

Boxing News

July - December 2012 | No. 10



**LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES
DECLARED BEST EVER**



**YOUTH WORLDS
ANNOUNCED STARS
OF TOMORROW**



**WSB SEASON III
DELIGHTS**



apb AIBA
Pro
Boxing

**APB RECRUITMENT
CONTINUES**

TOP TEN

Official AIBA equipment provider since 1989



You can't beat tradition



Our history includes 3 Olympic games and more than 50 European championships, World cups and World championships.



TOP TEN
The research and development company, a name with reliability built in.



PPS
technology

made in germany

BOXING GLOVE AND HEAD GUARD

The heart of the TOP TEN **gloves** has been revised in collaboration with athletes from all over the world. The well-known Bayfill padding curved even more and the thumb area has been changed. The new shape allows a more comfortable fit and a simple set up for the fist.

The technological Know How from existing TOP TEN products was used to develop a **head guard** made of leather, as the demand for a TOP TEN leather head guard has been overwhelming.

BUDOLAND Sportartikel Vertriebs GmbH

Am Griebenbach 8 · 83126 Flintsbach

Tel. +43 (0) 80 34 / 90 990-0 · www.budoland.com



LOOKING TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE



Dear members, athletes and fans,

Welcome to this new issue of Boxing News magazine, the official publication of the International Boxing Association (AIBA).

About a year ago, I was sharing with you my excitement about the future holds for our sport. Following the resounding success of the London 2012 Olympic Games, AIBA's duty is now to capitalise on what we achieved so far in order to bring the sport of boxing to the next level.

I was delighted to learn a few months ago that women's boxing would now debut at the Commonwealth Games after it was included on the Glasgow 2014 program. This will help us promote women's boxing even further to ensure that more participants will get the privilege of competing at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

With regards to the Rio Games, I am now convinced that the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships Yerevan 2012 have paved the way for some of our most promising talents. I am now eager to see the best of them making their big breakthroughs at the elite level in 2013.

With World Series of Boxing (WSB) in its third season and having attracted some exciting new Franchises such as the British Lionhearts, the Ukraine Otamans, the Argentina Condors, the Hussars Poland and the Algeria Desert Hawks, it is now more than ever, the dream place to be for boxers who want to get a first taste of pro boxing. The thrilling end of the season will without doubt demonstrate how AIBA has now developed a true culture of pro boxing.

2013 will remain forever a crucial year in the history of our organisation. After the launch of AIBA Pro Boxing (APB) in just a few months' time, "governing the sport of boxing worldwide in all of its forms" will not only be a statement, but the true mission of AIBA.

We need to be more and more professional in our approach to the sport. Seminars like the APB/WSB R&Js and Supervisors Workshop are essentials, not only for our officials to be familiar with our changes of rules, but more importantly for these same officials to reach the highest possible level of professionalism, fairness and transparency.

2013 will change the destiny of our sport. Be part of it!

Yours Boxing,

CONTENTS

- 1 President's Message
- 2 APB / WSB R&Js and Supervisors Workshop
- 6 AIBA Annual Awards
- 8 AIBA News in Brief
- 12 London 2012 Olympic Games
- 26 WSB Season III
- 34 AIBA Pro Boxing

Boxing News

The official magazine of the International
Boxing Association (AIBA)

TENTH EDITION 2012, July - December

Executive Director Ho Kim
Editor-in-Chief Sébastien Gillot
Contributors James Hamill-Reeves, Tibor Kincses
Graphic Design Fabio Zeppetella (AIBA)
Photographers AIBA / WSB

Cover page photo Katie Taylor at the London 2012 Olympic Games

Printed in Korea.
Letters, articles, photos and comments are most welcome.

AIBA - International Boxing Association
Maison du Sport International
Avenue de Rhodanie 54
CH-1007 Lausanne / Switzerland
Tel. (+41 21) 321 27 77
Fax (+41 21) 321 27 72
E-mail communication@aiba.org

Disclaimer

The views expressed in "Boxing News" are not necessarily those of AIBA. The content of this publication is based on the best knowledge and information available at the time the articles were written.

All content is of AIBA ©2013.
Upon written request, AIBA will willingly authorize the reproduction of articles published in "Boxing News" unless expressly prohibited. "Boxing News" is not responsible for loss of unsolicited queries, manuscripts, or other materials. They will not be returned unless accompanied by return postage.

www.aiba.org

ISSN 1814-7518

THE WORLD'S BEST R&JS AND SUPERVISORS CONVERGE ON INCHEON FOR TRAINING

The APB/WSB Referees & Judges and Supervisors Workshop took place between 30 October and 4 November in the city of Incheon, South Korea. The final list of participants included 58 of the World's best R&Js and 20 Supervisors from 44 countries. All were chosen following a careful selection process, with most of them widely considered as some of the very best in the business.

On the eve of this intensive five-day induction, AIBA contracted seven senior Referee and Judges to become full-time AIBA 5 Star R&Js. As part of its R&J development plans, this was AIBA's first step towards developing as many full-time R&Js as possible, to further enhance transparency and fair judging in all competitions.

AIBA has offered these R&Js a brand new status, 5 Star, which is seen as the highest accolade you can receive as an AIBA R&J. The selection process started over a year ago at the AIBA World Boxing Championships Baku 2011 and was finalised during the London 2012 Olympic Games.

AIBA was delighted to reveal their names publicly: Mrs. Kheira Sidi Yakoub from Algeria, Mr. Mik Basi from England, Mr. Michael Gallagher from Ireland, Mr. Mariusz Gorny from Poland, Mr. Vladislav Malyshev from Russia, Mr. Gerardo Poggi from Argentina and Mr. Rakhymzhan Rysbayev from Kazakhstan.

They will now:

- be able to officiate in all AIBA Open Boxing (AOB), AIBA Pro Boxing (APB) and World Series of Boxing (WSB) competitions;
- become an AIBA International R&J Instructor for any educational programs held in AIBA Academies, International, Continental and National R&J Seminars as well as conduct examinations to certify R&Js at different levels;
- take part in developing the R&J educational manuals and R&J related Rules & Regulations
- act as the R&J Captain at any AIBA Competitions;

- act as an AIBA Ambassador to represent AIBA in all aspects related to R&J work.

Due to their full-time working status with AIBA, these 5 Star R&Js will not be allowed to take part in any of their national competitions and/or affairs. Purely independent, they will now concentrate on the development of R&J programs within AIBA and focus on enhancing the judging environment in the sport of boxing.

On this historical moment, Dr Wu stated: "I am very pleased that we have found seven R&Js who have achieved so much over the last five years and continue to produce outstanding performances in every AIBA competition they take part in. The selection process was intensive and one of the two main requisites was the candidates ethical codes and their ring management skills."

He also added, "Following these first agreements, we will seek to add more 5 Star R&Js to enhance our culture of transparency of judging in all AOB, APB and WSB competitions."

The opening day of the Workshop was led by three of AIBA's most experienced instructors, Osvaldo Bisbal (Argentina), Luiz Boselli (Brazil), both members of the AIBA R&Js Commission and Ray Silvas (USA).



The main topics presented were:

- Introduction of AOB, WSB and APB programs, timelines and developments for competition phases;
- Presentation of key technical and competition rules for AOB, APB and WSB;
- The common scoring system for AOB and APB, same as the current WSB scoring system (10 Points Must-System).

There was a great deal of discussion in the seminar room as the Workshop continued on the second day with the two final oral sessions before the written examination. The main topics were duties, authorities and rights of the R&Js in a professional refereeing style and the APB Technical and Competition Rules. The WSB professional style of refereeing will be continued in APB competitions. The Supervisors and R&Js conveyed in depth analysis of refereeing and judging mechanics and different scenarios of fouls and the rules that applied to them.

"Today's session demonstrated the passion that the R&Js and Supervisors have for the sport and their commitment for ensuring that the rules are fair, equitable and clearly understood by all participants. It is a challenging and important exercise for all to go through, and as a result all these participants will be better R&Js and Supervisors", said AIBA Technical Delegate and WSB Supervisor Tom Virgets. "This workshop is a proof that AIBA's mission is to govern boxing in all its forms. AIBA is making a tremendous step of moving towards unifying all the rules and regulations for all its competitions while keeping the safety of boxers in the forefront".

The two-day oral sessions concluded with written examinations; 100 multiple choice questions for the R&Js and 20 open questions for the Supervisors. The existing WSB Supervisors were exempt from the examination due to their two years experience in the league. 5-Star R&Js were also exempt from the written exam but went through a short oral examination.

Luiz Boselli, Vice Chairman and Secretary of the Technical & Rules Commission and one of the leading instructors stated: "This workshop is about taking the next step for refereeing in boxing. It is extremely important. We have here today the world's best R&Js preparing for a new era. There will be a new style of refereeing and judging, boxing will be about better competition, a real show, and above all will be highly attractive to watch."

The penultimate day was a busy one with practical sessions and practical examinations. Eighty participants were divided into two groups with the first taking part in practical training while the other was evaluated in the ring at the boxing gym in the Incheon Sports Boarding School. The most important for the referees was the adjustment to the professional style of refereeing, improving the flow of the bouts and reducing interruptions.



"The purpose of this practical session is to see how well they can implement the new techniques that we are teaching them. WSB and APB boxing is about the show. Your AOB style of refereeing needs to be put to one side", AIBA Instructor Ray Silvas said. "You can touch the boxer; as an example, if 'holding' occurs, you can push the boxer's hands away, and you can also talk to boxers. We allow you to have your own style as long as you stick to the rules. The most important is to let the boxers box. We don't want three minute rounds with two minutes for a referee and one minute for a boxer. We want three minutes of boxing action for the audience, TV and judges".

Each R&J was evaluated for four 2-minute rounds during a sparring session. Veronika Szucs, the Hungarian R&J with 16 years experience in AOB refereeing said, "Today is the first time that I am refereeing in a professional style. It is very new to me; I would need two more good bouts to be able to adjust fully. I also need to put more work in studying the rules".

The Supervisors and R&Js of the second group received instructions on the electronic scoring system. The 10-Point Must system is currently used in WSB and will be continued in APB and AOB Elite competitions.



Andrew Caulfield from Scotland said, "Today, we watched more than twenty WSB bouts from around the world while at the same time doing the scoring. It was an excellent exercise in professional judging, and there were so many different aspects and different scenarios, fantastic material to learn from". Caulfield has already experienced WSB after refereeing during its second season. Tony Germain, an R&J from Canada added, "Because of the new professional format, the boxers are not doing the fencing anymore, they are boxing".

On Saturday 03 November 2012, 78 of AIBA world's best officials completed the five-day APB/WSB R&Js and Supervisors Workshop. After careful examination and practical evaluations, AIBA qualified 20 Supervisors and 50 R&Js to officiate in WSB and APB competitions.

All Supervisors and R&Js then gathered for a Graduation Ceremony hosted by the AIBA President and WSB Board Chairman, Dr Wu. "This APB/WSB R&Js and Supervisors Workshop was at the top of my list of priorities because excellent and fair refereeing and judging is the foundation of boxing", he stated. "Our motto 'We are boxing' means that we propose the highest performance in boxing, supervising and refereeing & judging, integrating new scoring system and new rules. Our foundations are now solid enough to prove that we do truly offer the best of our beloved sport".

Each Supervisor and R&J was presented with the APB/WSB Certificate and offered a blue APB/WSB branded jacket. "AIBA has set the highest standards for its officials to be experts in their respective territories", said Tom Virgets. "Therefore, when they were called on stage to be certified, you could really see on their faces that they were very proud and that they had done something extraordinary".

AIBA continues to strive towards achieving the highest level of excellence for its R&Js and this workshop was just the first step in a whole new development program designed to educate, train and produce the very best in the business.



**OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF THE
APB/WSB R&JS AND
SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP**

Experience global networking on a whole new scale

Korean Air offers one of the largest global networks in the industry, connecting 124 cities in over 43 countries. Fly Korean Air and the world becomes your stage.

2012'S BEST AWARDED

In conjunction with the finals of the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships Yerevan 2012, the AIBA Annual Awards Ceremony celebrated the very best of a historical year by rewarding those who lit up the various AIBA competitions.

Presided by Dr Ching-Kuo Wu, AIBA President, the event was held at the Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concerts Complex in front of delegates from the Armenian National Olympic Committee and National Federations, present at the tournament, and the International Technical Officials (ITOs) and Referee & Judges (R&Js).

BEST AIBA ELITE MAN BOXER 2012 **Oleksandr USYK (Ukraine)**

The charismatic 25-year-old was one of the stand-out performers of the London 2012 Olympic Games where he took the Heavyweight (91kg) gold medal in style. After his triumph at the AIBA World Boxing Championships Baku 2011, the 191cm, 6ft3in tall southpaw from Simferopol in the Crimea delighted boxing fans worldwide with his all-action displays and his 'Hopak' dance celebration in the British capital.

"I am extremely proud to have put my country on the boxing map", Usyk said. "These Olympic Games were a wonderful experience and I cannot wait to test myself in WSB and to defend my title at the 2013 AIBA World Championships".

BEST AIBA ELITE WOMAN BOXER 2012 **Katie TAYLOR (Ireland)**

The sublime quadruple AIBA World Champion cemented her status as the best pound for pound woman boxer in the world after battling through a tough draw to claim the Olympic Lightweight (60kg) title. Her poise and technique saw her enthral the crowds at the ExCeL in London as she added the best boxer of the tournament trophy to her long list of achievements.

"2012 has been an amazing year for me but most importantly for women's boxing as a whole", stated Taylor. "Although it is not the first one, I am still overwhelmed with this award and furthermore proud to be an AIBA ambassador for women's boxing."

BEST AIBA YOUTH BOXER 2012 **Kevin Hayler BROWN (Cuba)**

After dominating all of his rivals at the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships Yerevan 2012, the sensational 19-year-old orthodox announced his arrival on the world stage with a succession of stylish displays to claim gold. With a fantastic array of shots in his arsenal, this prodigy is destined to achieve great things.

On receiving his trophy, Brown said: "I dedicate this award to my teammates and to the whole of Cuba. It is a great honour".

BEST AIBA REFEREE & JUDGE 2012 **Michael GALLAGHER (Ireland)**

The dedicated Irishman has a keen eye for detail and an excellent rapport with all the boxers. A fanatical studier of the sport and well respected among his peers, it is now the second year in a row that he has collected the award.

"It is great to be once again receiving this award" declared Gallagher. "I love my job and want to take this opportunity to thank all the people around me."

BEST AIBA TECHNICAL OFFICIAL 2012 **Franco FALCINELLI (Italy)**

The success story of the London 2012 Olympic Games can be in huge part attributed to the steady hands of the well respected Italian who was the AIBA Technical Delegate for the competition. A great communicator, he always ensures the boxing takes centre stage.

BEST AIBA COACH 2012

David ALLOWAY (Great Britain)

The overwhelming favourite after seeing his boxers take an unprecedented three golds, one silver and a bronze medal at the London 2012 Olympic Games. Part of the ultra-professional set-up of GB boxing, his methods have brought the standards of coaching to new levels.

"This award belongs to the Great Britain coaching team", declared Alloway. "Without all of them, nothing would have been possible."

BEST WSB BOXER 2012

Sergiy DEREVYANCHENKO (Ukraine)

The 26-year-old orthodox Ukrainian gave his team Dolce & Gabbana Italia Thunder the decisive advantage in the WSB Team Final before claiming a second successive victory at the Individual Championships last season. Hugely accomplished, his near flawless style continues to earn him many admirers.

BEST WSB REFEREE & JUDGE 2012

Jean-Robert LAINE (France)

A great understanding of the sport, his easy style makes him one of the most respected R&Js on the circuit. Ever present during the season after having refereeing at a total of thirteen fixtures, his professionalism continues to set the standard.

"I want to dedicate this award to my fellow professionals and also to my family, wife and two children", said Lainé.

BEST WSB COACH 2012

Francesco DAMIANI (Italy)

After guiding the Dolce & Gabbana Italia Thunder to victory in the 2012 WSB Team Final ending a gruelling season, 1984 Olympic silver medallist Damiani was also ringside

at the Olympic Games to see his boxers claim two silvers and a bronze medal. He has now confirmed his legendary status in his native Italy.

"I am very honoured by AIBA", stated Damiani: "I want to thank the Italian Federation, my team Dolce & Gabbana Italia Thunder and last but not least the boxers."

BEST WSB SUPERVISOR 2012

Luiz BOSELLI (Brazil)

His friendly demeanour and approachability have ensured that the four WSB fixtures he oversaw, including the all important Individual Championships, were some of the best on last season's calendar. Dedicated, his love of the sport always shines through.

BEST SPORTSMANSHIP 2012

Garip ERCUYUMCU (Turkey)

His passing earlier this year left a big void within the AIBA Family with the loss of one of its most dedicated members.



LATEST NEWS FROM THE BOXING WORLD

AIBA PRESIDENT JOINS THE IOC EXECUTIVE BOARD

After having been elected by the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) to be its representative on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Executive Board, Dr Ching-Kuo Wu, AIBA President, was officially unveiled to the IOC EB on Thursday 26 July 2012.

His election was ratified by a large margin of votes at the 124th IOC Session in London, Great Britain.

"Since 2005, I have posed my candidacy for the post a total of three times and I am proud to have finally been given this opportunity. I would like to thank all those who voted, for showing confidence and trusting me. I will give my best to serve the Olympic movement", stated Dr Wu.

AIBA MOURNS LONG-SERVING FRIENDS

The AIBA Family had the sadness to lose two of its most influential friends in 2012 with the passing of International Technical Official Garip Ercuyumcu (Turkey) and Mukhamadali Karimov, Secretary General of the National Uzbek Olympic Committee, first vice-President of the Uzbek Boxing Federation and member of the AIBA Technical & Rules Commission.

Dr Wu stated, "Garip was loved and respected by everyone who knew him and he will be sorely missed by all of us at AIBA." He continued, "In my capacity as President of AIBA, and on behalf of the entire boxing family, I would like to express my most heartfelt condolences and my deepest sympathy at the passing of one of our most esteemed colleagues and friends, Mr. Karimov." "We all know that his passing will leave a void in the hearts of all those who knew him, within the boxing family and the sports movement in both Uzbekistan and the whole of Asia".



NEW AND RE-ELECTED AIBA NATIONAL MEMBER FEDERATIONS LEADERS

AIBA is extremely pleased to welcome new members of its Family: Mr. Robert Pauletich as the President of the Croatian Boxing Federation, Mr. José Luis Vellón Laureano as the President of the Federación Puertorriqueña de Boxeo Aficionado, Mr. Edwin Takatso Ramakhula as the President of the Lesotho Amateur Boxing Association, Mr. Leonard Doroftei as the President of the Romanian Boxing Federation and Mr. Zbigniew Górski as the President of the Polish Boxing Association.

In the meantime, a few other leaders were confirmed at the top of their respective National Federations: Mr. Eyüp Gözgeç in Turkey, Mr. Timur Kulibayev in Kazakhstan, Mr. Ted Tanner in Australia and Mr. Kelani Azaad Bayor in Togo.

KATIE TAYLOR NAMED AIBA WOMEN'S BOXING AMBASSADOR

In conjunction with the 2012 AIBA Annual Awards Ceremony where women's boxing's pound for pound queen was receiving her third Best AIBA Elite Woman Boxer of the Year trophy, Ireland Katie Taylor was named AIBA Women's Boxing Ambassador.

"AIBA is extremely happy that Katie has accepted our offer to become AIBA Women's Boxing Ambassador", said Dr Wu. "She has inspired a generation of women boxers and the acceptance of women's boxing in the Olympic program has been in part a result of her outstanding achievements. She is now role model to youngsters around the globe and we are looking forward to working closely with her in the build-up to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games".

"It is an honour for me to be nominated as AIBA Women's Boxing Ambassador", declared Taylor. "I cannot wait to start this role. I want to help further elevate women's boxing to ensure it sits at the pinnacle of sporting achievement".



NEW AIBA VICE PRESIDENT AND EUBC PRESIDENT

Following the resignation of Dr Humbert Furgoni, Dr Wu has appointed Mr. Franco Falcinelli as AIBA Vice President representing Europe. He therefore also takes up the position of European Boxing Confederation (EUBC) President as per the approval of the AIBA Executive Committee.

"As I have full confidence in your leadership and in your long management experience of a boxing organisation, I believe that AIBA and EUBC will receive a great and valuable contribution from you", stated AIBA President in his congratulatory letter.

"It is a great honour for me to have been appointed as AIBA Vice President and to lead the European Boxing Confederation. Without doubt, it is one of the greatest recognitions I have ever received throughout my 50 year career in boxing", replied Mr. Falcinelli.



AIBA TECHNICAL DELEGATES ASSIGNED TO UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

The President of AIBA has nominated the AIBA Technical Delegates (TD) for the following upcoming boxing events.

- Mrs Nieva Embuldeniya (Sri Lanka) for the 2013 AIBA Women's Junior/Youth World Boxing Championships;
- Mr Pat Fiacco (Canada) for the Mersin 2013 Mediterranean Games (21-30 June);
- Mr Ray Silvas (USA) for the 2013 Kazan Universiades (6-17 July);
- Mr Tom Virgets (USA) for the AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships Kiev 2013 (17-26 August);
- Mr Helmut Ranze (Germany) and Mr Yue Yan (China) as Deputy TD for the AIBA World Boxing Championships Almaty 2013 (11-27 October);
- Mr Adam Kusior (Poland) for the SportAccord World Combat Games St. Petersburg 2013 (19-26 October);
- Mr Tom Virgets (USA) for the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games (16-28 August).



WOMEN'S BOXING INCLUDED IN GLASGOW 2014 COMMONWEALTH GAMES PROGRAM

Glasgow 2014 will be the first Commonwealth Games to have Women's Boxing included in its sports program.

The decision was made on Friday 28 September at the Commonwealth Games Federation's General Assembly in Kampala (Uganda), just a few weeks after women's boxing made its triumphant debut at the Olympic Games in London.

"I am delighted that the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games have added women's boxing to its sports program", stated Dr Wu. "After the resounding success of the London 2012 Olympic Games, where women's boxing was one of the star attractions, our fans will once again be treated to something truly special.

"This inclusion demonstrates the continued growth in popularity of women's boxing that I wish to continue promoting even further. Women boxers have reached world-class levels over the last couple of years and the Commonwealth Games will be another opportunity for these athletes to showcase their talents".

The Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games will take place from 23 July to 3 August. Women's Boxing will feature in the three Olympic weight categories: Fly (51kg), Light (60kg) and Middle (75kg).

HELMUT RANZE APPOINTED AIBA TECHNICAL & RULES COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

Long-serving AIBA Technical Delegate, Mr. Helmut Ranze from Germany was recently appointed as Chairman of the AIBA Technical & Rules Commission.

"As Vice Chairman, you and Mr. Falcinelli have dedicated your time and effort to make this Commission one of the most productive and valuable within our organization. ", stated Dr Wu. "Therefore, it is my great pleasure to appoint you as Chairman to lead this Commission for the remaining term, thus up until the 2014 AIBA Congress."

HERE TO PLAY

AIBA APPROVED EQUIPMENT



WWW.STINGSPORTS.COM



aiba
International
Boxing Association

LOOKING BACK ON AN UNFORGETTABLE XXX OLYMPIAD

The Closing Ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games brought an end to sixteen days of sporting excellence, with the greatest show on earth delivering on all accounts and delighting millions of fans worldwide. The boxing took centre stage at the ExCeL Arena with all seats sold out for every single session and the atmosphere widely regarded as the best across all Olympic venues.

It was also a watershed moment in the history of the sport with women's boxing making its debut in three weight categories. With so many memorable moments and with so many new stars making their mark on the world stage, these Olympic Games will be remembered as one of the best there ever was. The historical first women's boxing tournament was one of the major highlights of the London 2012 Olympic Games and as a result there are high hopes that the quota of boxers will be raised to allow more women's weight categories to take part in the Rio 2016 Games. The first ever women's gold medals went to Great Britain's Nicola Adams, who triumphed at Flyweight (51kg), to pound for pound queen Katie Taylor of Ireland, who was crowned at Lightweight (60kg), and 17-year-old American Middleweight (75kg) sensation Claressa Shields, who

became the second youngest Olympic boxing Champion in history.

China's three-time AIBA World Champion Zou Shiming and Ukrainian double AIBA World Champion and 2008 Val Barker Trophy winner Vasyl Lomachenko both joined the pantheons of Olympic greats after claiming the second gold medals of their careers. Beijing Games Champion Roberto Cammarelle of Italy on the other hand was unable to defend his title and had to settle for the Super Heavyweight (+91kg) silver.

Great Britain topped the team rankings with three gold medals as former European Champion Luke Campbell secured the Bantamweight (56kg) top spot and the Super Heavyweight (+91kg) title went to the supremely talented Anthony Joshua, adding to the earlier triumph of Nicola Adams. Fred Evans claimed silver at Welterweight (69kg) while Anthony Ogogo was rewarded with a bronze medal after reaching the Middleweight (75kg) semi-finals.

Another traditionally strong boxing nation, Russia claimed the most number of podium places at the London 2012



Olympic Games. They took six medals across the men and women's categories with Egor Mekhontcev achieving gold at Light Heavyweight (81kg) after overcoming the strong challenge of Kazakhstan's Adilbek Niyazymbetov. Sofya Ochigava and Nadezda Torlopova were runners-up in the women's Lightweight (60kg) and Middleweight (75kg) draws respectively and were presented with their silver medals. AIBA World Champion Misha Aloian was defeated by Mongolia's Tugstsogt Nyambayar in the Flyweight (52kg) semi-finals so came away from London with a bronze.

Cuba underwhelmed at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games but this time around there was no such repeat, with their young team claiming two gold medals at the ExCeL Arena. Youth Olympic Games winner Robeisy Ramirez Carrazana, still only a teenager, was simply irresistible during the whole competition and was imperious as he secured the Flyweight (52kg) title. Light Welterweight (64kg) virtuoso Roniel Iglesias Sotolongo recaptured his swagger of old and showcased his full repertoire of skills to take the gold. Lazaro Alvarez Estrada and Yasnier Toledo Lopez added two bronzes to the Cuban haul of boxing medals in the British capital after their triumphs in the Bantam and Lightweight draws respectively. The former was eliminated in a riveting semi-final by an inspired John Joe Nevin from Ireland, whilst Toledo Lopez lost to nemesis Lomachenko just as he did at the 2011 AIBA World Boxing Championships. Cuban Team Captain and Light Heavyweight World Champion Julio la Cruz, one of the favorites for the Olympic title, surprisingly lost in the quarter-finals but received huge praise for his graciousness in defeat.

Serik Sapiyev of Kazakhstan ensured his place in history after reaching the top of the podium and winning the Welterweight (69kg) title. He was also awarded the Best Boxer Trophy for his succession of sumptuous displays in the British capital. His teammate Adilbek Niyazymbetov just missed out on the top prize after Russia's Egor Mekhontcev defeated him in the Light Heavyweight (81kg) final. There was a strong showing by Marina Volnova who took bronze after she eliminated the favourite Savannah Marshall in the women's Middleweight (75kg) quarter-finals before being defeated by eventual winner Claressa Shields. Super Heavyweight (+91kg) giant Ivan Dychko also secured himself a bronze.



Ukraine claimed four gold medals at the AIBA World Boxing Championships Baku 2011 and followed their magnificent performances in the Azeri capital with five further medals in London. Dmitry Sosnovskiy's team saw Lomachenko and Oleksandr Usyk both take gold, Lomachenko becoming the first ever Ukrainian boxer to win two Olympic titles. Tough Light Heavyweight (81kg) competitor Oleksandr Gvozdyk was one of the competition's revelations as he claimed a bronze medal. Hard-hitting Denys Berinchuk took home the Light Welterweight (64kg) silver after some spectacular displays saw him advance to the final where he was undone by the sublime Cuban Iglesias Sotolongo. The ExCeL Arena became a sea of green every time the Irish boxers took to the ring and the vocal support ensured the fighters were pumped up for each bout. Ireland can now consider itself one of the world's boxing powerhouses after following their three medals at the Beijing Games with four in the British capital. Quadruple AIBA Women's World Champion Katie Taylor illuminated the competition with her sublime technique on her way to the Lightweight (60kg) gold as John John Nevin battled to a quality silver medal in the



Bantamweight (56kg) category. Paddy Barnes and Michael Conlan were also podium finishers with bronzes in the Light Flyweight (46-49kg) and Flyweight (52kg) draws respectively.

Two-time women's Flyweight (51kg) World Champion Ren Cancan of China came away from London with a silver after losing to Great Britain's Nicola Adams in an electric final. Jinzi Li was a bronze medalist in the women's Middleweight (75kg) draw and along with Zou Shiming's defense of his Olympic title, placed China seventh in the medal table for these Games.

Japan's Ryota Murata took his country second ever boxing gold medal following Takao Sakurai's first victory at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. His compatriot Satoshi Shimizu impressed as he reached the semis to claim bronze and place Japan joint eighth in the medal table. Thailand claimed four Olympic titles in the previous four Games but unfortunately Kaew Pongprayoon could not continue this golden streak and had to settle for the silver medal at Light Flyweight (46-49kg).

Traditional boxing powerhouse Italy, fourth in the overall medal table for boxing medals at the Olympic Games, saw their athletes get their hands on two silvers and one bronze. Super Heavyweight (+91kg) Champion Roberto Cammarelle was unable to defend his title after losing on count-back to Great Britain's Joshua in the final. Clemente Russo, who had qualified after winning the World Series of Boxing (WSB) Individual Championships in 2011, repeated his feat of 2008 by claiming another silver after losing to Ukraine's Usyk in the Heavyweight (91kg) final. The Light Welterweight (64kg) bronze went to Vincenzo Mangiacapre after the 23-year-old barnstorming run to the semis where he lost to eventual winner Iglesias Sotolongo.

Youth Olympic Games winner and AIBA Road to London Program member Evaldas Petrauskas claimed Lithuania's first ever Olympic boxing medal whilst Tajikistan also secured its first ever boxing medal as 19-year-old Asian Champion Mavzuna Chorieva took bronze in the women's Lightweight (60kg) category. The two were the success stories for AIBA's development program.

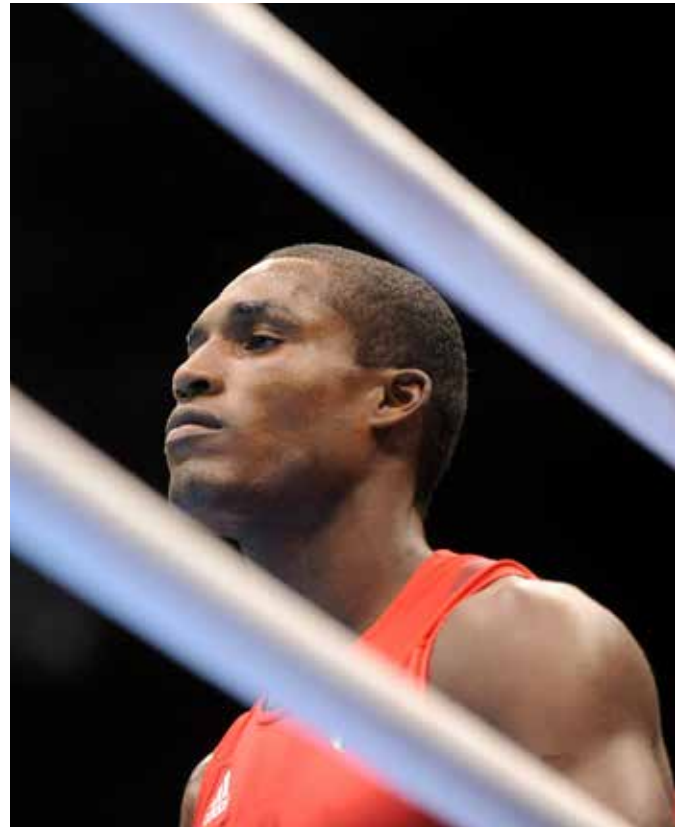
One of the major shocks of these London Olympic Games was the USA only claiming two medals. Claressa Shields delighted the crowds at the ExCeL with her all-actions

displays, showcasing the perfect balance between power and poise as she stormed to the women's Middleweight (75kg) title. Marlen Esparza took home the women's Flyweight (51kg) bronze. In the men's draw however, none of the nine made it past the quarter-final stages, a first for the most decorated nations in the history of Olympic boxing.

There were so many other highlights with the London 2012 Olympic Games an unrivalled success. It will be a tough act to follow, however the carnival atmosphere in the Brazilian capital promise that the Rio 2016 Games will also showcase the sport of boxing in all its glory.

WSB BOXERS CLAIM 17 MEDALS

From a total of 76 boxers, past and present, World Series of Boxing (WSB) fighters really left an indelible mark on the London 2012 Olympic Games with seventeen of the competition's finest getting their hands on some of the most coveted prizes in sport. The two outstanding performers were Dolce & Gabbana Italia Thunder team captain and 2011 WSB Individual Heavyweight (91+kg) Champion Clemente Russo of Italy and fleet-footed Irishman John Joe Nevin.



RESULTS: MEN

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT (46-49KG)

	<i>Last name</i>	<i>First name</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Medal</i>
1	ZOU	Shiming	CHN	Gold
2	PONGPRAYOON	Kaeo	THA	Silver
3	BARNES	Paddy	IRL	Bronze
3	AYRAPETYAN	David	RUS	Bronze

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT (64KG)

	<i>Last name</i>	<i>First name</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Medal</i>
1	I. SOTOLONGO	Roniel	CUB	Gold
2	BERINCHYK	Denys	UKR	Silver
3	MANGIACAPRE	Vincenzo	ITA	Bronze
3	U. MUNKH	Erdene	MGL	Bronze

FLYWEIGHT (52KG)

	<i>Last name</i>	<i>First name</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Medal</i>
1	R. CARRAZANA	Robeisy	CUB	Gold
2	NYAMBAYAR	Tugstsogt	MGL	Silver
3	CONLAN	Michael	IRL	Bronze
3	ALOIAN	Misha	RUS	Bronze

WELTERWEIGHT (69KG)

	<i>Last name</i>	<i>First name</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Medal</i>
1	SAPIYEV	Serik	KAZ	Gold
2	EVANS	Freddie	GBR	Silver
3	ZAMKOVVOY	Andrey	RUS	Bronze
3	SHELESTYUK	Taras	UKR	Bronze

BANTAMWEIGHT (56KG)

	<i>Last name</i>	<i>First name</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Medal</i>
1	CAMPBELL	Luke	GBR	Gold
2	NEVIN	John Joe	IRL	Silver
3	SHIMIZU	Satoshi	JPN	Bronze
3	A. ESTRADA	Lazaro	CUB	Bronze

MIDDLEWEIGHT (75KG)

	<i>Last name</i>	<i>First name</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Medal</i>
1	MURATA	Ryota	JPN	Gold
2	F. FLORENTINO	Esquiva	BRA	Silver
3	ATOEV	Abbos	UZB	Bronze
3	OGOGO	Anthony	GBR	Bronze

LIGHTWEIGHT (60KG)

	<i>Last name</i>	<i>First name</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Medal</i>
1	LOMACHENKO	Vasyl	UKR	Gold
2	HAN	Soonchul	KOR	Silver
3	TOLEDO LOPEZ	Yasniel	CUB	Bronze
3	PETRAUSKAS	Evaldas	LTU	Bronze

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT (81KG)

	<i>Last name</i>	<i>First name</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Medal</i>
1	MEKHONTCEV	Egor	RUS	Gold
2	NIYAZYMBETOV	Adilbek	KAZ	Silver
3	F. FLORENTINO	Yamaguchi	BRA	Bronze
3	GVOZDYK	Oleksandr	UKR	Bronze

HEAVYWEIGHT (91KG)

	<i>Last name</i>	<i>First name</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Medal</i>
1	USYK	Oleksandr	UKR	Gold
2	RUSSO	Clemente	ITA	Silver
3	PULEV	Tervel	BUL	Bronze
3	MAMMADOV	Teymur	AZE	Bronze

SUPER HEAVYWEIGHT (+91KG)

	<i>Last name</i>	<i>First name</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Medal</i>
1	JOSHUA	Anthony	GBR	Gold
2	CAMMARELLE	Roberto	ITA	Silver
3	DYCHKO	Ivan	KAZ	Bronze
3	MEDZHIDOV	Magomedrasul	AZE	Bronze



RESULTS: WOMEN

FLYWEIGHT (51KG)

	<i>Last name</i>	<i>First name</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Medal</i>
1	ADAMS	Nicola	GBR	Gold
2	REN	Cancan	CHN	Silver
3	HMANGTE	C. M. Kom	IND	Bronze
3	ESPARZA	Marlen	USA	Bronze

LIGHTWEIGHT (60KG)

	<i>Last name</i>	<i>First name</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Medal</i>
1	TAYLOR	Katie	IRL	Gold
2	OCHIGAVA	Sofya	RUS	Silver
3	CHORIEVA	Mavzuna	TJK	Bronze
3	ARAUJO	Adriana	BRA	Bronze

MIDDLEWEIGHT (75KG)

	<i>Last name</i>	<i>First name</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Medal</i>
1	SHIELDS	Claressa	USA	Gold
2	TORLOPOVA	Nadezda	RUS	Silver
3	VOLNOVA	Marina	KAZ	Bronze
3	LI	Jinzi	CHN	Bronze





LONDON 2012 PORTFOLIO





NEXT GENERATION ANNOUNCES ITS ARRIVAL IN STYLE

The third edition of the prestigious AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships came to an end on Friday 7 December in the capital city of Armenia with ten brand new Champions crowned in front of thousands of local fans. 367 athletes from 69 countries had entered the competition in Yerevan and with the levels at an all-time high, the tournament delighted with just how competitive the boxers were. 23 nations claimed at least a medal while 35 countries had at least one representative in the quarter-finals, demonstrating the continued growth and popularity of the sport worldwide.

Russia's European Heavyweight (91kg) Junior Champion Andrey Stotskiy and Lightweight (60kg) Khusein Baysangurov both secured golds in Yerevan which resulted in their country claiming top spot in the medal standings. There was silver for Magomedrasul Dzhabrailov in the Bantamweight (56kg) draw after the fledgling star defeated four top class opponents to make it to the final. Magomed Madiev was the Middleweight (75kg) silver medallist. The down side for the team was the eliminations of AIBA Junior World Champion Sergey Sobylnskiy in the preliminary stages of the Light Welterweight (64kg) draw and European Youth Champion Igor Kharitonov in the round of last 16 at Welterweight (69kg).

Alexeis Guibert Villalon, the youngest of all participants at these championships, took the Bantamweight (56kg) gold after a barnstorming run to the final. Cuba's second gold medal was then secured by classy Light Welterweight Kevin Hayler Brown, who also was awarded the best boxer trophy and the 2012 Youth Boxer of the Year as a result of his performances in Armenia. At Flyweight (52kg), Jorge Luis Cordero Parlay claimed a valuable bronze to cap off a solid tournament for this boxing powerhouse.

Flyweight Oliver Simpson and Super Heavy (+91kg) Hughie Fury, both newcomers at this level, were the surprise packages at the Karen Demirchyan Sport Complex. The two quality English boxers demonstrated that they have a real bright future ahead of them. The English nation's last gold at these championships went to a certain Amir Khan back in 2004, so the ABAE will have been delighted with these results. Losing to Cuba's Hayler Brown, the tournament's star performer, in the Light Welterweight semis, Joshua Kelly was another to really impress as he left the Armenian capital with a confidence-boosting bronze medal. There was an added bronze for the English squad with Daniel Williams reaching the Heavyweight semis. Light Flyweight (46-49kg) Jack Bateson impressed in the preliminary stages but was knocked out of the competition in the quarter-finals.



China secured its first ever gold medal at youth level with Light Flyweight boxer Lu Bin triumphing over Uzbekistan's Murodjon Akhmadaliev in a fantastic final. Following in the footsteps of two-time Olympic Champion and three-time AIBA World Champion Zou Shiming, Bin has big shoes to fill but looked assured and level-headed. Zhang Zhidi secured a bronze for China at Welterweight.

After the 2004 AIBA Junior World Championships, Uzbekistan had suffered a dry spell in terms of titles on the international stage, but in 2012, they came back with a bang. Akmalbek Kosimov took the Welterweight crown whilst Murodjon Akhmadaliev claimed a valuable silver at Light Fly. AIBA Junior Heavyweight World Champion Oybek Sharipov was defeated by Russia's Andrey Stotskiy in the quarter-finals. The two medals will be a great pride to the nation who now hopes to make a big impact in this Rio 2016 Olympic era.

European Junior Championships silver medallist Oleksandr Khyzniak from Ukraine took the Middleweight gold in style, to maintain the country's sensational run in major international tournaments. The 17-year-old will soon be competing with reigning AIBA World Champion Ievgen Khytrov to become the country's top dog at that weight. With so many of their elite level boxers claiming medals at the very top level, four at the last world championships and two at the recent Olympic Games, the return of two from Yerevan could be seen as a bit of a disappointment. Artem Soloviov took the Welterweight silver after two tough battles in the quarters and semis.

Armenia's Nikol Arutyunov delighted the home crowd on final's day with a performance full of passion to take the Light Heavyweight (81kg) title. Arutyunov was unstoppable, defeating the rising star of Scottish boxing Scott Forrest in the final. The host nation also collected a Super Heavyweight bronze after the exploits of Narek Melkonyan, who lost in the semis to eventual winner Fury, cousin of Tyson Fury who won a bronze medal at the World Juniors in 2006.



AIBA YOUTH WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The development of Puerto Rico on the world stage continues at great pace and there are huge encouraging signs that it is only the beginning. London Olympic Games Flyweight quarter-finalist Jeyvier Cintron Ocasio once again proved that he is one to watch in the build-up to Rio 2016 after making it to the final in Yerevan. The technically gifted teenager having to settle for silver after losing to Oliver Simpson on count-back with the scores tied at 10:10. The Central American nation also saw Freddy Ortiz Rivera get his hands on the Bantamweight bronze to make it one of the most successful tournaments for the history of the country.

Guatemala claimed its first ever international boxing medal with Lester Martinez making it all the way to the Light Welterweight final. The young upstart was a real revelation, wowing the crowds with some near flawless displays as he made it to the last day of competition, losing to the tournament's star man Hayler Brown.

Most of these fledgling talents will now be looking to break into their elite squads for the AIBA World Boxing Championships Almaty 2013 with their eyes then firmly set on qualifying for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Remember Robeisy Ramirez Carrazana went from AIBA Youth World Champion to Olympic Champion within two years. The future sure does look bright with the amount of quality coming through the ranks.



RESULTS

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT (46-49KG)

Last name	First name	Country	Medal
1 LV	Bin	CHN	Gold
2 AKHMADALIEV	Murodjon	UZB	Silver
3 POLIPALLI	Lalitha	IND	Bronze
3 BORNEA	Jade	PHI	Bronze

WELTERWEIGHT (69KG)

Last name	First name	Country	Medal
1 AKMAZBEK	Kosimov	UZB	Gold
2 SOLOVIOV	Artem	UKR	Silver
3 ZHANG	Zhidi	CHN	Bronze
3 AYDIN	Osman	TUR	Bronze

FLYWEIGHT (52KG)

Last name	First name	Country	Medal
1 SIMPSON	Oliver	ENG	Gold
2 CINTRON	Jeyvier	PUR	Silver
3 WALKER	Kurt	IRL	Bronze
3 CORDERO	Jorge	CUB	Bronze

MIDDLEWEIGHT (75KG)

Last name	First name	Country	Medal
1 KHYZHNIK	Oleksandr	UKR	Gold
2 MADIEV	Magomed	RUS	Silver
3 BAIGABATOV	Daulet	KAZ	Bronze
3 SANDEEP		IND	Bronze

BANTAMWEIGHT (56KG)

Last name	First name	Country	Medal
1 GUIBERT	Alexeis	CUB	Gold
2 DZHABRAILOV	Magomedrashid	RUS	Silver
3 ORTIZ	Freddy	PUR	Bronze
3 EL-HAG	Omar	GER	Bronze

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT (81KG)

Last name	First name	Country	Medal
1 ARUTYUNOV	Nikol	ARM	Gold
2 FORREST	Scott	SCO	Silver
3 SHAKHMANOV	Idris	RUS	Bronze
3 DOKVADZE	Aleksandre	GEO	Bronze

LIGHTWEIGHT (60KG)

Last name	First name	Country	Medal
1 BAISANGUROV	Khusein	RUS	Gold
2 CUIEL	Raul	MEX	Silver
3 OUMIHA	Sofiane	FRA	Bronze
3 TORRES	Luis	VEN	Bronze

HEAVYWEIGHT (91KG)

Last name	First name	Country	Medal
1 STOTSKIY	Andrey	RUS	Gold
2 WIERZBICKI	Pawel	POL	Silver
3 OPETAIA	Jai Tapu	AUS	Bronze
3 WILLIAMS	Daniel	ENG	Bronze

LIGHT WELTER (64KG)

Last name	First name	Country	Medal
1 BROWN	Kevin	CUB	Gold
2 MARTINEZ	Lester	GUA	Silver
3 KELLY	Joshua	ENG	Bronze
3 BAGHIROV	Parviz	AZE	Bronze

SUPER HEAVYWEIGHT (+91KG)

Last name	First name	Country	Medal
1 FURY	Hughie	ENG	Gold
2 NARENDER		IND	Silver
3 MELKONYAN	Narek	ARM	Bronze
3 SCHULZ	Florian	GER	Bronze

YEREVAN 2012 PORTFOLIO



W
WESING

aiba
International
Boxing Association



赢的力量
THE POWER TO WIN

FUJIAN WEIZHIXING SPORTS GOODS CO., LTD OF CHINA
BINJIANG INDUSTRIAL PARK XIAMEI TOWN, NANAN CITY, FUJIAN PROVINCE, CHINA
TEL:0086-595-68991626 FAX:0086-595-86756390 EMAIL:INFO@WESINGSPORTS.COM

THE ONLY PLACE TO SEE THE WORLD'S TOP TALENT GO HEAD-TO-HEAD

After the resounding success of the noble art at the London 2012 Olympic Games, the much anticipated third season of World Series of Boxing (WSB) finally got underway on 15 November 2012 with twelve Franchises ready and eager to make their mark in the most explosive campaign to date. After some stunning recruits were added to the rosters of each team, the action up until week six had been world class with fans worldwide having been treated to some of the best boxing the competition had ever witnessed.

WSB is a twelve team professional competition with two groups of six battling it out home and away during the regular season with the top four in each qualifying for the knockout stages. From the quarter-final onwards, two-legged ties decide which team progresses on aggregate, with each match consisting of five bouts with five three-minute rounds at five weights.

The third instalment of this truly global league saw the competition reach African soil for the very first time with the



introduction of the Algeria Desert Hawks, as WSB moved away from the city-based Franchise system to embrace a national set-up. Hussars Poland, Argentina Condors, British Lionhearts and Ukraine Otamans were also brand new additions to the competition. Although the league now revolved around a national team concept, teams were still entitled to have up to 40% of non-nationals within their squad, making it a unique product with real international appeal.

Before the season kicked off, WSB made its presence felt at the International Sports Television Convention Sportel in the Principality of Monaco by presenting three Olympic Champions to the world media. WSB was keen to promote its third season by holding a press conference to unveil knock-out signings in the shape of two-time Olympic and World Champion Vasyl Lomachenko and his compatriot, also a reigning Olympic and World Champion, Oleksandr Usyk of Ukraine. 2011 WSB World Champion and 2012 WSB Team Champion Captain Clemente Russo, a silver medallist at both the Beijing and London Games, was also present to give his thoughts on seeing two colossi of the sport joining a competition that he had dominated over the previous two seasons. The world was now warned, the best boxers on the planet would face each other only in WSB.

This was only the beginning with Great Britain's Olympic Welterweight (69kg) silver medallist Freddie Evans joining the WSB ranks along a whole host of other big names that made their mark in the British capital last summer, including powerful Ukrainian Denys Berinchyk, Ireland's fledgling star Michael Conlan, the accomplished Italian Vincenzo Mangiacapre, and many more. Ireland's John Joe Nevin, the Olympic Bantamweight (56kg) silver medallist and star of seasons one and two, turned his back on several offers from top promoters to commit to the WSB project and link up with Evans and the British Lionhearts in another 'tour de force' from the world's premiere boxing team competition.

Week one of action began with the clash between USA and Great Britain with the visiting Lionhearts putting in a spirited display to claim an impressive 4-1 away victory, with a stand-out performance from Bantamweight (50-54kg) debutant Sean McGoldrick. Astana Arlans Kazakhstan



also got their campaign in Group B off to a winning start with a 3-2 win on Ukrainian soil against the Otamans as reigning WSB Champions Sergiy Derevyanchenko and Filip Hrgovic delighted their new employers with two exquisite performances. Mexico Guerreros, Azerbaijan Baku Fires and Russia also all ensured home victories that same weekend. 2012 WSB Team Champions Dolce & Gabbana Italia Thunder had to dig deep to claim all three points in their first outing, leaving it late as undefeated Heavyweight (91+kg) star and double Olympic silver medallist Clemente Russo made the difference in the last bout against the German Eagles.

Hussars Poland defeated Russia 3-2 in one of the stand-out matches of week two with poster-boy Tomasz Jablonski and accomplished Belarusian Sergei Kuzmin doing the business on the night. There was also a spectacular victory for Germany as they left it late to prevail 3-2 over the visiting Ukraine, the electrifying Erik Pfeifer tipping the balance in favour of the home team with a fifth round TKO against his rival. Mexico Guerreros made it two wins from two that weekend with a classy 4-1 away victory over Argentina Condors as Kazakhstan overwhelmed USA 5-0. Azerbaijan and Mexico were now topping Group A after the Fires recorded a 3-2 victory on Algeria's home turf. All eyes that weekend were however on the clash between Great Britain and reigning champions Italia as the Welsh duo of AIBA World Championships silver medallist Andrew Selby and Evans lit up Celtic Manor on their way to another 4-1 win.



It was a real show of dominance by Kazakhstan in week three against the visiting Lionhearts as the hosts cruised to a sumptuous 5-0 victory to the delight of their fans at the Almaty Sports Complex. Italia bounced back from their previous defeat with a solid 4-1 win versus Ukraine whilst Germany was simply unstoppable against USA 5-0. The presence of Mexico Guerreros stars Elias Emigdio and WSB Individual Lightweight (57-61kg) Champion Juan Romero galvanised the team into claiming a hard-fought victory against a powerful Algerian team at fortress Foro Polanco in Group A. Argentina recording their maiden WSB win in style against Poland, fleet-footed Bantamweight Fernando Martinez and the super-talented London Olympian Yamil Peralta each putting in a quality performance in a 5-0 triumph.

The last round of fixtures before the winter-break saw Ukraine get their first points on the board with a 4-1 victory over USA Knockouts in which Middleweight (68-73kg) Ivan Golub alerted the league to his undoubted pedigree with a scintillating display against Jeffrey Camp. There was another victory for Kazakhstan as they confirmed their dominance of Group B with an expertly taken 3-2 win over the visiting Italia team, supreme Middleweight talent Derevyanchenko extending his career record to 15-0 with a flawless performance against French southpaw Michel Tavares. Poland then recorded their second success of the season when they defeated visiting Algeria 3-2. With 2007 AIBA World Champion Albert Selimov and 2011 World Champion Magomedrasul Medzhidov both lining-up in week four, Azerbaijan had no problem in dealing with the threat posed by their closest rivals in Group B, dispatching of Mexico 4-1 in style. In the grudge match between Great Britain and Germany, it was the home team that bewitched the crowds at Earl's Court in London with some dazzling performances from the likes of Selby and European Champion Joe Ward as the Lionhearts won 4-1.

In the first set of matches of 2013, the season's first draw was played out between Algeria and Argentina after each team won two contests and one of them was stopped in the first round following an accidental clash of heads; the result unfortunately not helping any of the sides' challenge of qualifying for the knock-out stages. Ukraine flexed their muscle in week five as their Olympic stars made their big entrance, World Heavyweight (+91kg) Champion Usyk and pound for pound king Lomachenko both taking to the ring in a 4-1 victory over the visiting Lionhearts at the Acco International Exhibition Center in Kiev. Kazakhstan made it five wins on the trot with a well-taken away victory in Germany, with the Croatian duo of Hrvoje Sep and Hrgovic impressing on the night. Italia looked revitalised following the month-break and excelled in their 5-0 defeat of USA with a huge number of Filipino fans present at the Mediolanum Forum to lend support to their compatriot Charly Suarez as he defeated AIBA World Championships bronze medallist Anvar Yunusov from Tajikistan.



Making their first appearance at the iconic York Hall in London, the British Lionhearts wowed the public with a clinic against USA. Nevin came out on top in his battle with French 2008 Olympic silver medallist Daouda Sow in the Lightweight bout whilst the stunning showdown between Selby and Conlan saw the former emerge victorious from one of the all-time great WSB fights. Kazakhstan continued their rich vein of form with a 4-1 win over visiting Ukraine as Iran's Ehsan Rouzbahani and Arlans Team Captain Ruslan Myrsatayev delivered for the home team. Poland made it a third win at home with a hard-fought 3-2 victory against the visiting Mexico Guerreros with the hosts Adil Aslanov edging a scrappy affair to defeat the accomplished Belarusian Vazgen Safaryants by split decision. Serbian sensation Branimir Stankovic and battle-hardened Irishman William McLaughlin were the chief instigators of a well-taken 3-2 away victory for Italia at the EWS Arena in Göppingen against Germany. That match also witnessed a sensational knock-down as the Eagles' clever Bantamweight, 2008 Olympic bronze medallist Veaceslav Gojan, unleashed two huge lefts that sent Italia's Jahyn Vittorio Parrinello

crashing to the canvas twice in quick succession. After finding themselves 2-0 down away to Argentina that same weekend, Azerbaijan mounted a stunning comeback and triumphed 3-2 to maintain their unbeaten record.

After passing the midway point of the season Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan found themselves leading Groups A and B respectively but with some stunning mid-season recruits by several teams, the end to the regular season will be nothing short of magical. Russia in particular, added AIBA World Champion Misha Aloian and London Olympic Games bronze medallist Alexey Zamkovoy to their roster as the team seeks to move deeper into the competition after a difficult start.

There is now so much more to look forward to as we come towards the business end of the season with so much quality throughout the competition. The knock-out stages are now in sight with the quarter-finals scheduled for the weekends of 22-23 and 29-30 March whilst the semi-finals will take place on the 12-13 and 19-20 April and the season set to climax with the Team Finals on the weekend of the 10-11 May.



WSB RESULTS & SCHEDULE

W	G	DATE	HOME	SCORE	AWAY
1	B	15.11.2012	USA	1-4	Great Britain
	B	16.11.2012	Ukraine	2-3	Kazakhstan
	A	16.11.2012	Mexico	4-1	Poland
	A	17.11.2012	Azerbaijan	5-0	Argentina
	B	17.11.2012	Italy	3-2	Germany
	A	18.11.2012	Russia	5-0	Algeria
2	B	23.11.2012	Kazakhstan	5-0	USA
	B	23.11.2012	Germany	3-2	Ukraine
	A	23.11.2012	Poland	3-2	Russia
	B	23.11.2012	Great Britain	4-1	Italy
	A	23.11.2012	Argentina	1-4	Mexico
	A	30.11.2012	Algeria	2-3	Azerbaijan
3	B	07.12.2012	Germany	5-0	USA
	B	08.12.2012	Kazakhstan	5-0	Great Britain
	B	08.12.2012	Italy	4-1	Ukraine
	A	08.12.2012	Argentina	5-0	Poland
	A	09.12.2012	Mexico	3-2	Algeria
	A	26.01.2013	Azerbaijan	5-0	Russia
4	B	14.12.2012	Kazakhstan	3-2	Italy
	B	14.12.2012	Ukraine	4-1	USA
	A	14.12.2012	Poland	3-2	Algeria
	B	14.12.2012	Great Britain	4-1	Germany
	A	15.12.2012	Azerbaijan	4-1	Mexico
	A	09.03.2013	Russia	-	Argentina
5	A	11.01.2013	Algeria	2-2	Argentina
	B	11.01.2013	Ukraine	4-1	Great Britain
	A	11.01.2013	Mexico	3-2	Russia
	A	12.01.2013	Azerbaijan	5-0	Poland
	B	12.01.2013	Germany	1-4	Kazakhstan
	B	12.01.2013	Italy	5-0	USA

W	G	DATE	HOME	SCORE	AWAY
6	B	17.01.2013	Great Britain	5-0	USA
	B	18.01.2013	Kazakhstan	4-1	Ukraine
	A	18.01.2013	Poland	3-2	Mexico
	B	18.01.2013	Germany	2-3	Italy
	A	19.01.2013	Argentina	2-3	Azerbaijan
	A	15.02.2013	Algeria	-	Russia
7	B	31.01.2013	USA	-	Kazakhstan
	B	01.02.2013	Ukraine	-	Mexico
	A	01.02.2013	Mexico	-	Italy
	A	02.02.2013	Azerbaijan	-	Argentina
	B	02.02.2013	Italy	-	Russia
	A	08.03.2013	Russia	-	Germany
8	B	07.02.2013	Great Britain	-	Kazakhstan
	A	08.02.2013	Algeria	-	Mexico
	B	08.02.2013	Ukraine	-	Italy
	A	08.02.2013	Poland	-	Argentina
	A	09.02.2013	Azerbaijan	-	Russia
	B	09.02.2013	USA	-	Germany
9	B	21.02.2013	USA	-	Ukraine
	A	22.02.2013	Algeria	-	Poland
	A	22.02.2013	Mexico	-	Azerbaijan
	B	23.02.2013	Germany	-	Great Britain
	B	23.02.2013	Italy	-	Kazakhstan
	A	23.02.2013	Argentina	-	Russia
10	A	tbc	Argentina	-	Algeria
	B	01.03.2013	Kazakhstan	-	Germany
	A	01.03.2013	Russia	-	Mexico
	B	01.03.2013	Great Britain	-	Ukraine
	B	01.03.2013	USA	-	Italy
	A	03.03.2013	Poland	-	Azerbaijan

PLAY-OFFS	
QUARTER-FINALS FIRST LEG	22.03.2013
	23.03.2013
QUARTER-FINALS SECOND LEG	29.03.2013
	30.03.2013
SEMI-FINALS FIRST LEG	12.04.2013
	13.04.2013
SEMI-FINALS SECOND LEG	19.04.2013
	20.04.2013
TEAM FINALS	10.05.2013
	11.05.2013

TEAM RANKINGS⁽¹⁾

#		GROUP A	PTS
1		AZERBAIJAN BAKU FIRES	18
2		MEXICO GUERREROS	13
3		HUSSARS POLAND	9
4		ARGENTINA CONDORS	7*
5		RUSSIA BOXING TEAM	4**
6		ALGERIA DESERT HAWKS	3*


#		GROUP B	PTS
1		ASTANA ARLANS KAZAKHSTAN	18
2		DOLCE & GABBANA ITALIA THUNDER	13
3		BRITISH LIONHEARTS	12
4		UKRAINE OTAMANS	8
5		GERMAN EAGLES	7
6		USA KNOCKOUTS	-1




(1) After Week 6

* With a match in hand




** With two matches in hand




INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS⁽¹⁾

BANTAMWEIGHT (50-54KG)			PTS
1		ZHAKUPOV Miras	449
2		GOJAN Veaceslav	443
3		SELBY Andrew	447

LIGHTWEIGHT (57-61KG)			PTS
1		SELIMOV Albert	450
2		JOYCE David Oliver	290
3		BASHENOV Samat	299

MIDDLEWEIGHT (68-73KG)			PTS
1		DEREVYANCHENKO Sergiy	442
2		GOLUB Ivan	440
3		CABRERA Marvin	431

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT (80-85KG)			PTS
1		PERALTA JARA Yamil Alberto	447
2		WARD Joseph	450
3		KUZMIN Sergei	441

HEAVYWEIGHT (91+KG)			PTS
1		HRGOVIC Filip	447
2		JOYCE Joseph	448
3		PFEIFER Erik	445

APB CONTINUES TO RECRUIT THE VERY BEST

With the AIBA Pro Boxing (APB) program set to launch later this year, in a move that will revolutionise the sport and re-ignite the wider public's passion for the noble art, the International Boxing Association is pleased to announce that several more big names have been added to the competition's roster of boxers. APB will be guaranteeing the best fighters in the world go head-to-head in order to determine who the very best pugilists on the planet really are.

APB will provide boxers worldwide with the perfect platform to turn professional without having to leave their National Federations. With a clear and transparent competition structure, based only on performance, this program will also offer athletes a secure career plan.

Back in June last year, the first signings were unveiled as 2011 AIBA World Super Heavyweight (91+kg) Champion **Magomedrasul Medzhidov** of Azerbaijan and Light Flyweight (49kg) South Korean **Jonghun Shin**, who donated his signing fee to the AIBA Road to Dream initiative, were presented to the world media. 2012 Olympic Welterweight (69kg) gold medallist and best men boxer of the tournament **Serik Sapiyev** of Kazakhstan was also there that day, however he has since been forced to retire through injury.

Just before the biggest show on earth kicked-off in the British capital last summer, the Italian duo of charismatic Lightweight (60kg) **Domenico Valentino** and Heavyweight (91kg) **Clemente Russo** were also added to the ranks of the competition in another transfer coup by APB.

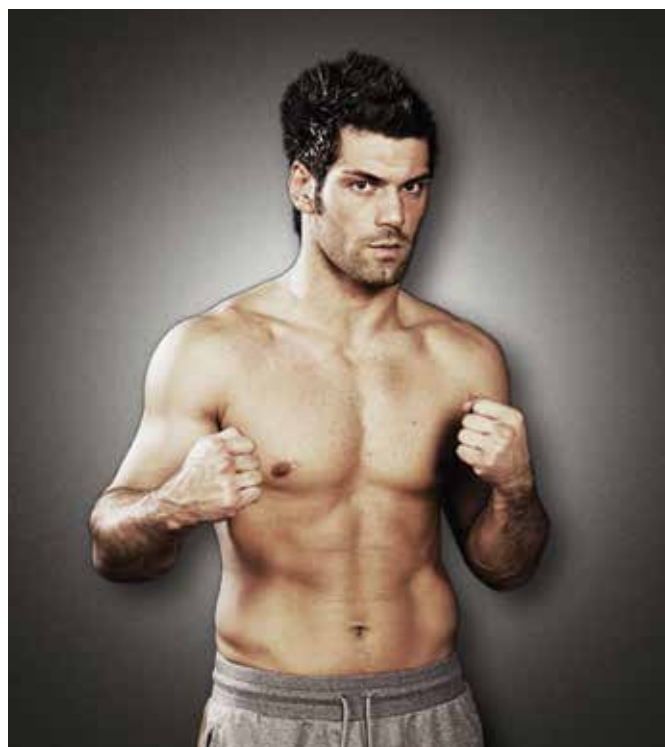
Part of his national set-up since 2003, the orthodox Valentino competed in his third Olympic Games at London 2012. One of the poster-boys of the Italian World Series of Boxing (WSB) Franchise, Valentino was part of the Dolce & Gabbana Italia Thunder team which won the WSB Team Final in May 2012.

Valentino said at the time, "I was never convinced to turn pro until I was offered this opportunity by APB. I feel safer staying under the same governance and within my National Federation. I know how many fights I will have per year and how much I will get from them. There is no uncertainty, all is guaranteed. I can't wait for APB to start".

Clemente Russo is one of the biggest attractions in boxing. The 30-year-old has quite a pedigree after taking the gold medal at the 2007 AIBA World Boxing Championships in Chicago, USA, before coming home with the silver from the Beijing Olympic Games a year later. Russo has since gone from strength to strength, defeating all before him in his first WSB season to capture the Individual Championships belt and going unbeaten in his second season, amassing 14 wins over the two campaigns. The flamboyant Italian further elevated his profile back home after claiming a second Olympic silver in London.

Russo added, "Turning pro in boxing is never easy to decide, especially when you have had a successful Open boxing career", declared Russo. "I am thrilled with the career I have had so far, I know what pro-style boxing is about thanks to two seasons in WSB, and I now feel ready and happy to join APB, knowing that I will never be left aside."

There were further additions to the competition during the London 2012 Olympic Games with the acquisition





of two-time European Championships silver medallist **Tervel Pulev** from Bulgaria, who went onto to collect a bronze for his efforts in the British capital, Bantamweight (56kg) **Anvar Yunusov** of Tajikistan, a bronze medallist at the AIBA World Boxing Championships Baku 2011, and the Argentine quartet of **Fernando Martinez, Junior Leandro Zarate, Fabian Maidana** and **Yamil Peralta**.

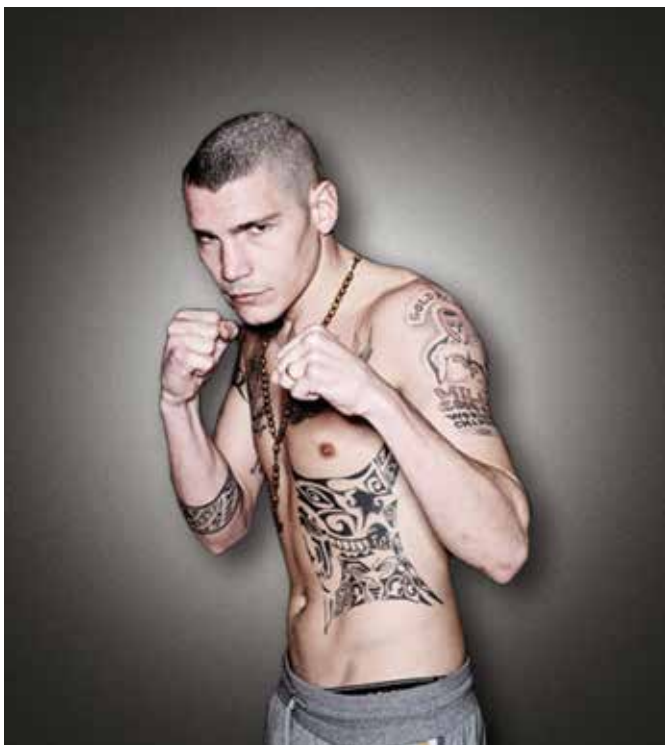
Pulev declared, "It is an honour for me to have been selected as one of the inaugural boxers of this revolutionary project and I just can't wait to be part of it. I am excited because I know that I will always fight against the best boxers in my category and not some random guy. I know that if one day I become APB World Champion, it will be because I am the true number one."

Tunisia's **Ahmed Mejri**, classy Uzbek **Hurshid Tojibaev**, Mexican duo **Elias Emigdio** and **Juan Romero**, as well as Ecuadorian talent **Carlos Gongora**, were also added to the growing list of stars in the APB competition.

In December 2012, Brazil was brought to a standstill with the news that the London 2012 Olympic Games Middleweight (75kg) silver medallist **Esquiva Florentino Falcao** and his brother **Yamaguchi**, a Light Heavyweight (81kg) bronze medallist were also joining the program."

German powerhouse **Erik Pfeifer** then also committed himself to the program by signing a contract to compete at Super Heavyweight. The 26-year-old 2011 AIBA World Championships bronze medallist impressed in the pro style of WSB in which he spearheads the German Eagles.

Dr Ching-Kuo Wu, AIBA President and APB Board Chairman said: "These signings are a real message of intent and this is only the beginning. The future of our sport has arrived, Open and Professional boxing under one umbrella, united for a better and more prosperous future."



2013 COMPETITION CALENDAR

	EVENT	DATE	PLACE
JANUARY			
FEBRUARY			
MARCH			
APRIL			
MAY			
JUNE	Mersin 2013 Mediterranean Games	21-30 June 2013	Mersin, Turkey
JULY	XXVII Summer Universiades	5-17 July 2013	Kazan, Russia
AUGUST	AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships	17-26 August 2013	Kiev, Ukraine
SEPTEMBER			
OCTOBER	AIBA World Boxing Championships	11-27 October 2013	Almaty, Kazakhstan
	Sport Accord World Combat Games	18-26 October 2013	St Petersburg, Russia
NOVEMBER			
DECEMBER			
TBD	AIBA Women's Junior/Youth World Boxing Championships	TBD	TBD

All dates for AIBA events including arrival & departure days



FBT COMBAT SPORTS

AMATEUR BOXING

Approved by AIBA (International Boxing Association)



www.fbtsports.com

CREATING EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS

FOOTBALL THAI FACTORY SPORTING GOODS CO.,LTD.

537 RAMKHAMHAENG ROAD, HUAMARK, BANGKAPI, BANGKOK 10240, THAILAND

Tel. (02) 7184700-44 Fax : (02) 7184769-70 e-mail : fbt@fbtsports.com Home Page : www.fbtsports.com



all punch

AIBAG1

Aiba Licensed Boxing Gloves

Boxing Gloves «AIBA». Quality genuine cowhide leather. Velcro elastic strap closing. Padded with highly absorbent 'IMF' technology moulded foam. Colour : Blue or Red / Size : 10 oz.

adidas supplied gloves and head guards for Beijing 2008 Olympics & 2009 World Amateur Boxing Championship in Milano/Italy exclusively.

