



## EUROPEAN BOXING UNION (EBU) – NEWS (May 2024)

Dear boxing friends

The month of April, 2024 was a busy one for the EBU with the following six (6) title-contests:

- Berlin, 13.04.2024: **Oleksandr Zakhoshyi (UKR)** won the vacant EBU-Heavyweight-title by KO2 against **Granit Shala (GER)**. The show was excellently organized by AGON Sports & Events (Mr. Ingo Volckmann and matchmaker Hagen Döring) and attracted a full house. **Zakhoshyi**, 2,06 m tall, 111,3 kgs, has a similar boxing style like **Wladimir Klitschko**, a long sharp left hand and a thunderous right, with which he ko'd **Shala**. Against stronger opponents on world level we may see whether **Zakhoshyi** can match with **Klitschko**.
- London, 20.04.2024: **Sam Noakes (UK)**, won the vacant EBU-Lightweight-title on points 12 against **Yvan Mendy (F)**. It was a shut-out performance by the new champion **Sam Noakes (UK)**, who won every round.
- Zaragoza, 05.04.2024: **Oscar Diaz (E)**, won the vacant EBU-Silver-Superwelterweight-title by split decision against **Ezequiel Gurria (E)**.
- Vienna, 20.04.2024: **Carlos Alberto Lamela (E)**, won the vacant EBU-Silver-Lightheavyweight-title by KO12 against **Mansur Elsaev (A)**. According to our Supervisor and the media there was an unfortunate riot after the fight with people hitting each other at ringside. The lacking security and the fact that our EBU-officials were not well treated by the promoter is disturbing. Our EBU-officials are always trying to do their job as correctly as possible and they deserve respect and a bit of hospitality.
- Castellbisbal (E), 13.04.2024: **Tania Alvarez (E)**, won the vacant EBU-female-Superbantamweight-title on points 10 in a close contest against the tough **Maria Cecchi (It)**.
- Bologna, 05.04.2024: **Pamela Noutcho Sawa (It)**, won the vacant EBU-female-Silver-Lightweight-title on points 10 against **Jordan Barker Porter (UK)**.

**Congratulations to all these new champions!**

According to our rules the contestants of an EBU-title-fight have to undergo a mandatory antidoping-test after their fights. The responsibility for such tests lies with the local Federation. In many countries of our member-Federations the testing authorities are independent and are not connected with the Federations. The only matter such Federations can do is to order the antidoping-test. The organisation of the test is then the testing authority's affair. Unfortunately there are situations where the tests have been ordered and confirmed, but for various reasons are not done. Every time this happens the losing boxer will make a protest and we have to agree with a rematch. All this blocks our titles and is not in the interest of the EBU. Our Supervisors will therefore at the Rules Meeting ask the parties whether they agree to go on with their championship-contest even without an antidoping-test and renounce on a protest and on a rematch. This bears of course the danger that the promoter does on purpose not arrange for the antidoping-test, which has to be checked by the local Federation. We don't want any doping in our sport and we thank you for your backing.

**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**