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## BOXER OF THE MONTH – APRIL 2011



## RECENT RESULTS

**Manny Vlamis TKO 6 Mark Flanagan**  
Asia-Pacific Lighthweight Title  
April 29, 2011 in Brisbane, Australia

## UPCOMING TITLE BOUTS:

**Miguel Gonzalez vs Christopher Fernandez**  
International Lightwelterweight Title  
May 14, 2011 in Campbell, Ohio, USA

**Christina Hammer vs Maria Lindberg**  
Womens World Middleweight Title  
May 27, 2011 in Usti n.L., Czechia

**Zita Zatyko vs Izabella Torok**  
Womens World Cruiserweight Title  
June 4, 2011 in Győr, Hungary

**Diosbelys Hurtado vs Amaro Dialo**  
World Superwelterweight Title  
September 2, 2011 in Las Palmas, Spain

## REPORTS

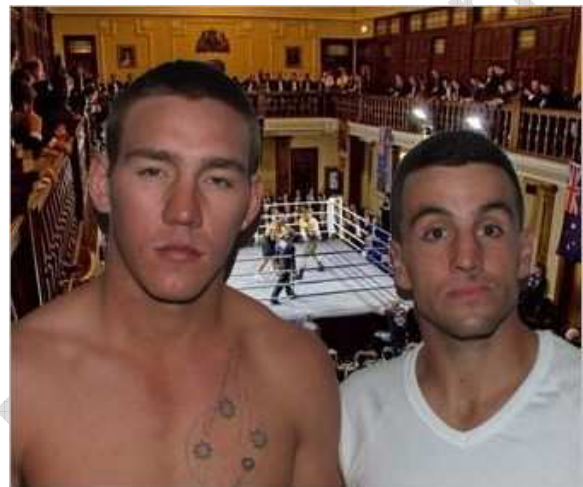
### **Vlamis Wins Asia-Pacific Title**

In front of an exclusive and black-tie member's only crowd at the Tattersalls Club in Brisbane the very first WBF title bout on Australian soil took place last Friday evening. In the main event for the vacant WBF Asia Pacific light heavyweight title, local hero Manny Vlamis scored a sixth round technical knockout over countryman Mark Flanagan.

It was an all-action, high paced and closely fought affair. Both athletes had their moments and both wanted to make a statement in the ring. Coming off a loss, Flanagan tried to get back on winning streak and get himself in position for a bigger title opportunity.

The 20-years young fighter had a better start into the bout and was ahead on two of the three judge's scorecards before being stopped by referee Cyril Cairns in the sixth.

With the victory, Vlamis moves to 8-2 with 5 knockouts. He might return to the ring in early July to fight for an Australian national title. Flanagan on the other hand falls to 6-3, losing two bouts in a row and just 14 days apart. Before his technical knockout loss to Vlamis on Friday, he was defeated by unbeaten Ben McCulloch just two weeks earlier by unanimous decision.



### **Boxing About To Crown First-Ever Womens Cruiser Champ**

The World Boxing Federation is about to become part of boxing history when it sanctions the first-ever female world championship bout in the cruiserweight division on June 4 in Győr, Hungary. After thorough consideration, the WBF Championship Committee has approved the application by Profibox Promotion, the promotional outfit headed by Hungarian heavyweight champion Zoltan Petranyi, and pairs local heroine Zita Zatyko and Romania's Izabella Torok for the WBF womens world cruiserweight crown. The WBF set the weight limit for the division at 86,182 kg (190 lbs), the old male cruiserweight limit.

The unbeaten 30-year-old Zatyko has been mentioned as a possible future opponent for WBF womens world heavyweight champ Natascha Ragosina, the undefeated Russian who cleaned out the supermiddleweight class prior to her jump to heavyweight, and if Zatyko can clinch herself the WBF title at cruiser it may move her closer to the big-money match.

The WBF Championship Committee invites all female cruiserweight contenders around the world to forward their applications for future challenges for this title to the office of the General Secretary Diana Spasova ([diana.spasova@worldboxingfederation.net](mailto:diana.spasova@worldboxingfederation.net)) for further consideration.



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## INSIDE

### WBF CHAMPIONSHIP POLICY

Rather than construct and manipulate – only to again manipulate on demand – their own ratings, the World Boxing Federation has entered into a partnership with internet boxing records database [www.boxrec.com](http://www.boxrec.com). The British-based website provides all rankings for the WBF, generating monthly computerised listings direct from their extensive records archive.

We are aware that computerised ratings, being based solely on bare results, do have their defects, but then again, boxing history and the history of sanctioning organizations in particular have proved on countless occasions that subjective ratings in fact offer a much worse solution. More and more, the boxing public has become aware that such ratings are nothing but a result of "connections" and therefore these kind of ratings are generally more or less disregarded outside of the industries' inner circles.

For these reasons, the computerised boxrec ratings provide the guidelines and backbone for the sanctioning process within the WBF, which is conducted by the Championship Committee. Other guidelines are overall records, most recent results, most recent activity level and quality of opponents. Further factors may be considered on an individual level.

The WBF Championship Committee consists of five persons, with a majority vote being required for any decisions. The current members of the Championship Committee are President Howard Goldberg of South Africa, Vice President Jean Marcel Nartz and Ring Official Ingo Barrabas, both of Germany, Latin America Coordinator Sergio Sotelo of Mexico as well as Benelux Representative Tonio Tiberi of Luxemburg.

Once a promoter has submitted an official Sanctioning Application it is put in front of the Championship Committee for its members to individually and independently investigate the proposed boxers' credentials and submit their vote to the WBF Executive Director and/or General Secretary, who then either issues the written Sanctioning Approval or informs the applying promoter that the match or a boxer has been turned down.

All male and female world championship bouts have to undergo this process, as well as all male Intercontinental and International championships. The sanctioning of regional championships is granted solely by the respective WBF Continental Coordinator, while the sanctioning of Intercontinental and International womens championships falls into the sole jurisdiction of the WBF Womens Boxing Chairman. However, the Championship Committee has the right to veto those decisions, if necessary.

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/World-Boxing-Federation-WBF/192952187410647>



I was having a look at our women world champions a few days ago. Natascha Ragosina, Christina Hammer, Noni Tenge, Myriam Lamare, Ramona Kuehne, Oksana Vasilieva, Unathi Myekeni, Nadya Hokmi and Ju Hee Kim. Nine beautiful, skillful and outstanding world champions both inside and outside the ring.

These are ladies with great beauty, strong intelligence and powerful character. One could well picture all of them as high powered businesswomen, lawyers, doctors, politicians and the question I posed to myself was why?

Why boxing - the toughest sport in the world, why put themselves through heavy training, hours and hours of roadwork, excessive work in the gym, strengthening their mental and physical attributes. Why?

The answer to be quite honest I wasn't exactly sure and with some deliberation I came up with the following which might be interesting to debate, refute or simply discuss. These ladies box because of a few reasons - the most important is that of the challenge. The challenge to conquer a sport that has been male dominated for so many years. To show fellow females that anything and everything is possible with hard work and dedication. To prove to one and all that they are as talented, entertaining and as skillful as the men.

To all of our nine world champions - we are so proud of you and what you have achieved. We are proud of the way you conduct yourselves in and out of the ring. We are proud that you have worked and continue to work so hard in arguably the toughest sport in the world.

To all of you wonderfully talented ladies, you deserve to be world champions and we salute you. God bless each and every one of you.

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