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Lauren Price and Karriss Artingstall breeze to 1-0



"Beautiful moments. Thanks for everything. Thank you god."

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CHLOE WATSON

IMPRESSES ON CHANNEL 5



Chloe Watson

Record - 3-0
Division - Flyweight
Trainer - Ricky Hatton
Signed - Wasserman Boxing
Former Team GB Boxer
Youth commonwealth gold medalist

17th June 2022, Liverpool

Chloe Watson moved to 3-0 in a fight that arguably stole the show which took place at the M&S Arena, Liverpool. Wasserman Boxing hosted a night of boxing which showcased on Channel 5 and saw Chloe make her 3rd professional appearance. In her first 6 round fight Chloe dominated from the first bell against an opponent with a winning record; Fara El Bousairi (5-3 2ko's).

Chloe got the win by points decision, 59-56 and impressed everyone from fight fans to professional boxers who complimented Chloe's style and how quickly she has transitioned into the pro game.

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Lauren Price



It felt like a long wait to see who both Lauren Price and Karriss Artingstall would sign with for the professional journey.
The news broke in April 2022 that the pair wills sign with BOXXER and Sky Sports. It wasn't too long later that Lauren's highly anticipated debut was announced.
The Olympic gold medalist had a lot of eyes on her for this fight. People have set the bar incredible high, as is normal when a siccesful amateur turns over and Lauren has dealt with high pressure all thugh her career, it wasn't a new experience for her.

Laurens opponent was Valgerdur Gudstensdottir, who hails from iceland and come in the fight with a winning record, 5-2. Valgerdur was far from a journey-women and was there to make it a difficult night for the Wleterweight prospect. Lauren took it all in her stride, remained calm and picked her shots well. And when she did unleash her shots, the thing that stood out amongst many great factors was her hand speed, showing signs of Katie Taylor.
Lauren got her hand raised with a points victory. 60-54; winning every round.





Karriss Artingstall

Just 2 weeks after Lauren made her debut it was the turn of the Olympic Bronze Medalist, Karriss Artingstall. Entering in at the Featherweight division people were eager to watch and see how Karriss performs compared to her fellow prospects in the same division. Karriss did not dissapoint and showed why she is tipped to be a future world champion.



Vaida Masiokatie was the opponent of Karriss. An experienced journey-women who has been in the ring with many prospects who have gone on to be world champion.
Karriss was victorious, winning every round. It was clear to see in that fight that Karriss packs some power, notably the right hook to the head looked and sounded viscous. You would definitely anticipate Karriss will be getting stoppages in the future.

Queens at Home

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Champions or not, these five boxers are queens at home, and they shine bright like a diamond in the heart of their fans. All of them are followed, loved, and unconditionally supported in their motherland, which fast-tracked locally the interest toward women's boxing.



Yokasta Valle is the IBF Minimumweight champion. The 29-year-old Costa-Rican, affectionately nicknamed Yoka by her fans, has currently a record of 25-2, including 9 KO and is signed with Marvnation, a promotion which reserves more and more a prominent place to women's boxing, with Yokasta as the main attraction to open the way for this craze.

Yoka is a spirited and aggressive boxer. She likes to move forward on the opponent and control the space and the tempo. She has also some power and her skillset is rich. Wherever she goes, she attracts crowds. She is opening doors, with a few other talented boxers like Hanna Gabriels, and it slowly but surely revives an old passion for the noble art, a passion that was a bit switched off in Costa Rica.

Yoka has more than 200,000 subscribers on Instagram. It is huge and impressive: it is more than the IG accounts of Savannah Marshall and Mikaela Mayer together, especially when we consider that Costa Rica is a small country of less than 5 million inhabitants and that Yoka does not speak English, which makes her fanbase more delimited. She signed this year a multi-fight co-promotion agreement with Golden Boy, just after winning the title awarded by the IBF of Female fighter of the year. Oscar de la Hoya described her as a "talented and fearless fighter". What we like about Yoka: her welcoming personality and her boxing IQ. Her ability to open doors and break walls for women's boxing. And her great respect for her opponents. Yokasta is downright a phenomenon in Costa Rica and her aura is now expanding more and more everywhere in Latin America.

Chris Namús was the very first professional female boxer in Uruguay. She did not have an amateur career, given that there was no female opponent for her in her country. She is the former IBF Superwelterweight Champion (2017-2018) and had the chance to face her friend Cecilia Braekhus in 2016 for undisputed.

Chris is everywhere, literally! We saw her at Masterchef Celebrities, where she was invited even if she does not really know how to cook, she is part of the ESPN Knockout team, with Cecilia Communales and Mariale Espinoza, and has the chance to comment the biggest boxing fights of the world, in addition to being very present on social networks. She does not hesitate to promote local Uruguayan brands and is very proud of her roots. Like Yokasta Valle, she has thousands of subscribers on social networks. Wherever she goes, she receives dozens of invitation messages from members of the Uruguayan community based abroad. They try in any possible way to support their favorite. When she travelled at the last minute to the UK to face Natasha Jonas, last winter, she was welcomed by none other than Manchester United megastar Edinson Cavani and almost no one in Uruguay was surprised of that.

Namús has a huge heart. She likes to put pressure when she fights and does not refuse important challenges. Marie-Ève Dicaire, Cecilia Braekhus, Tasha Jonas, Mary Spencer... She faced them all. If against Jonas and Spencer, she didn't get the result she expected, Namús remains a favorite in the Uruguayan boxing landscape, in victory as in defeat. The proof is undeniable: On June 23rd, when she lost to Spencer, I published her post-fight comments on my Instagram account, as well as on my YouTube channel, and my little video was seen more than 10,000 times in 24 hours. It's more than any other boxer I've interviewed so far.





Mariana Júarez was born to be a star. In addition to continuing to be actively boxing, even at 42, she has an impressive record of 55 victories! It's more than anyone else. Barby has 270,000 Facebook subscribers, more than 100,000 on Instagram and more than 30,000 on Twitter. If in some countries, well-known female boxers are just starting to be the headliner of a boxing event, Mariana Júarez has been ending boxing evenings in Mexico as the main event for years. She is a big ticket seller. On June 18th, Mariana was leading the animation of a public boxing class at the Zócalo of Mexico City (clase másiva de boxeo), in front of thousands of participants. They broke a Guinness Record for the attendance.

After being named WBC boxer of the year in 2011, she saw her popularity exponentially exploding, which led her to later become the first sportswoman to pose naked for Playboy México. This experience allowed her to break taboos and it made people talk a lot, but Mariana knew that whether people speak well or ill of her, the most important if that you are spoken about. She used this way of thinking at her advantage, and it paid off with tons of new fans that she converted to women's boxing fans. Ebanie Bridges, who trained with Juárez in 2021, told me once that Mariana Juárez has always fans around her. They are like bears attracted by honey, wanting a picture with her or an autograph.

Mariana is one of the first boxers who fought for women's boxing to have a place in Mexican gyms and arenas, and she therefore opened the door to dozens of young women. Today, in Mexico, women's boxing is accepted, and the country has several champions. Many of them consider that Juárez paved them the way.

Katie Taylor is one of a kind. She is obviously known all over the world and admired. But at home, she is more than that. She is THE favorite. Gold medalist at the Olympic Games, Undisputed champion, #1-woman P4P, she fears no one and has the perfect record to brag about, but the Irishwoman remains very down to earth and humble. Since her historic win against Amanda Serrano, she has been considered by many as the best Irish combat sports athlete ever, ahead of Conor McGregor. Yes, THE Conor McGregor. McGregor is by the way a big fan of Taylor and does not hide it. He heaps praise on Taylor's talent and great humility. And if everyone likes her skillset, we just love her personality. She was the one who contacted Eddie Hearn in 2016, to validate his interest in signing her at Matchroom. She wrote to Hearn: "I think I could do for women's pro boxing what I did for the amateur sport: Bring it into focus and generate a serious interest." Katie already knew that the craze she generated as an amateur was necessarily going to be transposed to professional boxing, because she attracts crowds like a magnet. In 2018, a documentary, Katie, about her amateur career until her first steps as a pro, was released and presented on Netflix. The documentary, very genuine, was acclaimed by critics.

When she fought on April 30th at the Madison Square Garden, Eddie Hearn said that nearly 10,000 Irish and English made the trip expressly for the occasion. A huge part of the crowd was dressed in green from head to toe. Suddenly, we no longer felt we were in the States, but in an arena of Dublin.





Sophie Alisch is only 20 years old, but she is already a huge rising star in Germany. Rich of a successful amateur boxing career and named 2019 WBC Boxing Prospect, the Berliner, after eight professional fights only, attracts everyday hundreds of fans on her social networks where she posts all kinds of boxing drills and training videos, like Beterbiev and Lomachenko would do. Alisch owns already a gym since age 18, the Sophie Alisch Boxing Gym, she is signed at Wasserman and recently joined Anthony Joshua's team at 258 Management. Alisch is more than an athlete, she is also a brand. Everything is in place for the German boxer to become an international star. Former tennis player, the young boxer, even before her professional debut, was qualified as a raw diamond by the boxing legend Regina Halmich, who also said about her that she might be her successor.

With more than 500,000 fans on Instagram, the videos Sophie publishes are shared countless times every day, thanks to her beautiful technical boxing skills, an engaging and joyful personality, self-deprecation, and a great respect for the noble art.

Two minutes, three minutes – does it really matter?

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Professional women's boxing bouts have been contested using three-minute rounds since three-minute round fights commenced … when their fights could be held that is.

If we count the start of the "trailblazer era" of women's boxing to the 1970s, from that time on forward, there has been controversy about limiting women's boxing bouts to the "norm" of two-minute rounds, with women pushing for and fighting three-minute round contests regardless.

In the latest iteration of the sport, the norm continues to be two-minute rounds with championship fights capped at ten rounds. Even with that, there have been 12x3 championship bouts, most notably pushed by Layla McCarter (45-13-5) in her Las Vegas-based title fights against Belinda Laracuente (26-28-3) and Melissa Hernandez (23-8-3) in the mid-2000s, but the standard for professional championships remains 10x2, world-wide.

Of all the sanctioning bodies, the World Boxing Council (WBC) has taken the lead in setting policy with respect to the length of rounds and the number of rounds fought. Those "OG" boxing fans like myself, well remember that men's championship bouts used to be 15x3 until WBC scaled it back to 12-3 in 1983 following the death of South Korean boxer Duk Koo-Kim in the 14th round of a lightweight championship bout against Ray Mancini. Other sanctioning bodies followed suit.

WBC has also taken it upon itself to set the standard for women's bouts and in particular, the organization will not sanction fights outside of the two-minute round paradigm. They have also capped championship bouts at 10x2. The policy is based on general research showing that women are more susceptible to concussion. It should be noted there is no definitive science across all sports, research itself has been paltry, and there is some amount of disagreement on the meaning of the research that has been published.

For the purposes of this brief piece, I will not discuss the science so much as talk more about the debate.

The Stupidest Thing

If you listen to 2020 Hall of Fame promoter, Lou DiBella, who has championed female fighters for well over a decade, three-minute rounds are "… the stupidest thing ever and was really started by haters looking for excuses for why they hate." He went on to say, "… the women's boxing product is awesome the way it is … the two-minute rounds result in non-stop action which you don't get from the men and with all due respect if women had three-minute rounds they would still not have the knockout rate of men."

Somewhat to his point, on June 23rd, Canadian Olympian, Mary Spencer (6-0) managed three-knockdowns and a TKO win in under two minutes, minus the ten-counts, with a non-stop precision assault against her opponent, the Uruguayan former champion, Chris Namus (25-8). "CasKilla" Jessica McCaskill (12-2) also successfully defended her undisputed welterweight status against Alma Ibarra (10-2) in three rounds of non-stop action.

Would three-minute rounds have mattered in these fights? Probably not as the action was so explosive anyway. It would also be unfair to state that the opponents were horribly overmatched, because on paper at least, they weren't. What fans saw though, was explosive boxing and TKOs … the thing they are supposed to want … but in two-minute rounds!

Meanwhile on fight night after fight night, commentators state things like, "remember, this is women's boxing so they fight two-minute rounds," or "two minutes sure goes quickly," or "if it had gone that extra minute, what do you think would have happened?" or "two-minute rounds are just not the same as three-minute rounds, do you think the time has come to change?"

Sometimes those comments seem straight forward, and at others, it has the "feel" of something pejorative at best, singing the tune of DiBella's "haters looking for excuses for why they hate."

What we long for

It was in watching the Katie Taylor and Amanda Serrano fight with ten straight rounds of end-to-end battling for lightweight supremacy, that one did long for three-minute rounds. And post-fight, pundits everywhere discussed the "what if" scenarios for Katie Taylor's very tough fifth round. There was also Amanda Serrano's pre-fight postering for a 12x3 bout in the lead up to the fight, even though she knew it was not possible. Her point, though, was made: this was a super fight on par with any in men's boxing so why not 12x3?

As for myself watching the fight amongst the cheering crowd at MSG, I just didn't want the spectacular display of boxing prowess to end – and if I clamored for a 12x3 bout as the action unfolded, it was for that reason.

The reality is most women, Taylor and Serrano included, train using the three-minute round clock with either a 30-second- or one-minute interval. That is also true during sparring, when women will train for upwards of twelve rounds, rotating out their partners, much as their male counterparts do. At Gleason's Gym, I've cheered on Heather Hardy, Melissa St. Vil, Alicia Napoleon, Alicia Ashley, and Ronica Jeffries, as they've gone through their three-round paces readying for a fight. Those sparring rounds are no less explosive, and with the increased cardio output and opportunities to build stamina, perhaps a brilliant training ploy for compressing the action into one minute less per round.

Show me the money

But are women willing to fight three-minute rounds? Well, why not, except as Hardy has asked more than once, "are they going to pay me for fighting the extra minute per round?"

She's also stated, "Boxing is a business and everybody's in it to make money. So if [something proves] beneficial for everyone—the promoters, the managers, the sanctioning bodies, for them all to be on the same side—that kind of makes sense when it comes to money."

To her point, if 10x2 is 20 minutes, 10x3 is 30, and 12x3 is 36, what would that look like in a realm where pay day remain very low anyway. Say $10,000 for a 10x2 fight = $500 per minute. For the extra 10 minutes that's a $15,0000 purse, and for 16 minutes, that nets out to $18,000. If promoters begrudge the 10K what about the 18K? On the flip side, there are the issues of promotors offering the lower amounts because they say women are fighting for fewer minutes! Grrrr … I mean really! As if women have the choice!

Not that fighters necessarily demand higher pay days for the opportunity to fight three-minute rounds. Seniesa Estrada defeated Marlen Esparza in a 10x3 WBA Interim World Female Fly Title bout in 2019 on a DAZN Golden Boy Promotions fight card. While that was Estrada's first professional bout with three-minute rounds, Esparza had previously fought a 4x3 and 6x3 just after turning professional in 2017. Neither fighter has fought a three-minute round bout since, and now that Esparza is the WBC World Fly champion, she will not have the opportunity to contest using three-minutes rounds even if she wants to. Regardless, she has been a strong advocate for fighting three-minute rounds, and would love more money for it, but seems to want the fights more.

Other arguments center around the "legitimacy" of women's boxing if they continue at two-minute rounds with pundits opining that the sport has "matured" and on that basis will say it's time to take off the "training wheels,"—again, as if women had a say! And as for the fighters some feel the need for the respect that three-minute rounds will bring to their efforts, respect they still feel is sorely lacking from all sides of the business.

Regardless of these issues, when it comes to safety, WBC remains adamant, even if the data behind their policy is not readily shared. Moreover, with the recent deaths of male and female boxers from injuries sustained in the ring including the much beloved American boxer, Patrick Day in 2019, Mexico's Jeanette Zacarias Zapata in 2021, and South African boxer Simiso Buthelezi in early June 2022, questions have arisen, once again, about the brutality of the sport. As the saying goes, "boxing doesn't play," and perhaps the answer is going to be instead of three-minute rounds being the norm for men's boxing, the new normal will be to two-minute rounds.

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Chantelle Cameron

16-0 (8 KOs)
Super Lightweight
Northampton, UK
Pro debut 2017
WBC & IBF World Champion

-There seems to be a lot of talk about who people want to see you fight next. Who do you want to fight?
I want to fight anyone who is undisputed or allows me the opportunity to win the undisputed title so i don't care who or what weight.

- How did you find McCaskill's fight against Ibarra?
McCkaskill done what she had to do to get the win. Was a shame Ibarra didn't continue . It was messy and a lot of holding but again McCkaskill overwhelmed her and got the win that's all that matters.

- Who was your toughest opponent?
My toughest opponent id say would be Sanchez she was a class operator and I'd like to see her back out competing she is a very clever boxer and then I'd say Mary because she is just tough and a very crazy style not much skill just a lot of heart and toughness.

- Who has given you the best spar?
The best spar id say Aqib Fiaz I love sparring him . I learn so much and he also hits me hard so I'm always weary of him catching me clean.

- Who would be your dream opponent from past or present (regardless of weight)?
My dream opponent would be Katie Taylor.

- What's your least favourite training activity ?
Least favourite training activity is sprints.

- 2 minutes or 3 minutes?
3 minutes.

- Favourite boxer, male or female, you like to watch ?
Favourite female is Amanda Serrano or Savannah Marshall and male is Gervontis Davis or Canelo.

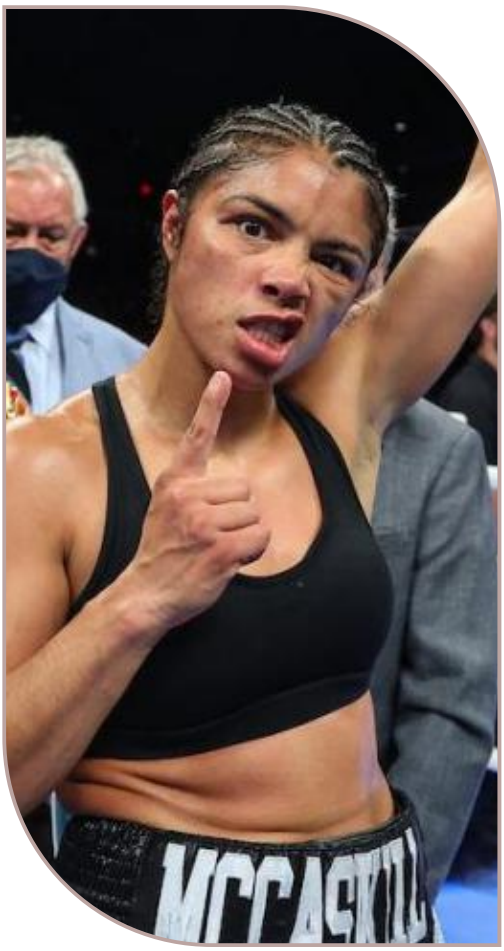
- Favourite movie?
Pretty Little Women.

- Favourite music to listen to?
R&B

- Tell us something nobody knows about you.
I'm a bit of a pussy when it comes to horrors and a very jumpy person.

Fight Review

McCaskill Vs Ibarra



On the undercard of Jesse Rodriquez Vs Suriyan Sor Rungvisai, The 147lb undisputed empress Jessica 'Caskilla' McCaskill defended her thrown against what on paper was a stern test against Mexican Alma Ibarra.

One of the 3 world title fights on this card and on the higher echelons of the DANZ offering, heading into the fight, Ibarra was expected to cause the champ problems with her style and height along with Jessica being no spring chicken.

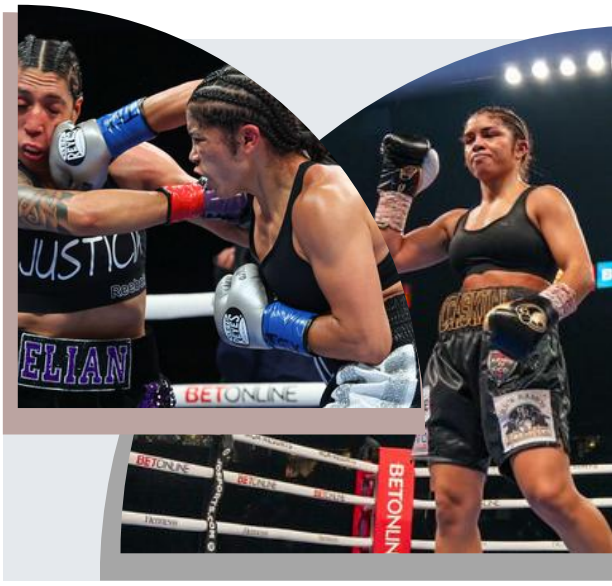
This was not the case! The Rick Ramos trained fighter was the superior fighter successfully imposing her bulldog like style on the taller Mexican and bludgeoning her way to Victory making Ibarra quit.

McCaskill (12-2, 5 KO) started the fight like a bat out of hell, rushing her opponent and setting a frenetic pace, which left Ibarra a little bit like a rabbit in headlights. With the accusation of holding from her opponent this was laughed off "I don't like to hold, I like to throw. I tried to keep my hands moving as much as possible. I keep my hands in, I roll with punches, I try to block and come back with something, but I don't hold." McCaskill told Dazn interviewer Chris Mannix.

Unusually for a Mexican Alma decided enough was enough after 3 rounds and potentially feeling that there was nothing she could do to stop the freight train that she was facing and advised her corner that she wanted to go back home to her family and not put her health in harms way any longer.

McCaskill seems to get little credit for her unconventional and unorthodox style but if you are watching closely she is landing her big shots whilst also getting out of the way of opponents returns. DAZN in between round highlights demonstrated some of the champs under appreciated work.

This could be the last time McCaskill fights at the 147lb limit with the potential of big money fights south of the weight limit. After the fight calling out Chantelle Cameron for her 2 belts at the light welterweight limit. Both McCaskill and Ramos have called for the Katie Taylor rematch and it didn't take long for a Tweet to go out stating they believe they'll never get the return bout after such an impressive victory.



The options for McCaskill at the lower weight categories are more vast, if she can get and beat Chantelle Cameron there is the opportunity to become 2 weight undisputed in an all American match up against the other unified champion Kali Reis.

I am in agreement with Rick Ramos that Katie Taylor will not take this fight. Why risk your legacy against a bigger, stronger fighter who will hound you for every second of the fight when you are winding down your career?

Jessica is certainly an exciting fighter and if this author was ever in a bar room brawl, from all the fighters available in the women's sport she would be the first pick to be my side my quite some distance!

I'll drink to any of Jessica McCaskill's fights!

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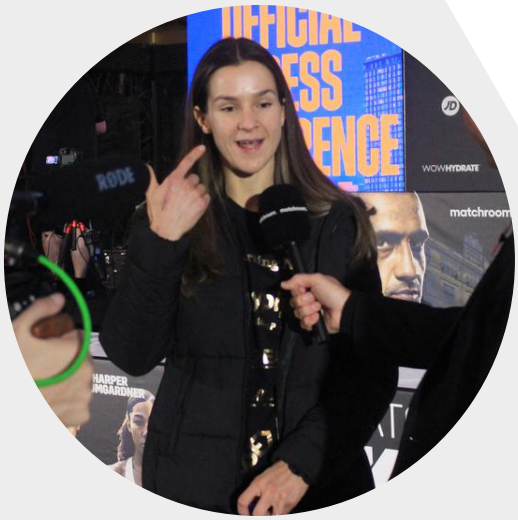
WOMEN 2 WATCH

THE CHAMPIONS TRIANGLE

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In 2022 the UK boxing scene finds itself in a position where we have an array of female world champions and contenders all around the same weight class. We've seen the likes of Marshall/ Rankin, Taylor/ Jonas and Harper/Jonas which all captured the publics imagination and are still spoken about till this day.

In the last few weeks, 3 of those names have started to speculate attention for a potential upcoming bout. A super welterweight unification between Natasha Jonas and Hannah Rankin for the WBO/WBA/IBO titles? Well if you was to have asked me a few weeks ago I'd of said its just a matter of time before Boxxer announce Jonas/ Rankin in Liverpool in the latter part of the year. That would be the case if this was a regular sport, but as we all know boxing is like no other when it comes to announcements being made.

By the sounds of it, Matchroom have pitched a curve ball and we could now well be seeing Hannah Rankin defending her titles against former super featherweight champion Terri Harper. It's not the unification bout we expected, but it's a fight that UK fans can fully get behind. Terri is on the road to redemption having previously conquered world level, Hannahs been around the world with the best and has come into her element over her last few fights. It's a career cross roads for both ladies who will both be looking to assert global dominance after the win.

On August 6th, Matchroom are holding a show at the Sheffield Arena where Terri has headlined in the past. If everyone gets their pens out fast enough we might have found us a headliner for the card.





Mary Spencer

6-0 (4 KOs)
Super Welterweight
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Pro debut 2021

- Do you feel ready for a Title shot?
I still have room for sharpening skills and getting in better shape so I'm in no rush for a title shot but when they tell me it's happening, I will be ready.

- Who would you like to fight in the future?
I would like to fight anyone who wants to fight me. I think boxers, especially champions, should fight anyone who wants to fight and I'm happy to do that.

- You stopped Natasha Jonas in the amateurs at Welterweight and she now holds the WBO World Title at Super Welter. How do you see a rematch in the pros going?
I think a rematch with Jonas would be much like the first one. I think I would stop her and send her back to the lightweight division where she belongs.

- Who has given you your toughest spar?
Jessica Camara has given me my toughest spar lately. We train together at Donnybrook gym and getting to work with her is one of the main reasons I moved back to Montreal. Not only is she a great boxer but she is a TOUGH no excuses type of fighter.

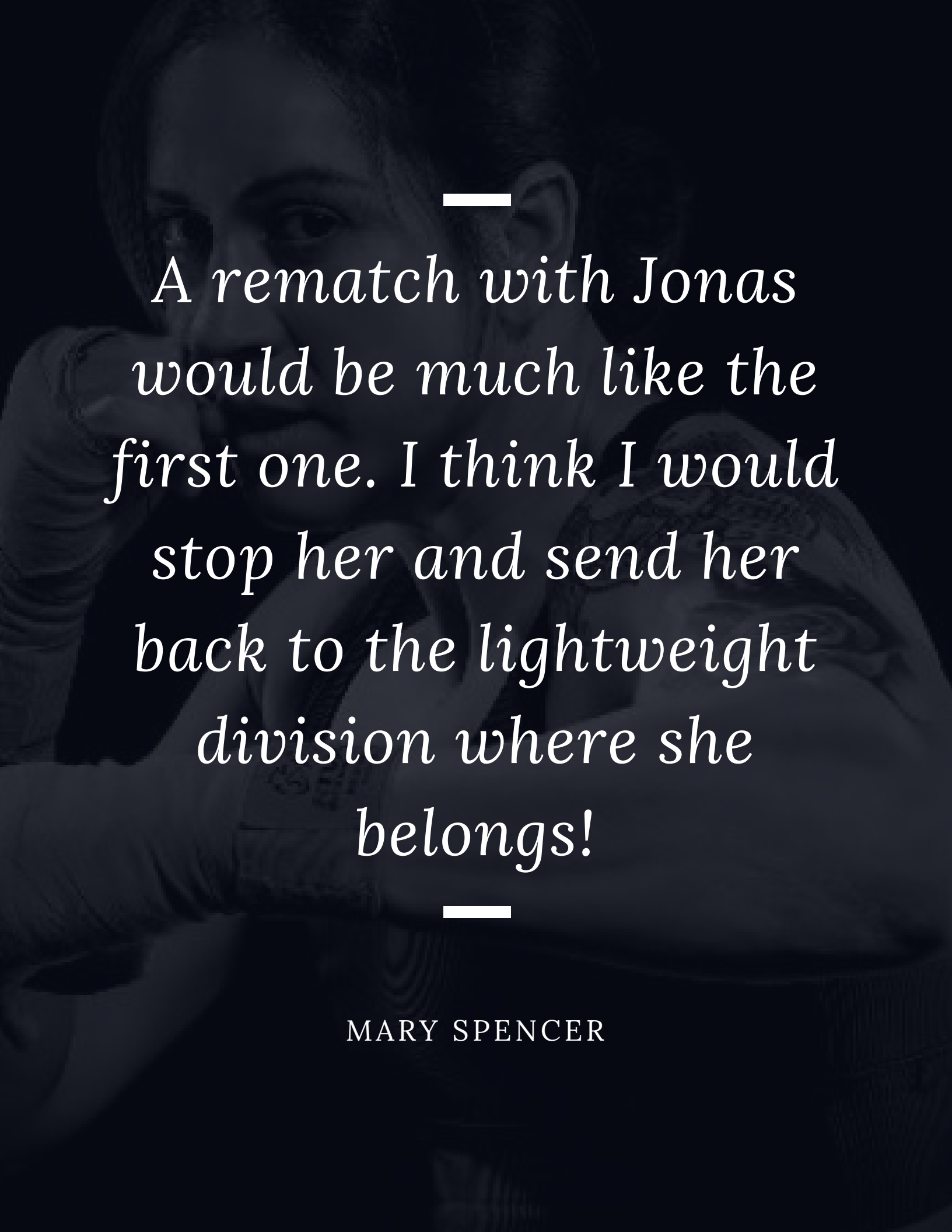
- Who would be your dream opponent past or present (regardless of weight)?
I would love to fight Savannah Marshall, amongst others. We crossed paths a lot in the amateurs but never had the chance to fight. I'd also love to fight Clarissa Shields because she is the best and I think a fight in the pros with Shields would be the highlight of my career.

- What's your favourite training activity ?
My favourite training activity is sparring.

- What's your least favourite training activity ?
Least favourite is bag work.

- Shields or Marshall?
Shields will beat Marshall.

- What weight would you like to settle at as a pro? You have fought as low as 147 so far, but in the amateurs beat current undisputed super middle champ, Franchon.
Welterweight has always been my natural fighting weight. I fought as low as 64kg before the chance to fight in the Olympics at 75kg presented itself. I am happy to be back at welterweight for my pro career but I have shown in the amateurs that I'm capable of competing in the heavier divisions as well.



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AFRICAN FEMALE BOXERS TO WATCH OUT FOR AT THE 2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND

Written by: Fighting Gist

The 2022 Commonwealth games is officially known as the XXII Commonwealth Games and commonly known as Birmingham 2022.

Commonwealth is an international Multi-sport event for the members of the Commonwealth countries and is Scheduled hold in Birmingham, England.

The Commonwealth games is Scheduled to Take place from Tuesday, July 28th to Monday August 8th.

The opening ceremony is set to take place at Alexander Stadium on 28th, July 2022, with all the 72 countries within the Commonwealth. while it will be Barbados's first time participating since becoming a republic on 30th, November 2021.

While the closing ceremony is due to take place on Monday, 8th, August 2022. With all countries returning back to Alexander Stadium. After that, the Commonwealth games Federation flag will be handed to the next host which is Victoria of southeastern Australia in 2026.

Boxing is Scheduled to take place on Friday, 29th, July to Tuesday, 7th, August 2022. Live at the National Exhibition Centre (NEC). Which is located at Marston Green, Solihull, West Midlands, England.



Team Ghana

Only one female boxer will be representing Ghana in West Africa at the Upcoming commonwealth games in Birmingham, England.

Dr. Ornella Sathoud (Middleweight).

USA-based Ghanian female boxer Dr Ornella Sathoud is the only female boxer that will represent Ghana at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England.

Ornella (Nelly) Sathoud is known as Dr Sathoud, because she graduated with a PhD in Analytical Chemistry at the University of Delaware (UD) at Newark, DE, USA and she will be representing Ghana in boxing in the female Middleweight division at the Upcoming 2022 Commonwealth games in Birmingham, England.
Ornella is the 2017 DC Golden Gloves Champion and was selected based on her exploits in the United State and as a potential medal holder.







Team Kenya

Two female boxers from Kenya in East Africa will be participating at the Upcoming commonwealth games in Birmingham, England

Christine Ongare (Minimum weight) and Elizabeth Andiego at (Light-heavyweight).

1. Christine Ongare is 2018 GoldCoast commonwealth games flyweight Bronze medalist, 2020 Africa Olympic qualifiers flyweight bronze medalist and 2021 and 2022 Africa's zone 3 Boxing Championship flyweight silver medalist.

2. Elizabeth Andiego participated in 2014 Glasgow commonwealth games where she lost in the preliminary round . She is Africa's zone 3 Boxing Championship 2021 middleweight silver medalist and 2022 Africa's Zone 3 Boxing Championship light heavyweight gold medalist.
2022 IBA women world championship light heavyweight quarter finalist.

TEAM BOTSWANA

3 female boxers will represent Botswana in southern Africa.

The first, Sadie Keamogetse Kenosi, (57Kgs) Featherweight. who is originally a netball player started boxing in 2015. She beat Nigerian boxer, Elizabeth Temitayo Oshoba in the finals to win the women Featherweight Gold medal in the 2019 All African Games in Rabat, Morocco.

She competed in the 2019 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships slated for 3rd to 13th October, 2019 at Ulan-Ude, Russia. Without wining any medal.

She's among the selected boxers that represented Botswana at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. She lost to Karriss Artingstall of Great Britian in her first round.

Kenosi will be representing her country at the women Featherweight (57kg) at the Upcoming 2022 Commonwealth games in Birmingham, England.





The second female boxer, Lethabo Modukanele lost to Tasmyn Benny of New Zealand in the women's (45-48Kg) Quarterfinals at the 2018 Commonwealth games In Queensland, Australia.

She lost at the Olympics qualifier in February 2020 in Dakar Arena, Dakar, senegal.

She participated at the 2019 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships slated between 3rd to 13th October, 2019 at Ulan-Ude, Russia.

She will be competing at the women's Minimum weight (45-48kg) at the Upcoming commonwealth games in Birmingham, England.

The third, Aratwa Kasemang participated at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth games in Queensland, Australia, she lost to Troy Garton of New Zealand at the Quarterfinals 2nd stage.

Kasemang also participated in the 2017 African Championships in Congo- Brazzaville.

She will be representing Botswana in the female lightweight (60kg) at the Upcoming commonwealth games, Birmingham, England.

TEAM MOZAMBIQUE

Three Female boxers from Mozambique

Alcinda Panguana won Silver in Welterweight category at the 2019 All African games in Rabat, Morocco.

She competed in the women's Welterweight event at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. She won against Elizabeth Akinyi in round 16. She lost to China's Gu Hong in the quarterfinals.

She also won silver at the 2022 IBA Women's World Boxing Championships in Instabul, Turkey.

She will be competing at Welterweight at the Upcoming commonwealth games in Birmingham, England.



The third fighter, Helena Ismael Bagao participated at the 2017 Commonwealth Youth game at Kendal G. L. Isaacs National Gymnasium, Nassau, Bahamas where she lost to Shyla Waikai of New Zealand at the Quarterfinals.

She will be fighting at Flyweight at the Upcoming commonwealth games in Birmingham, England.

The second boxer, Rady Gramane Adosinda is a Middleweight boxer from Mozambique who won Bronze at the 2015 All African Games in Congo Brazzaville.

Won Silver at the 2019 All African Games in Rabat, Morocco.

She lost in the second round at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics games in Tokyo, Japan.

Won silver in Middleweight at the 2021 Africa zone 3 Championship.

She won Bronze at the 2022 IBA Women's world Boxing Championships in Instabul, Turkey.

She will be representing Mozambique in Middleweight at the Upcoming commonwealth games in Birmingham, England.

TEAM UGANDA

Only one female boxer will represent Uganda; Nakimuli Teddy (Fly weight).

Teddy represented Uganda at the 2022 MOUNT KILIMANJARO BOXING COMPETITION that took place at Benjamin Mkapa Indoor Stadium, Tanzania

Teddy won a silver medal after losing her final round to Magret Tembo (Zambia) in the women's Flyweight division.



At the 2019 National Open, Teddy was the best female youth boxer. But lost to fellow Ugandan, Catherine Nanziri in the national elimination round ahead of the African Olympics Trials in Dakar, Senegal.

Teddy will be the first Ugandan Woman to box at the commonwealth Games after a stunning and Unanimous victory over Jalia Nali during week 13 of the Champions league on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at the MTN Arena-Lugogo, Sports Complex, Kampala, Uganda.
wealth games in Birmingham, England.

TEAM ZAMBIA.

Two Female boxers will be representing Zambia at the Upcoming commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England.

The first is Margaret Tembo (Flyweight) and Felistus Nkandu (Lightweight) division.

TEAM NIGERIA.

According to report, five girls will be representing Nigeria at the Upcoming commonwealth games in Birmingham, England.
Nigeria hasn't release the full list of her boxers yet but Shogbamu Bolanle and Elizabeth Temitope Oshoba are sure to be on the list of the team.

Shogbamu Bolanle is the 2019 Africa Champion at Middleweight category, she beat Rady Gramane Adosinda of Mozambique in final to cinch the Gold medal.

She also the 2019 Africa Zone 3 Middleweight Champion.

While Elizabeth Temitope Oshoba Won Bronze medal at Featherweight category at the 2019 All African Games in Rabat, Morocco.
She also the 2019 Africa Zone 3 featherweight Champion.

Team Nigeria didn't participate at the 2020 Africa Olympics qualifiers, 2020 Tokyo Olympics games in Tokyo, Japan, and 2022 AIBA Women's world Boxing Championships in Istanbul, Turkey.

But team Nigeria will participate in the Commonwealth games in Birmingham, England.
Team nigeria will resume closed camping In 3 different state in Nigeria Abuja, Lagos and Yenagoa in Bayelsa state either on the 9th or 11th of July till the Commonwealth Games which kicks off on July 28th.

Out of the 5 female boxing list Shogbamu Bolanle will feature at Middleweight category, while Elizabeth Temitope Oshoba will feature in Featherweight category.

Lani Daniels reveals the struggles leading up to the recent New Zealand title win

Written by Benjamin Watt



Northland's own Lani Daniels won her third New Zealand professional boxing title on Friday night at Lake Karapiro against Tinta Smith in a close bout. Daniels revealed the struggles on social media she faced leading into the fight.

Lani Daniels was originally scheduled to take on Sequita Hemingway in a rematch, but her opponent received an injury during their first in April. Daniels would end up taking on New Zealand amateur champion Tinta Smith instead.

Shortly after the fight was announced in early May, Daniels got covid 19, which kept her away from beginning her training camp. On top of that, throughout training camp, Daniels sustained an injury that she nursed during training. The struggles leading to the fight got worse, not just for her, but also for her family when her cousin passed away a month before the fight. Daniels dedicated the fight to her cousin and the event did the 10-bell salute before the fight.

To finish up the already challenging camp, Daniels was battling the Flu in the last couple of weeks leading into the fight, as well as losing an impressive 8 kgs the last two weeks leading into the fight. The universe certainly gave Daniels all the challenges of the world, but with hard work, blood, sweat and tears, she overcame them.

The fight against Tinta Smith was a close fight which was impressive for Smith with her making her professional boxing debut, going against a former World title challenger and going the full eight rounds. Smith throughout the fight used dirty tactics including rabbit punching and kidney punches which at one point gave her the edge of the fight. But it was Daniels's experience, boxing skills and footwork which lead to her winning the fight.

Daniels is currently ranked 1st on Boxrec, 5th in the WBA and 5th on the ESPN in the Light Heavyweight and Heavyweight rankings. She is now the second female ever to win Three New Zealand National Professionals titles with two Light Heavyweight titles (one NZPBA, one Pro Box NZ) and one Super Middleweight title (Pro Box NZ). The only person that holds more New Zealand titles than another Northland boxer, is Mea Motu who holds four titles in four different weight divisions from two boxing commissions.

Daniels now wants to keep busy and aims to get back in the world title picture. Like most women in boxing especially in New Zealand, Daniels struggles to get sponsors to maintain her boxing career. She hopes to get a major sponsor that will help her to get to the international fights again.

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TOP 10 POUND-FOR-POUND

1 KATIE TAYLOR

2 AMANDA SERRANO

3 CLARESSA SHIELDS

4 JESSICA MCCASKILL

5 SENEISA ESTRADA

6 CHANTELLE CAMERON

7 MIKAELA MAYER

8 DELFINE PERSOON

9 MARLEN ESPARZA

10 SAVANNAH MARSHALL

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DIVISIONAL RANKINGS

ATOMWEIGHT

1 MONSERRAT ALARCON
2 NANAE SUZUKI
3 MIKA IWAKAWA
4 AYAKA MIYAO
5 ERI MATSUDA

STRAWWEIGHT

1 SENEISA ESTRADA
2 TINA RUPPRECHT
3 YOKASTA VALLE
4 THI THUN NHI NGUYEN
5 KATIA GUTIERREZ

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT

1 SENEISA ESTRADA
2 JESSICA PLATA
3 TSUNAMI TENKAI
4 EVELIN BERMUDEZ
5 YESENIA GOMEZ

FLYWEIGHT

WORLD CHAMPION MARLEN ESPARZA
1 NAOKO FUJIOKA
2 IBETH SILVA
3 ARELY MUCINO
4 KENIA ENRIQUEZ
5 JACQUELINE CALVO

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT

1 LOURDES JUAREZ
2 MICAELA LUJAN
3 DIANA FERNANDEZ
4 YESSICA CHAVEZ
5 TAMAO OZAWA

BANTAMWEIGHT

1 YULIHAN LUNA AVILA
2 DINA THORSLUND
3 EBANIE BRIDGES
4 JAMIE MITCHELL
5 MELISSA ODDESSA PARKER

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT

1 JACKIE NAVA
2 MAYERLIN RIVAS
3 YAMILETH MERCADO
4 SEGOLENE LEFEBVRE
5 CHERNEKA JOHNSON

FEATHERWEIGHT

1 AMANDA SERRANO
2 ERIKA CRUZ HERNANDEZ
3 SARAH MAHFOUD
4 BRENDA CARABAJAL
5 DEBORA DIONICIUS

DIVISIONAL RANKINGS

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT

1 MIKAELA MAYER
2 ALYCIA BAUMGARDNER
3 MAIVA HAMADOUCHE
4 DELFINE PERSOON
5 HYUN CHOI

LIGHTWEIGHT

WORLD CHAMPION KATIE TAYLOR
1 AMANDA SERRANO
2 ESTELLE MOSSELY
3 MELISSA ST VIL
4 YANINA LESCANO
5 TERRI HARPER

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT

WORLD CHAMPION CHANTELLE CAMERON
1 MARY MCGEE
2 KALI REIS
3 VICTORIA BUSTOS
4 JESSICA CAMARA
5 DIANA PRAZAK

WELTERWEIGHT

WORLD CHAMPIONJESSICA MCCASKILL
1 CECILIA BRAEKHUS
2 LAYLA MCCARTER
3 EWA PIATKOWSKA
4 MARIE HOULE
5 SUMMER LYNN

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT

WORLD CHAMPION CLARESSA SHIELDS
1 MARIE EVE DICAIRE
2 PATRICIA BERGHULT
3 HANNAH RANKIN
4 NATASHA JONAS
5 MARY SPENCER

MIDDLEWEIGHT

WORLD CHAMPION CLARESSA SHIELDS
1 SAVANNAH MARSHALL
2 EMA KOZIN
3 MARICELA CORNEIO
4 FEMKE HERMANS
5 MAPULE NGUBANE

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT

WORLD CHAMPION FRANCHON CREWS DEZURN
1 CHRISTINA HAMMER
2 ELIN CEDERROOS
3 SHADASIA GREEN
4 SANNA TURUNEN
5 DIANA CASTRO

HEAVYWEIGHT

1 DANIELLE PERKINS
2 HANNA GABRIELS
3 OXANDIA CASTILLO
4 LANI DANIELS
5 ALRIE MELEISEA