



EUROPEAN BOXING UNION (EBU) – NEWS (September 2023)

Dear boxing friends

The French Promoter EUROPROM (Mr. Gérard Teysseron) informed that the rematch for the vacant EBU-Welterweight-title between **Jon Miguez (Spain)** and **Jordy Weiss (France)** had to be postponed for medical reasons from 7th to 31st October, 2023, still in Laval (F) at the Espace Mayenne arena. The two undefeated contenders reached a split decision draw in their first fight on 28/04/2023 with one judge scoring an advantage of six (6) points in favour of one boxer, the second judge with four (4) points in favour of the other, and the third judge reaching a draw. This unfortunate scoring induced the EBU-Council to ask for an immediate rematch. Usually and according to the EBU-rules rematches are not allowed, but the difference of ten (10) scoring points between two judges was not acceptable and the Council had to make an exception. Scoring a boxing contest is always a subjective matter, a difference of two or three points is easily possible, but ten (10) points is simply too much! The first fight was very good and close, and I am anxious to see the second contest and to know the scores.

EUROPROM (**Mr. Gérard Teysseron**) is always interested to promote EBU-title-fights, which are the only true European championship-fights; he won therefore the purse bids again and as well for the rematch. And I just learned that he is promoting as well the Superwelterweight EBU-contest between **Milan Prat (F)** and **Abass Baraou (D)** in Le Cannet (F) on 7th October, 2023

I am sure that you are aware that we are nothing without boxers and promoters. To be a successful promoter is extremely difficult. Many times at the begin of a boxer's professional career, it is the manager who promotes the first fights of his boxer, although it looks like a conflict of interests, and mostly he will lose money. Once the boxer has more experience and is ready to fight for a title, he will change his promoter/manager, mostly for money reasons. To invest in a boxer is very often like investing in new company shares you never know whether it goes up or down. Please always consider that most promoters have a tough life when you take your decisions because we need them!

Please allow me to add the following boxing anecdote:

In the late years of the former century we had an EBU-Ring Officials Seminar in Geneva (Switzerland) with lots of participants from all over Europe. After dinner we spent time at the bar of the hotel. As it is the custom in plain Switzerland, at 11.30 p.m. the lights went out and the waiters started to put the chairs on the tables no more drinks available! When we looked at each other, the two Danish Ring Officials Jess Andreasen and Knud Jensen gave a chuckle and confessed to have provided for some beer and whisky. So we joined them to their hotel room to enjoy some more drinks. I remember the two Danish Officials, Mickey Vann, Dave Parris, Paco Vazquez and some more. There was a TV on the wall and we were watching at a late boxing show. As it happened, one of our colleagues started to zap between the channels and discovered a blue movie. So together with the drinks we enjoyed three minutes boxing and one minute blue movie until at 3am the reception called asking for silence. Bad example I know, but it was very funny!

Please show responsibility and care for all boxers not only for those that are licensed with you!

I thank you for having read these EBU-News; your comments are always welcome

With my warmest personal regards

Peter Stucki, EBU-President