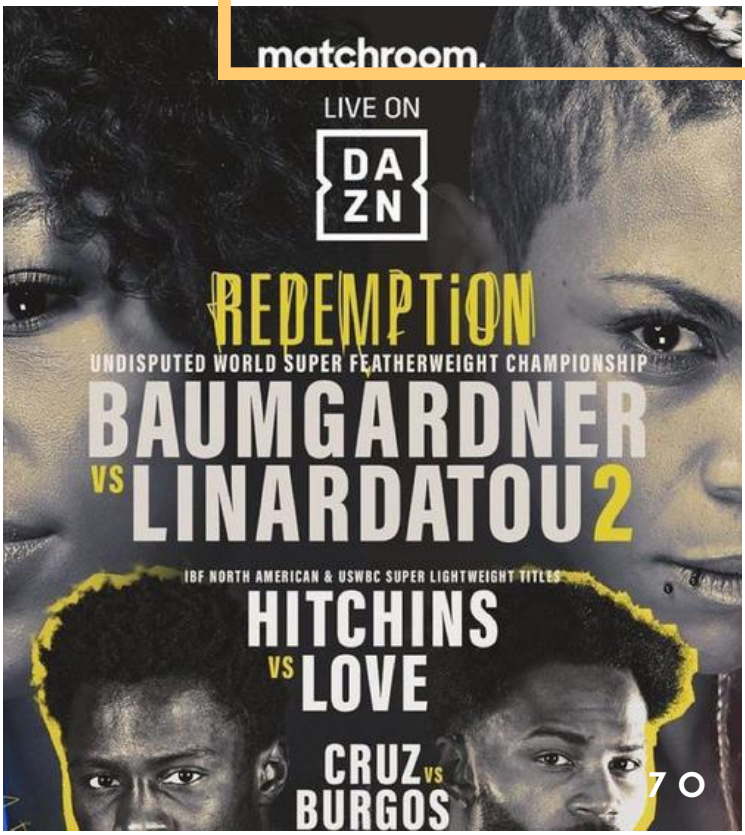
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GINNY FUCHS WHEN FACING BANISHMENT; FIRE THE CANNONS.

"I live in Seabrook in Galvisoton bay . I grew up in the water and I love boat life. The idea of Pirates and sailing on the sea, being free and doing whatever you want was appealing to me"

They call her The Pirate, the Capt'n. You may be reminded of a cursing sailor if you never heard her last name pronounced too. Ginny... Fuchs.

"There are many ways my name has been pronounced. One way is how you guys are probably thinking. The middle finger pronunciation. I should just do that put 'Ginny' then a ...middle finger" You can't be a Pirate without a sense of humor. "Arr" but there's a serious side too.

Shiver my timers, all you have to do is watch Ginny Fuchs hit the pads at the media workout, before her Unanimous decision victory over Indeya Smith, to understand she is not only an Olympic level skilled boxer but also powerful. One of her Team USA coaches, Christine Lopez, always mentions how strong she is.

"It's in my DNA. 'Pirate DNA', I been doing athletics my whole life. I take care of my body. But I have to give props to my strength and conditioning coach, Evins. Since I have worked with him in 2013 my whole game changed. I was faster and stronger. My punch output got high and look at what I've accomplished. He also works with Regis Prograis and look how strong he is."

Ginny is a right-handed South paw. This means she leads with her dominant hand. giving her a very powerful Right-Hook. You cant be a Pirate if you live far from sea nor can you be a Pirate if you don't have a good hook. It's a must.

"I do have a great Hook. When I started boxing I was just asked to throw a jab from both stances and was asked to say which feels better. I didn't even know that was a left-handed stance. I was just told that's how I am going to fight and trained that way for two years. When I moved back to Houston they asked me why I am a southpaw and then I learned it was a left handed stance."

And just like that she was south paw because "it felt right", that's a Pirate-like thing to do after all.

So she's 3-0 now. It was an awkward opponent, who has a recent victory over Sulem Urbina, but while the sea during this short excursion came with some challenging waves, it wasn't something this pirate couldn't navigate through. The "Capt'n" continues her voyage, and the story foretold will be one of Silver and Gold. Treasure maps of Pirates are usually shrouded in mystery, challenges and adventure; she has no allegiance nor preference on a promotional banner; her banner is a black flag with a skull on it. Where there is treasure to plunder she shall go.

"I don't really have a preference on which promoter I go to. I just want to go where they have the best offer and in someone that really believes in me and knows that I don't need much time before I can become Undisputed Champion; just give me the fights! I don't need 10 fights to get a shot for a title. After my next fight I am ready. As long as someone gives me the opportunity, that's fine with me"

The life of a Pirate is far from easy. They must be destined to survive the storms of the harsh sea; literally or figuratively. The start of her long boxing voyage began after she got herself into some trouble at the LSU campus trying to play a prank on a friend. She was a walk on for the LSU cross country track team. Then just like that that boat sank out of nowhere.

"Freshman year I broke down a door in the West Campus apartments (at LSU) where the athletes stay. Basically we did a prank on my friend. Broke the door and made it look like someone broke in and stole his XBox. He ended up calling LSU police. We ended up telling them (The police) it was all a prank, the XBox is in the bathroom, I said i'd pay for the door. I got arrested for that. I got a misdemeanor summons and I got kicked out of the team."

She remained hopeful that she would get let back in the team but she never got that opportunity. A $100 bet to break a door and play a prank on a friend finished her cross country days.

"I accepted a bet of $100 that I could break the door. My friend pulled out the $100 dollars and I charged the door" , in fairness $100 goes a long-way for a college student. She just never imagined it would come with such harsh consequences. Destiny sometimes comes with a twist of fate.

"Around the time when I was told I wouldn't be back in the team, I had met professional boxer John Revish, he's no longer fighting, he trained out of 14th St in Baton Rouge; he brought me in and that first day coach David said he saw potential in me. He said he'd like to train me to fight and I said 'let's do it!'"

Just like that she was a boxer. A natural at that.

"I had a good couple of fights. I won the Louisiana Golden gloves and went to my first national tournament in 2010 for National Golden Gloves. At this point I heard they were adding womens boxing to the Olympics. I looked at my coach and said 'let's do this'!. I wanted to go to the Olympics. In 2011 I graduated from LSU and moved back to Houston (Texas) and continued my boxing career."

Perhaps the aggressive act of breaking a door in college was a sign from the Sea Gods that this Pirate was destined to fight battles. Fate's compass made a course correction and her sails to her rightful destiny properly aligned. Ginny immediately became a force in such a short span of time.

"I did qualify for the Olympic trials in 2012 when they had the first Olympics but I didn't make that team but knew I was going back in 2016."

The treasure map didn't quite get her that Gold she was looking for but a good pirate never blaes the map; they just try again and improve their navigation and her battle skills.

Marlen Esparza was heavily promoted in America when she went to the Olympics in

2012 with her sponsorships and Nike deal. She was the girl to beat the US. She was the poster child for how you mold a fighter to dominate the amateurs as she did. The thought of a newcomer like Ginny taking over her spot would of been considered delusional. The Pirates don't ask for their turn or wait patiently until there is perfect weather to sail. Pirates plunder without mercy and take what they feel is theirs, going against the establishment is their calling. Marleen was the 9 time National Champion, Olympic bronze medalist, while Ginny was just a girl with little experience and in her own words hadn't done much in the amateurs.

"Marleen and I, we were big rivals after the 2012 Olympics. We fought in the finals at Nationals every year. She had beat me 5 times in the lead up to the 2016 Olympic trials. I would say in about 4 of those 5, I got robbed. Many in the Boxing Community thought those decisions were bad. It was very controversial. We definitely had a big rivalry going on all those years. When the Olympic trials came for 2016, I beat her twice in a double elimination tournament and put her dream away. My main rival was Marleen. There was no other rival like Marleen."

After defeating her biggest rival and favorite to return to Olympics, The Pirate suffered another unexpected crash at sea. Her ship that was her amateur career almost sank but not all was lost.

"I still had to qualify in my weight-class at an international qualification tournament but came up short in both these tournaments so I didn't make the Olympics in Rio. But Team USA did name me captain of the Olympic Boxing team. So I still went with the team to support and get the Olympic experience."

In 2012 she didn't win the US Qualifier, In 2016 did win it but fell short in the international Qualifier. In 2020 she finally made the Olympics.

"My plan was to go pro after Rio but I was so close and I knew that if I tried again I was going to get there. I didn't want to pass on the opportunity of being an Olympian so I just decided to try for Tokyo where I did make it."

It's a fascinating journey. But was aiming for Olympic Gold worth not chasing the treasures in the pro ranks? There are more riches in plundering the pro ranks, the what if's are there. Pirates do love treasure but the adventure of glory is also something to consider.

"I go back and forth with my decision to stay and not turn pro. I am 35 years old right now and I think that is holding me back from getting signed from the promoters out there. If I turned pro 4 years ago maybe everything would be different, perhaps I would've been signed right away, maybe be undisputed champion, perhaps I would have had way more money, but then again I wouldn't have been an Olympian. Less than 1% of the world can do that. So I can't say I regret it, but I am definitely having a hard time getting fights right now. No one is interested in signing me right now, and while I can't say I am broke, my financial situation isn't how I thought it would be at the moment. I am hustling to still pursue my boxing career."

She's a woman-o-war ready for battle, with the black flag waving, ready to renew an old rivalry.

"Let's make the fight, Marlen. Let's continue this rivalry we've had. Let's make a big show in Houston. We're both from Houston, let's keep it going- Fight me! Don't make me wait til I become mandatory. I'm ready now, let's do it!"

Currently, Marlen happens to be a Unified Champion and one must wonder if she would currently be holding those belts if Ginny Fuchs hadn't eliminated her at the 2016 Olympic trials. Perhaps Ginny would've turned pro and Marleen would have stayed and been chasing Olympic gold again. Eitherway, fate led to where we are now. Perhaps everyone in her division is waiting on this old sailor to sink at sea before they have to fight.

"They're gonna try to wait it out.... age me out. I'm 35, but I feel like I'm 25. I started boxing in college when I was 20 years old. I don't have all those years of beating down on my body. I feel in my prime and I feel I can do this for a while"

Hopefully, the paths with these two great rivals cross again and we get to "Fire the Cannons". Batten down the hatches, a storm may be coming.

(Currently, the Olympian Trains out of two gyms in Houston. Baby Bull Boxing, training with former Unified Lightweight Champion Juan Diaz' old trainer Derwin Richards and also trains out of Main Boxing Gym where Regis Prograis (current WBC Super Lightweight champion) trains as well. Evins Tobler is her strength and conditioning coach, who she credits very much with much of her success.)





(Transcribed from HCP Aftermath interview with DStyleBoxing and CalixBoxing)

Baumgardner Seeks Linardatou Revenge

Written by: Matt Elliott



Alycia Baumgardner (14-1) seeks to avenge her only career loss when she rematches with Christina Linardatou (14-2) on July 15 at the Masonic Temple in Detroit. The fight is also the first time that Baumgardner enters the ring as the undisputed super featherweight champion after she claimed all the gold in her last outing against Elhem Mekhaled.

It was back in July 2018 when the two last met, Linardatou getting the nod by split decision after a closely fought eight-round contest. At the time Baumgardner was largely unheard of and it wasn't until her shock TKO victory over Terri Harper in late 2021, that things started to change, that win instantly changing her fortunes overnight. In the subsequent eighteen months, Baumgardner has collected all of the belts, which included victory over Mikaela Mayer at the all-female Boxxer card in the O2 arena.

Linardatou's career has taken somewhat of a different path. She followed up the victory over Baumgardner by moving up two weight divisions and claiming the then-vacant WBO super lightweight belt with victory over Kandi Wyatt. She would defend this against Deana Hobbs before dropping the title to Katie Taylor in November 2019, putting in a spirited performance but ultimately falling short. Taylor would subsequently relinquish the belt and Linardatou reclaimed it with victory over Prisca Vicot in February 2020. The covid pandemic then hit and in 2021 Linardatou announced her pregnancy and vacated the belt in order to not hold up the division.



She returned to action last year and defeated Aleksandra Vujovic in her first appearance for over two years, with the expectation then being that she would become the mandatory challenger for the WBO title she had vacated. She was installed as mandatory for Chantelle Cameron, after she defeated Jessica McCaskill, however, the purse split made no allowance for the fact Linardatou vacated her belt due to pregnancy, meaning she would have to accept a purse split of just 25%. With this in mind, she opted for a bigger money clash against Mikaela Mayer, which was due to take place in April, only for Linardatou to be refused a license by the British Boxing Board of Control at the eleventh hour, due to the results of a pre-fight eye test.

Now her attention turns to Baumgardner, and with no such fears about licensing, Linardatou will be looking to upset the odds and put her career back on track. For Baumgardner, this is all about avenging that defeat and maintaining the form which has made her one of the biggest names in the sport. Linardatou is dropping back down to 130lbs for this fight and that, coupled with her inactivity in recent years, makes this an extremely difficult task. Baumgardner carries the slight power advantage and at twenty-nine, is six years younger than her opponent. It is hard to look past Baumgardner given the form she is in, and I would expect her to retain her titles either on points or potentially with a late stoppage.



ON WOMEN'S BOXING

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Franchon Crews-Dezurn was asked to give her top pound-for-pound list in her most recent interview with DAZN ahead of her undisputed super middle title defense, Saturday, July 1st, against rival Savannah Marshall.

Cruz-Dezurn was clear in not wanting to categorize or quantify the relative importance of fighters. Yes, she gave a huge boost of encouragement to the work of the "undisputed" women who put it all on the line to give that extra something but responding to a tweet commending her sent by Amanda Serrano, Cruz-Dezurn said, "There was no particular order ... so many with and without belts. I don't operate off [a] "list" and I try to spread more love than confusion."

As a fighter and a peer among her peers, she has been pivotal to the sport since she won her first USA Boxing National middleweight amateur crown in 2005. This was before the pitch to have women box in the Olympics had even been presented to the International Olympic Committee ahead of the 2008 Beijing Games—but it was truly her efforts along with those of her fellow champions in the USA and around the world that made the introduction of women's boxing in the 2012 London Games a reality.

More to her point, there are, still, so many women of exceptional talent and caliber that can't catch the breaks that our current crop of elite champions have managed to garner.

Tiara Brown comes to mind. With a stellar 42-15 amateur career which began in 2009, Brown won her first USA Boxing National Championship at featherweight in 2012 defeating future champion Rashida Ellis; and repeated her championship wins in 2014 and 2015 against equally talented fighters.

Turning pro in 2016, Brown has gone on to a 14-0 career at junior lightweight, but despite excellent boxing prowess and what seemed to be a trajectory that would see her compete for a title, her career came to a dead stop following her bout in December of 2019.

The pandemic wreaked havoc with a lot of boxing talent. The pause that effected so many, meant that Brown couldn't gain another opportunity to compete again until October of 2021 – and in that case had to go to Tijuana, Mexico for the fight. She won the six-rounder by TKO in the 5th but had to push and push again for another shot, this time traveling to Cartagena, Columbia in July 2022, where she handily won by RTD in the 3rd round of a six rounder.

Things improved a bit with boxing matches in November 2022 and again in February 2023. Both bouts were in Sosua, Dominican Republic. Brown prevailed with a 2nd round TKO out of eight rounds in the first fight, and a 3rd round TKO out six rounds in the second.

Those fights, however, were all money out in the sense that they barely covered costs, never mind providing the kind of cash even the opponent side of more elite battles are starting to garner at the top of the pile.

Since her fight in February, Brown has been advocating for a seat at the table on bigger cards with media exposure. Just over the last few months, she reiterated her strong skill set as an opponent—advocating for the chance to fight on Matchroom boxing cards against the likes of Skye Nicolson, all the while keeping herself sharp by sparring the likes of Ramla Ali in the gym.

Those forays and her willingness to take on such competition for little if any money, has gone on deaf ears in the world of promotions – though she has caught the ear of the likes of Amanda Serrano and Maureen Shea who are strong supporters of her plight.

Brown did manage to catch a bit of a break as she noted in a tweet dated June 26th with a fight date in the Dominican Republic scheduled for June 30th.



As someone in her corner, I am hoping the fight works out – but more to the point, I am humbled by her humility and her notion that "any fight where 2 boxers have trained hard is worth it!"

More to the point, with all the apparent support for women in boxing, the question is can we as a community help such deserving fighters catch the breaks necessary to compete against others of their caliber. Brown's dilemma reminds us that while we bask in the brilliance of high-flying competitors, we must figure out how to expand the actual work of matchmaking and promotion to make space for Tiara Brown and her boxing sisters who are just as deserving of the opportunities the lucky few are enjoying on well-financed boxing cards.

BY CHRISTOPHER BENEDICT

ALICIA ASHLEY AND LAURA SERRANO ENTER INTERNATIONAL BOXING HALL OF FAME, 2020 INDUCTEE LUCIA RIJKER FINALLY GETS HER RING

With Alicia Ashley already seated onstage at the Turning Stone Casino's showroom, Lucia Rijker made her way up the aisle to join her fellow Hall of Famer for a Friday morning ringside lecture as part of a memorable induction weekend. Lucia paused at the microphone positioned near the front of the stage to enable audience members to ask questions and, same as she had done at the Opening Bell ceremony the day before, borrowed from James Brown to sing a paraphrased line from one of his signature hits. "It's still a man's world," she crooned. "But it wouldn't be nothing without a woman or a girl."

An esteemed member of the Class of 2020, Rijker was one of the first three females, along with her rival Christy Martin and pioneer Barbara Buttrick, to ever be voted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame which had finally seen fit to create an entryway for women after three decades of existence in upstate Canastota, New York—birthplace and lifelong hometown of welterweight and middleweight world champion Carmen Basilio.

Elected in the two subsequent years, Lady Tyger Trimiar, Laila Ali, Ann Wolfe, Regina Halmich, Holly Holm, promoter Kathy Duva, and ringside physician/VADA founder Dr. Margaret Goodman were all enshrined together with Buttrick and Martin and their male counterparts at last year's Trilogy Weekend after the postponement of the previous two inductions due to Covid. Because travel restrictions were still in place in her native Netherlands, Rijker was unable to attend but couldn't have seemed happier to endure the 19-hour flight to receive her Hall of Fame ring in Canastota this year.

2021 inductee Ann Wolfe, the former four-division world champion famous for her vicious highlight-reel knockout of six-foot-six Vonda Ward, was invited back to join in this year's festivities. As feared and fearsome as she was in the boxing ring, Ann is equally humble and soft-spoken in her everyday life. "I want to change your heart," Wolfe stated during her Thursday afternoon talk, putting sincere emphasis on her mission to give back to the community and to be remembered as a benefactor even more so than as a prizefighter. "We need to uplift each other and make each other better human beings," she said. Parentless at eighteen and homeless with two children by twenty, Ann found her salvation through boxing, a positive outlet through which she could channel her sometimes uncontrollable rage.

"I had to take some ass whuppin's in the gym to get good," recalled Wolfe, who was trained by Pops Billingsley in Austin, Texas. Sixteen of her twenty-four career victories occurred before the final bell (seven of them being first-round stoppages), and she lost only once—early in her career and by knockout, ironically enough—to the more experienced Valerie Mahfoud, who a much improved Wolfe would soundly defeat both times in their two rematches. Boxing paid off for Ann existentially if not financially. Her career earnings totaling in the neighborhood of $50,000, she made half of that in one night for just over sixty seconds of work in putting Vonda Ward flat on her back. That single, brutal right hook was delivered with exceptionally bad intent. Ward's suggestions that Wolfe stand on an apple crate to look her in the eyes for the faceoff at their weigh-in, and that she would be signing autographs in the lobby after knocking Ann out, "pissed me off," she said.

Asked about the high-profile matchups that never came her way, specifically against Laila Ali, Wolfe responded by joking, "I don't blame them. If I had to fight me...shit, I would have been scared too." Ann is understandably proud of her work as a trainer, most notably with James Kirkland, as well as preparing actor Trevante Rhodes to portray Mike Tyson in Hulu's recent mini-series. The producers of 2017's Wonder Woman movie were so keen on casting Wolfe in the role of Amazon warrior Artemis they had no problem looking past the fact that the character was white in the comic books. Despite her successes in the squared circle and on the silver screen, Ann contends that "my children are my greatest accomplishment."

Several of the attendees' flights were delayed owing to the hazardous air quality in New York from the toxic smoke drifting down from the Canadian wildfires, causing the schedule of events to be juggled around accordingly, not to mention all activities that typically take place outside on the Hall of Fame grounds to be moved indoors. Michael Carbajal's spot on Thursday's itinerary was filled by undefeated WBC Youth and Latino flyweight titleholder Gabriela Fundora, her brother Sebastian, and the boxing siblings' promoter Sampson Lewkowicz. Nicknamed 'Sweet Poison,' twenty-one-year-old Gabriela's endearingly bright, cheerful demeanor made her an instant fan favorite over the following four days, particularly when she rode in Sunday's Parade of Champions with her two WBC belts draped over her shoulders. "I haven't stopped smiling all weekend," beamed Gabriela, a rising star in the 112-pound division where the five-foot-nine, Coachella-based southpaw is currently ranked seventh and ascending toward a world title shot.

As for Lucia Rijker, she insisted during her Friday morning talk with Alicia Ashley that seeing how far women's boxing has evolved since a ruptured Achilles tendon forced her to hang up the gloves in 2005 is "worth every blood drop and ache in my body." She added without a trace of regret that "what Claressa Shields makes per fight, I would dream of." Rijker maintains fond memories of her involvement in Million Dollar Baby, as both an actor and fight choreographer, and credits both the film and the F.X. Toole short story collection Rope Burns on which it is based as a turning point in the mainstream awareness of women's boxing. Lucia was kind enough to autograph my first edition copy of Rope Burns the morning before, as well as a photo of the two of us taken the last time she visited Canastota in 2014.

As a longtime practicing Buddhist, Lucia illustrated for the fans what to her is a

natural comparison between training for a boxing match and living like a monk. One of her biggest challenges, she said, was overcoming the learning curve in having to adapt to boxing as a business and form of entertainment. Another, of course, was being taken seriously as a woman maneuvering through the "man's world" she sang about earlier. The example Rijker gave of female boxers being treated as objects in her era was being cast aside by promoter Bob Arum in favor of a sex-sells commodity in Playboy cover girl Mia St. John. Trained during her career by Freddie Roach and 2023 inductee Joe Goossen, she singled out Emmanuel Steward who, she professed in her remarks, "saw me when no one else did." Multi-generational trailblazer Britt VanBuskirk, who boxed from 1978 until 2003 and fought Rijker in 1999, was in the audience for Friday's talk and was hoping to get the chance to reacquaint herself with Lucia, but she was pressed for time afterwards while Rijker had a long queue of autograph seekers to oblige.

Just as Lucia was motivated to begin boxing by Muhammad Ali, Rijker herself served as a source of inspiration, along with Ann Wolfe, to Jamaican-born Alicia Ashley. Her first love was dancing, but Alicia's dreams of becoming a ballerina were derailed by a knee injury. Though she initially had no interest in combat sports unlike her brother, world champion kickboxer Devon Cormack, she took up martial arts at Devon's urging and transitioned from kickboxing to boxing at the relatively late age of 28. Three New York Golden Gloves championships and two USA Boxing National Amateur titles later, Ashley turned pro at 32 and would rack up a 25-13-1 career record, fighting in thirteen different countries along the way.

"Dancing played a big part in how I boxed," said the fleet of foot Alicia. In fact, it's precisely how she came by 'Slick' as a ring moniker. "I enjoyed being a distance fighter. I was about movement. I wasn't interested in knocking people out. My thing was making people look silly." There's nothing silly about Ashley's recognition as the seniormost boxer, male or female (sorry Bernard Hopkins, she got you by two months) to become a world champion, which she accomplished by reclaiming her WBC super-bantamweight title by beating Christina McMahon in 2015 at the age of 48. Which isn't to say she doesn't have a sense of humor about it. To the contrary, Alicia starred in a comedic two and a half-minute mockumentary written and directed by Fight Like a Girl's Jill Morley and hosted by A History of Women's Boxing author Malissa Smith called "World's Oldest" which has plenty of fun with the topic. While sharing Lucia Rijker's enthusiasm for how much progress has been made in women's boxing in recent years, Ashley pointed out that even more needs to be done by acknowledging that promoters are "still not showcasing women enough" and that "every major card should have a women's fight on the undercard."

The air quality control alert was lifted on Saturday, allowing the weekend to proceed as normal back on the Hall of Fame property. The question and answer session at twelve noon put the focus on boxing's often unappreciated and most easily criticized participants, the referee. Exactly three weeks removed from officiating the Katie Taylor/Chantelle Cameron undisputed title fight in Dublin, veteran referee Sparkle Lee paid a visit to Canastota to celebrate the inductions and sit in on Saturday's discussion.

A resident of Harlem and retired NYPD officer who spent two decades on the force, Sparkle had once aspired to become a boxer herself, training regularly at Gleason's Gym and serving as a judge for USA Boxing as far back as 1983. She hurdled over several obstacles and persevered through a rigorous training process to earn hard-fought distinctions as the first female referee assigned to the New York Golden Gloves tournament and to be licensed by the states of New York and New Jersey to work professional bouts, which she has been doing since 2001 and 2007 respectively.

"People come to see the fighters. We're just there to do our job," Sparkle Lee said matter-of-factly. She accentuated the referee's awesome responsibility of ensuring the boxers' safety, what with the very lives of the combatants being at stake on their watch. These sentiments were echoed by fellow female referee and judge Sharon Sands, who was also onstage as a distinguished member of the panel. A boxing fan since she was a young girl, Sands initially made her living as an attorney but left the legal profession to follow her true calling into the fight game.

"Just as there is autonomy in the states politically, every commission has its own nuances," Sands explained. After paying her dues as an official in the amateurs for fourteen years, Sharon was granted her professional referee's license in 2013 by the California State Athletic Commission and has since then been forging her own unique path off the beaten trails blazed by Belle Martell and Gwen Adair before her.

Sands took some time to speak with me following the panel discussion, stressing the severity of the uphill climb she had to endure to obtain her license which took the form of gender bias. She also talked about how very few people realize just how draining the job of refereeing can be. Between the many hours of preparation involved in studying videos of the boxers she will be assigned to supervise and protect and the strenuous physicality of hopping around the ring, "like a Mexican jumping bean" as she put it, she barely has the energy left to pull herself out of bed the entire day after.

Second generation ring announcer, the well-loved Jimmy Lennon Jr., emceed Sunday's enshrinement and gave each honoree an appropriately effusive introduction. "Share with the world whatever you have in abundance," is the mantra 2020 inductee Lucia Rijker said she lives by. Muhammad Ali was a role model to seven year-old Lucia, and she was laughed at when telling people after watching him fight on TV, "That's what I'm going to do one day." Rijker's childhood adulation came full circle in 1998, not long after becoming the first Dutch woman licensed as a professional boxer, when she at long last got to meet Ali and was moved spiritually by his magnanimous nature. A trainer, mentor, and motivational speaker, Lucia has undoubtedly carried on the proud tradition of being of service to others established by her hero.

"I got to live the American dream," said Rijker, while acknowledging that "it was a bumpy ride." She ended by reciting the lyrics to a song once written for her: "Lucia Rijker, there's no one like her. Beauty and power, strength and grace. She can pack a punch, but don't get in her face. Protected by angels, she's a bringer of light. So watch out world, she's

going to knock you out. She's not a redhead but wait and see. The whole world is going to shout, I Love Lucy!"

Posthumously inducted in the Trailblazer category, JoAnn Hagen was the first woman from the Class of 2023 to be honored during the ceremony. Fighting out of South Bend, Indiana in the 1940s and 50s, Hagen took on contemporaries such as still-living legends Pat Emerick and Barbara Buttrick, as well as her stablemate and good friend Phyllis Kugler in her last bout. JoAnn is best known for being the only boxer to defeat Buttrick in her 32 professional fights, with theirs being the first women's bout ever broadcast over radio waves. 'The Bashing Blonde from South Bend' joined the Marine Corps after retiring from the ring and passed away in 2004 at the age of 73. Unfortunately, no family member was present to speak on Hagen's behalf or accept her Hall of Fame ring in person.

At first forbidden to box in Mexico City by a longstanding national ordinance, Laura Serrano broke down considerable barriers to become her home country's first female prizefighter and world champion. "I humbly and respectfully accept this induction," Serrano said via a video message that was played on the large screen overlooking the stage. "I'm sorry I'm not there. The reason why is because of my religious beliefs," she explained. " I have always been very consistent with my convictions. First as a fighter, now as one of Jehovah's Witnesses."

Known as 'La Poeta del Ring,' Serrano made her 1994 pro debut by fighting to a draw against an already well-established hristy Martin (21-1-1) in a contest it could be argued Laura should have come out on top of. Serrano won a world title in her very next outing by scoring a seventh-round TKO over Deirdre Gogarty to capture the WIBF lightweight championship. Other signature wins for Serrano include two victories apiece over Tracy Bird and Kelsey Jeffries, in addition to beating Layla McCarter, Chevelle Hallback, and fellow 2023 inductee Alicia Ashley.

"Very proud of her daughter" was how Serrano expressed the reaction of her Mom who had originally objected to Laura's desire to become a boxer. "From the bottom of my heart, I want to say to everyone responsible for my induction, I want to say thank you to the fans. Thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart." In the same company as Laura Serrano and Lucia Rijker, who were female fighting pioneers in their native Mexico and Netherlands, so too was Jamaica's Alicia 'Slick' Ashley the first women's world champion from her Caribbean island nation. "I once heard a phrase that I liked, and it was 'falling upwards.' And I initially thought that it described my life," Ashley began her acceptance speech. "It essentially means to advance your career despite massive failure. That in our life's journey we encounter challenges that shock us off our previous path and out of our comfort zone and change the trajectory of your life. And that's essentially what happened to mine."

Declaring that "my path was unconventional," Alicia went on to say that "the road I took to get here was akin to climbing Mount Everest." She expressed her gratitude to the voters who looked past the numbers on paper to the body of my work and the risks that I ook, the quality of people that I fought and gave me this lasting honor." Ashley thanked her brother and first trainer Devon, her father Frank and "rock star of a mother" Thelma who was "the perfect role model," her husband and strength coach Matthew who provided her with "a solid foundation," her recently deceased trainer Hector Roca, and her Gleason's Gym "sisterhood in boxing." 2007 New York Golden Gloves champion Susan Reno, one of Alicia's boxing sisters and one of the subjects of Jill Morley's documentary Fight Like a Girl, made the trip to Canastota to celebrate Ashley's big day and surprised me by stopping by to say hello prior to the ceremony.

"It goes without saying, but I'll say it anyway," concluded Alicia. "I'm deeply honored, blessed, and awe-inspired to be placed among some of my favorite all-time fighters. Being inducted into the Hall of Fame with a wonderful cast of people...I've always hated to say this word, but it's surreal and it continues to surprise me. And sometimes I wonder if I'll wake up and see this was all a dream."

Congratulations to the IBHOF Class of 2023: Modern boxers Alicia Ashley, Laura Serrano, Timothy Bradley Jr., Carl Froch, and Rafael Marquez. Nonparticipants and observers Seth Abraham, Brad Goodman, Joe Goossen, Brad Jacobs, and Tim Ryan. Posthumous inductees JoAnn Hagen, Pone Kingpetch, and Tiger Jack Fox
And to Lucia Rijker, Class of 2020






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On June 10th, in London, Ellie Scotney made her ring walk the for the 7th time as a professional followed by the experienced Cherneka Johnson who was coming into the fight with a 15-2 record.

In April 2022, Cherneka Johnson defeated Melissa Esquivel in Melbourne to win the vacant IBF Super Bantamweight title.

6 months later Cherneka successfully defended her title against fellow Australian, Susie Ramadan. Cherneka won via unanimous decision but the fight was filled with controversy. Susie had a point deduction in both round 7 and round 8 and Cherneka ended up with a huge gash on her head.





Fortunately, the fight between Johnson and Scotney came with little controversy however Cherneka did end up with another cut mid way through the fight.

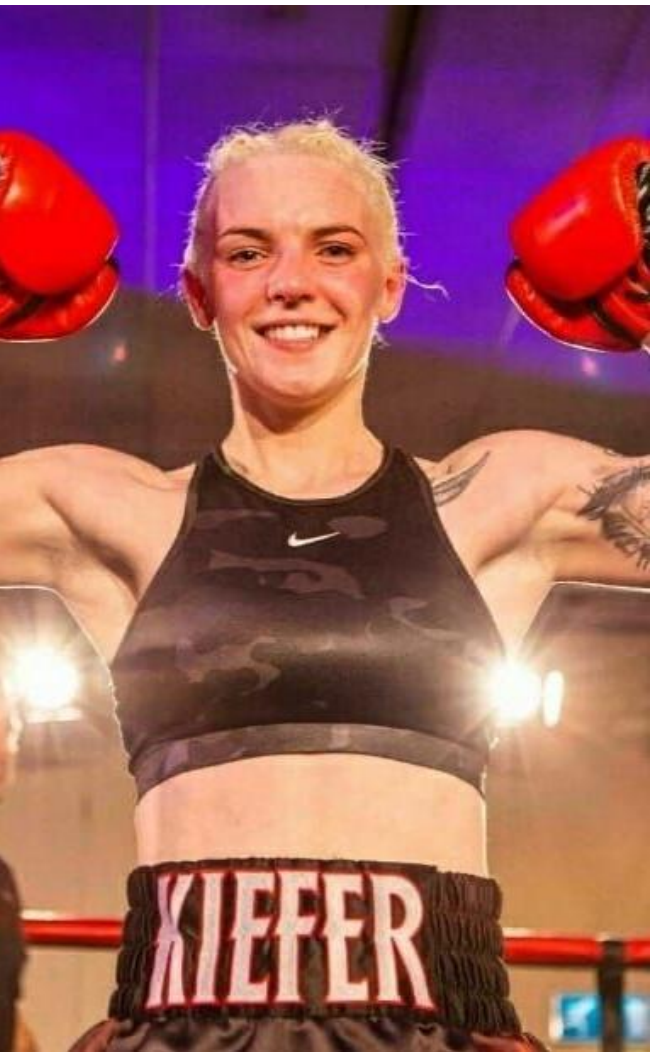
Ellie Scotney started the fight confident and showed throughout the fight the improvements she continues to make. For the majority of he fight Ellie dominated, dictating the pace of the fight and controlling the distance when needed.

Cherneka seemed to find it difficult to let her shots go and at times wasn't active enough during rounds, allowing Ellie to pick off her shots comfortably.

Overall the fight was still competitive but Ellie Scotney showed that she belongs at world level and when they final bell rang there was no doubt that Ellie Scotney had become world champion!

What is next for the young fighter? A defence? A unification? Only time will tell.





Kristina O'Hara

Record - 3-0
Division - Minimum Weight
Nationality - Ireland
Professional Debut - 26/11/2021

- When do you plan on fighting next ?
I'm hoping to get back in the ring as soon as I can.
- Who would you like to fight in the future ?
I would fight anyone, there is no one in particular that I want. But Whoever holds the titles, that's my aim.
- Who would be your dream opponent (regardless of weight)?
My dream opponent, I wouldn't have a clue lol, like I say I'd fight anyone 😁
- Where would your dream fight location be?
My dream fight location would be Maddison Square Garden. But I would also love to fight at Croke Park along side Katie Taylor!
- If you could have any trainer past or present train you for a session, who would it be and why?
There is no one in the world that matches Gerard McCafferty, his knowledge, training methods and dedication to his fighters is second to none. And in lucky enough to have him as my coach and as my husband.
- What's your average training day like?
Tuesdays and Thursdays usually starts at 6.30am for either cardio or S&C. Then active recovery on them afternoons . Monday, Wednesday and Friday are usually my boxing days, running, pads and sparring. Sunday is sprints and I get a Saturday off .
- What's your favourite training activity?
Swimming is definitely one of my favourite training activities, but I love sparring and doing pad work.
- What's your least favourite training activity?
Running is my Hardest training because my wee Skinny legs just won't carry me
- Favourite punch?
Favourite punch has to be anything behind the jab. It's d my most effective punch.
- 2 minutes or 3 minutes?
2 minutes, they're quicker, sharper and need to work hard for those 2 minuets, entertaining and so high paced.
- Favourite boxer, male or female, you like to watch?
I have way to many favourite boxers, everyone brings something different to the table it would be hard to pick one.
- Do you think being a mother give you extra motivation in the sport?
Yes, I was 100% done with boxing before I had my son. Amateur boxing was unfair to me and really took a toll on my mental health, resulting in me not wanting to box anymore. When I held my son for the first time I became completely overwhelmed with love, that I would do whatever it takes to give him everything. To give my parents everything and make my family proud and I wouldn't have felt that way without my son and husband. Everything is for them.
- Favourite movie?
Kiefer said Mario brothers was my favourite movie but its definitely his, I didn't watch much TV but I would never switch off 8mile lol.
- Favourite music to listen to?
I love rap. It is pure poetry. Eminem is definitely 10000% my favourite.
- Tell us something nobody knows about you.
A bit of a weird one but I video myself rapping and singing to see if I'm any good at it then it is quickly deleted because I can not sing But I can definitely make myself laugh 🤣

Caroline Dubois

Defeats Yanina del Carmen Lescano



'Sweet' Caroline Dubois delivered in a flawless 8 round victory over a high-level opponent in Yanina del Carmen Lescano to take the 7th professional victory of her career. Dubois dominated every single round of the fight, scoring a knockdown in the 5th also and looking close to getting the stoppage at multiple points.

This was an invaluable learning experience for Dubois, who has struggled to find challenging opponents in the past due to her formidable power and reputation. Lescano was a huge step up compared to Dubois's previous opponents, but a step up she rose to superbly.

Dubois switched her offense effortlessly between the head and the body across the fight, pouncing on any moment Lescano left a gap open to batter the experienced Argentinian.



'Multiple times Dubois landed barbaric hooks to Lescano's body that curled her up and almost ended the fight, but Dubois never became reckless either, showing intelligence in her performance far beyond her years.

Caroline Dubois said to Sky Sports after the fight: "The stoppage didn't come, but I said I was looking for a beat down and a solid victory, and I think that's what I got. I felt good after eight rounds but that's for Shane (McGuigan) to say."

Ben Shalom, BOXXER CEO and founder, said to Sky Sports after the fight: "She's definitely ready for a world title, but Mikaela Mayer looks like a fight we can make this year, and then on to the Katie Taylor's of the world."

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By Benjamin Watt

MAORI WORLD CHAMPION LOSES IN ENGLAND

The second Maori world boxing champion Cherneka Johnson lost her second world title defence over the weekend in the UK against Ellie Scotney.

On the 10th of June (11th NZ time), Cherneka Johnson (Ngāti Ranginui) defended her IBF World Super Bantamweight title at the famous Wembley Arena. Johnson won the title in April 2022 against Mexican Melissa Esquivel, becoming the second-ever Maori world boxing champion, and then became the first Maori world champion who successfully defended the title in October 2022 against Australian veteran Susie Ramadan.

This fight was originally scheduled for May 20th in Dublin, Ireland, for Katie Taylor's homecoming fight. However, Scotney's current trainer had a negative history with Chantelle Cameron, who was Katie Taylor's opponent. Due to this, Johnson's world title defence was moved to a later date.

Johnson raised some eyebrows at the weigh-in leading into her world title defence, where she came in topless while wearing body paint. This was part of her sponsorship campaign with OnlyFans.

As part of Johnson's entrance, a haka was performed by five Maori men while Johnson was wearing a Korowai. This is an amazing moment in boxing as this is the first time in boxing history that a haka was performed in England on a world stage that wouldn't normally be seen internationally. Johnson has always been proud of her Maori culture and wears the Tino Rangatiratanga flag after her fights.

In the fight, she won a couple of rounds, but she was getting out punched by her English opponent. What didn't help was Johnson's eye got cut again in the sixth round. The same cut that she received in her famous fight against Susie Ramadan. Cuts like that will only shorten the boxers' career, as it did with Shane Cameron. After ten rounds of boxing, Ellie Scotney won the fight by unanimous decision.

It is unknown what is next for Cherneka Johnson, but it will take time to heal after her cut. However, Johnson is signed with a major boxing promoter, Lou DiBella, at DiBella Entertainment, giving Johnson a bright future. As for the current world champion Ellie Scotney, Women's Fight Night Magazine has called for a massive fight between Ellie Scotney and Mea Motu. That would be the next dream fight.

Lani Daniels team in negotiations with promoters

IBF World Heavyweight Champion Lani Daniels might not retire from boxing with her manager John Conway negotiating with multiple big promoters.

On May 27th, Lani Daniels became the fourth Maori boxer to be a World champion. After the fight, Daniels stated she planned to retire from boxing, however, would continue her professional boxing career if a promoter signed her with serious money. Daniels day job is a mental health nurse and was away from her home and work for the first part of the year to prepare for her world title fight. Daniels might have to leave her job permanently if things go to plan.

Daniels trainer and manager, John Conway has begun negotiating with multiple promoters to get the best possible deal for his world champion boxer. Conway is well known in the boxing community for not only being a retired combat sports fighter winning a Muay Thai World title and fighting in 183 fights between Amateur boxing, Kickboxing, Muay Thai fighting and Professional boxing. Conway has officiated in both boxing and muay thai, refereeing some of the best fighters including Joseph Parker, Junior Fa, Jeff Horn and more.

Details can not be revealed yet negotiations are both being held with both New Zealand and international promoters. All promoters hold regular Pay per view boxing events. In a perfect scenario, if Conway and Daniels sign with the New Zealand promoter, she could be fighting as soon as August and again at the end of the year.

One boxer is hot on the radar as the first opponent for Daniels is South African Razel Mohammed. Mohammed is currently ranked 1st in the WBO Cruiserweight division and 3rd in the IBF and 4th on Boxrec in the Heavyweight division. Mohammed called out Lani Daniels back in November 2022. Razel Mohammed matchmaker Frank Pittal said on Facebook "Reigning South African cruiser champion sends out a message to New Zealand world champion Lani Daniels 'come out, Come out where ever you are, it's time to DANCE in the Rain' IBO ranked 4 in the world Razzell is willing to move up to heavyweight to get this fight on !!". Mohammed said, "Let's do this. I'm a South African Springbok... We eat ferns for breakfast. I'll introduce you to a bit of African power".



Daniels replied on social media "well I hope you like eating fists for dinner because that's what's on the menu once that bell goes a knuckle sandwich with a bit of fern will call it the African power special because it packs a punch".

This fight would be perfect for Daniels first world title defence.

Written by: Benjamin Watt

TONGAN BOXER GETS BIG OPPORTUNITY TO FIGHT FOR WORLD RANKINGS SPORT

Written by: Benjamin Watt

“The Tongan Goddess” Nailini Helu will take on Australian National Champion Desley Robinson for the vacant WBA Oceania Middleweight title with a chance to get into the top 10 world rankings.

Tongan-born New Zealand boxer Nailini Helu (3 - 4 - 1) has been given a second chance at her professional boxing career since returning to her legendary boxing coach Lolo Heimuli and New Zealand promoter Bruce Glozier. Before making her professional boxing debut she was a well-established amateur boxer under Lolo Heimuli, becoming a three-time New Zealand National amateur boxing champion.

When turning pro in 2016, she fought under her family's community gym Pridelands Boxing. She rosed in the rankings quicking when she defeated Kirsty Lupeamanu and Sarah Long. She fought for the New Zealand and UBF Asia Pacific heavyweight titles against Ange Davis in September 2016. Originally announced as the winner, was later changed to a draw due to one of the judge's scorecards being calculated incorrectly.

Since that Draw Helu's career went downhill after four consecutive losses to now world title contender Alrier Meleisea (twice), WBO World Light Heavyweight Champion Geovana Peres and IBF World Heavyweight Champion Lani Daniels.

Helu made her return in August 2022 when she took on 2021 New Zealand amateur National Champion Tinta Smith. This was the first time since returning with Lolo Heimuli. Helu won the fight by majority decision winning the PBCNZ South Pacific Super Middleweight title, and putting her career back on track.

Helu boxing style is a smart technical boxer with an iron chin. No matter how much you throw at her, she will not go down. Her technique as a boxer on her good days can easily outbox anyone technically.

She will be taking on an Australian boxer who just recently won the Australian national middleweight title, Desley Robinson (4 - 1 - 0). Robinson is another boxer with an amateur boxing background. She made her professional boxing debut in 2019, winning against Leah Plumpton and New Zealand professional rugby player Trish Vaka. She made her return in 2022 with a win over Stephanie Mfongwot.

A rumour went around in 2021 that Robinson called out Lani Daniels to fight. Daniels was interested but the fight was never confirmed. Robinson returned in 2023, suffering her first loss against Nigerian Australian boxer Millicent Agboegbulen for the Australian Super Welterweight title.

Nailini Helu vs Desley Robinson for the WBA Oceania Middleweight title will happen on August 4th at ABA Stadium, Auckland, New Zealand.


AFRICA

NIGERIA'S ADIJAT GBADAMOSI MADE HISTORY AS SHE WINS ABU BELT.



Unbeaten Nigerian, Adijat Gbadamosi (8-0-0-5KOs) beats Zimbabwean soldier girl Patience Mastara (5-9-4-1KOs) in round five of 10-rounds scheduled fight by Technical Knockout (TKO) to secure the Vacant African Boxing Union (ABU) super-bantamweight title on the undercard of 'King of the Ring 3' by Monarch Events and Promotions on Friday, June 16th at the Bukom Boxing Arena in Accra, Ghana.

Adijat Gbadamosi who is Popularly known as "Dija", features as the co-main event of Tasif Khan vs David Barreto Vacant WBC Silver Super-Flyweight title, which Tasif Kahn won by Knockout in round two of twelve rounds schedule fight to capture the Vacant WBC silver belt.

Adijat, a 21-years-old female boxer, who won a Silver medal at the 2018 Youth Olympic's games in Argentina made history on June 16th, 2023 after winning the ABU title to become the first Nigerian Female boxer to do this.

While speaking with THE PUNCH on Sunday, she said she has faced some challenges from her opponent earlier on in the bout but following advice from her Corner, she got more aggressive and overcome Mastara.

“I feel okay now because I am happy with the result but the fight was hard for me because my opponent was very tough to read,” she said.

“In the first and second round when I got back to my corner side, my coach told me to change the way I was fighting her if I wanted to stop her and get the belt and I took to his advice. I changed the way I fought her from the third round, I put more energy into the fight and I was able to gain the knockout".

The Monarch Events and Promotions signee with unbeaten record of eight victories and five KO's in her professional career says she was excited after winning the Vacant belt.

“I feel great and happy that I have now become the new super-bantamweight champion and the first Nigeria female boxer to get the title. I did not have any doubts that I could defeat her and I proved it with the knockout,” she said.



As an act of sportsmanship, Adijat quickly went to the locker room to check on her opponent, Mastara who was taken out of the Ring on a stretcher after the Technical Knockout, to confirm if she was okay. She found out from the coach that she was awake and recovering well from the blow.

Adijat says her goal is to become a world champion next after successfully defending her ABU title.

"My next goal is to bring home all the world titles like the WBC, IBF, WBO, WBA and others after defending my ABU title in the next few month, but to make this happen in a short time, I beg the government and the private sector to support boxing in Nigeria because the promoters can't do this alone.

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2023 AFRICAN BOXING CONFEDERATION (AFBC) ELITES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP IN YAOUNDÉ, CAMEROON.

The 21st edition of the African men's and women's Boxing event was earlier scheduled to hold from the 13th of June to the 26th of June, 2023, but it was postponed to a later date by the president of the African Boxing Championships, Mr. Bertrand Mendouga via a letter which was sent to all the Presidents and general Secretaries of the member's association after an urgent meeting covened at the Cameroon Ministry of Sports following the decision of the Executive Committee of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) recommending its General Assembly to withdraw the IBA from the Olympic movement. Which forced the Minister of Sports to postpone the organization of the AFBC Elite Men and Women Boxing Championships from June 13th—26th, 2023 in Yaounde, Cameroon, to a later date.

On June 15th, The President Mendouga confirmed that the AFBC African Boxing Championships will hold from July 25th to August 6th, 2023 in Yaounde, Cameroon. And the “Prize Money” for the medalists will be doubled to reach the total of one million US dollars ($1,000,000).

The gold medalists will earn $20,000, the silver medalists, $10,000 and $5,000 for the two bronze medalists.

The AFBC Secretary-General, Andre Basile Kalong also announced that they've targeted 40 countries to take part in the two-week competition.

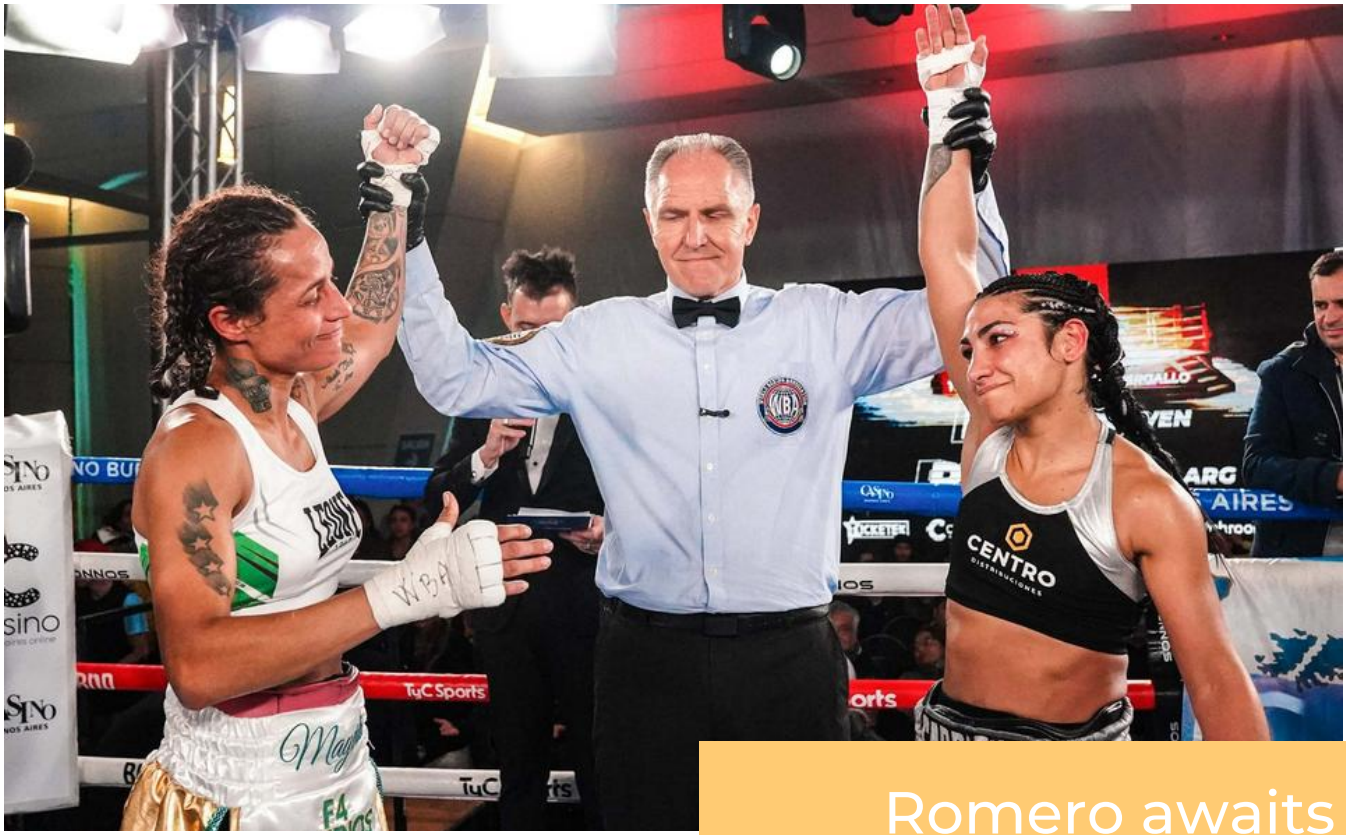
As of June 15th, 34 countries have confirmed taking part in the African Elite Men and Women Championships which includes:

1. Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
2. Tanzania
3. Comoros
4. Cameroon
5. Sénégal
6. Egypt
7. Swaziland
8. Guinea
9. Morocco
10. Botswana
11. Congo
12. Mauritius
13. Mozambique
14. Sierra Leone
15. Seychelles
16. Zimbabwe
17. Somalia
18. Algeria
19. Malawi
20. Gabon
21. Burundi
22. Ethiopia
23. Equatorial Guinea
24. Tunisia
25. Angola
26. Guinea Bissau
27. Ghana
28. Togo
29. Namibia
30. Mali
31. Zambia
32. Cape Verde
33. South Africa
34. Burkina Faso




ARGENTINA

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Romero awaits her well-deserved revenge

The former interim world super bantamweight champion of the World Boxing Association, Nazarena "Capricho" Romero, was about to be crowned absolute champion of said category and organization, but nevertheless, a controversial decision by the judges took away the possibility of getting this new achievement.

On Saturday June 10, from the Casino of the City of Buenos Aires, the historic WBA champion, the Venezuelan Mayerlin “La Monita” Rivas, defended her title against the argentinian in the already classic and legendary event entitled "KO a las Drogas" led by its president Gilberto Mendoza.

The combat was a true duel of styles. Rivas, more stylist and experienced, against Romero, temperamental and with an aggressive offense. During the first round, Rivas was able to impose the distance from her, connecting good and greater combinations. Romero tried to find that space that would allow her to place her punches with power, a space that she found starting in the second round. Little by little, Romero began to dominate the actions. Her powerful punch was doing silent work on Rivas's humanity, who was using all of her boxing tools to try and stay away from Nazarena. However, Romero, whom the Venezuelan's blows failed to put at real risk, was willing to “receive in order to give" and it was so that, in a fierce exchange, she managed to connect a precise hand of power that sent the champion to the canvas in the third round. Rivas took the eight seconds of the protection count to take a breath and rearm her strategy. And though she tried to dominate her opponent, she failed. Nazarena grew in security and efficiency and her powerful combinations to Rivas face and body were close to ending the actions. More loose and confident, Nazarena also visited the canvas, and although it was an action that caught her off guard and badly standing, the referee had to make the corresponding account. However, after Rivas managed to survive the fourth round, an accidental clash of heads in the fifth round caused a cut in the Argentine's eye that led to the suspension of the fight. The referee announced that the cards had to be made and the final decision left everyone with their mouths open: a draw. The numbers, totally alien to the reality that had been experienced on the ring, were the following: 44-50 for Romero, 48-46 for Rivas and 47-47.

With this result, Rivas continues as champion and Romero awaits the corresponding rematch.

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SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT: SAVANNAH MARSHALL
MD10 Franchon Crews-Dezurn (Champion) - July 1st, 2023

MIDDLEWEIGHT: CLARESSA SHIELDS
UD10 Christina Hammer (Vacant Championship) - April 13th, 2019

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT: CLARESSA SHIELDS
UD10 Marie Eve Dicaire (Vacant Championship) - March 5th, 2021

WELTERWEIGHT : JESSICA MCCASKILL
UD10 Cecilia Braekhus (Vacant Championship) - March 13th, 2021

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT: CHANTELLE CAMERON
UD10 Mary McGee (Vacant Championship) - October 30th, 2021

LIGHTWEIGHT: KATIE TAYLOR
MD10 Delfine Persoon (Vacant Championship) - June 1st, 2019

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT: ALYCIA BAUMGARDNER
SD10 Mikaela Mayer (Vacant Championship) - October 15th, 2022

FEATHERWEIGHT: AMANDA SERRANO
UD10 Erika Cruz Hernandez (Vacant Championship) - February 4th, 2023

FLYWEIGHT: MARLEN ESPARZA
UD10 Naoko Fuijioka (Vacant Championship) - April 9th, 2022

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT: JESSICA PLATA
UD10 Kim Clavel (Vacant Championship) - January 13, 2023



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Claressa Shields
2
Chantelle Cameron
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Katie Taylor
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Amanda Serrano
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Seniesa Estrada
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Alycia Baumgardner
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Jessica McCaskill
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Delfine Persoon
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Marlen Esparza
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Yuliahn Luna Avila

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DIVISIONAL RANKINGS

ATOMWEIGHT

1 MONSERRAT ALARCON
2 YUKO KUROKI
3 MIKA IWAKAWA
4 FABIANA BYTYQI
5 NANAE SUZUKI

STRAWWEIGHT

1 SENEISA ESTRADA
2 YOKASTA VALLE
3 TINA RUPPRECHT
4 THI THUN NHI NGUYEN
5 SARAH BORMANN

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT

WORLD CHAMPION JESSICA PLATA

1 EVELIN BERMUDEZ
2 KIM CLAVEL
3 TENKAI TSUNAMI
4 YESICA BOPP
5 TANIA ENRIQUEZ

FLYWEIGHT

WORLD CHAMPION MARLEN ESPARZA

1 ARELY MUCINO
2 KENIA ENRIQUEZ
3 NAOKO FUJIOKA
4 GABRIELA ALANIZ
5 LEONELA YUDICA

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT

1 MICAELA LUJAN
2 ASLEY MACIAS
3 LOURDES JUAREZ
4 DIANA FERNANDEZ
5 ADELAIDA RUIZ

BANTAMWEIGHT

1 YULIHAN LUNA AVILA
2 DINA THORSLUND
3 EBANIE BRIDGES
4 NINA HUGHES
5 MELISSA ODDESSA PARKER

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT

1 SEGOLENE LEFEBVRE
2 ELLIE SCOTNEY
3 MAYERLIN RIVAS
4 YAMILETH MERCADO
5 CHERNEKA JOHNSON

FEATHERWEIGHT

WORLD CHAMPION AMANDA SERRANO

1 ERIKA CRUZ HERNANDEZ
2 SARAH MAHFOUD
3 BRENDA CARABAJAL
4 NINA MEINKE
5 RAVEN CHAPMAN

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DIVISIONAL RANKINGS

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT

WORLD CHAMPION ALYCIA BAUMGARDNER

1 DELFINE PERSOON
2 HYUN CHOI
3 BO MI RE SHIN
4 ELHEM MEKHALED
5 RAMONA GRAEFF

LIGHTWEIGHT

WORLD CHAMPION KATIE TAYLOR

1 AMANDA SERRANO
2 ESTELLE MOSSELY
3 YANINA LESCANO
4 MARIA MONEO
5 MIKAELA MAYER

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT

WORLD CHAMPION CHANTELLE CAMERON

1 MARY MCGEE
2 KARLA ZAMORA
3 MAGALI RODRIGUEZ
4 OSHIN DERIEUW
5 CHRISTINA LINARDATOU

WELTERWEIGHT

WORLD CHAMPION JESSICA MCCASKILL

1 SANDY RYAN
2 LAYLA MCCARTER
3 TASHA JONAS
4 IVANA HABAZIN
5 MARIE HOULE

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT

WORLD CHAMPION CLARESSA SHIELDS

1 TERRI HARPER
2 PATRICIA BERGHULT
3 MARY SPENCER
4 FEMKE HERMANS
5 EMA KOZIN

MIDDLEWEIGHT

WORLD CHAMPION CLARESSA SHIELDS

1 MARICELA CORNEIO
2 MAPULE NGUBANE
3 OLIVIA CURRY
4 IRAIS HERNANDEZ
5 ELLIS HOPKINS

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT

WORLD CHAMPION SAVANNAH MARSHALL

1 FRANCHON CREWS-DEZURN
2 CHRISTINA HAMMER
3 SHADASIA GREEN
4 ELIN CEDERROOS
5 SANNA TURUNEN

HEAVYWEIGHT

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