



Storm Gym News

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Welcome to this months Newsletter, its once again been a busy period for many of our fighters. We had five of our adult fight team taking part in Muay Thai Grand Prix, while our junior team were just as busy with Roma competing for another World Title and Mason Storm Sloan flying out to Madeira competing for an European Title, in between all that a few newcomers to the advanced class taking part in the British Open Championships in Solihull.

Luca Patsalides took to the ring in the middle of May taking part in Lions home grown show in Watford, Luca as always fought with a huge smile on her face, listened well and was fantastically technical, and came away with a draw. Krish, who has been training at Storm for only a few months took on a fight on the same show with less than 24 hours notice! Krish, proved that he is definitely here to stay and won on points! Well done Krish.



The big event was Muay Thai Grand Prix at the O2 Arena in London, where five of our professional fighters stepped out to a sell out crowd. We are incredibly proud of all our fighters, win, lose or draw, it takes a certain type of person to step into the ring and each and every one of our fighters will train and prepare for their upcoming fights, however, sometimes you can do all of the prep and be prepared and illness strikes. Many fighters, when this happens the night before a fight has the personal dilemma of whether to go ahead with the fight or to listen to your body. This was the case for Nicola who was struck down with a norovirus the night before and was really unwell! In true Nicola style, she did not want to let her opponent down nor her supporters and decided to go ahead with the fight. This naturally had an effect on her performance with her not taking home the win, but in her own words, she did not want to be thinking 'what if?'

Valentin K1 came out with a strong performance and complete dominance over his opponent taking a KO win in the first round.

Curtis Hughes stepped into the ring on late notice in a much bigger weight class than normal and did not perform as he should and lost on points.

Giannis 'Greekboy' Skordillis took on an existing World champion, unfortunately weight cut issues hampered him and he was not able to perform the way he knows he can.



Marcel was fighting in Muay Thai part of the event which was aired on UFC fight pass, Marcel fought well but it was not enough and he lost on points. Each fight, win, loose or draw is a learning experience.



10 yr old Roma travelled to Birmingham to take part in Hammertime's show to fight for a third World Title against a strong opponent from Belgium. Her dad Aiden said it was her hardest fight to date, she obviously did enough as she won by split decision and we are very proud to say that she will need a bigger mantle at home for her collection of belts taking home the Hammertime World Champion Title.



The same weekend Amir travelled to Maderia with Mason Sloan who was taking part in the Madeira Muay Thai Challenge, Team GB vs Madeira.

Mason came out strong in the 2nd round but it was not quite enough with the local boy taking the win on a split decision.

Travelling up North again in late April was a couple of our junior fight team, Maksymelan and Rehan. Maksymelan had 3 fights and we are glad to say that he has now had his first win and is now the AFSSO champion for his age and weight category. Unfortunately it was not Rehans day, but with every loss there is a lesson and he is back in the gym training hard



Valentin has been busy this month and flew to Luxemburg with Amir to fight on Sunan Fight Night against Turkish fighter Aslan Ferhat. After three hard rounds and dropping Aslan in the first round, sadly it was not counted and Valentin lost on points. Nicola The Burmese Python was also meant to be competing but sadly her opponent pulled out 10 days earlier.

Our junior fight team were out in full attending the WKO 5 Nations Championship in Tilbury, Essex. The team were focused and relaxed on the day, with Maks 'Polish Storm' who won all three fights and two finals earning himself the Open championship titles. Maks' youngest sister Liliana stepped into the ring and received 3rd place in her category, as did her older sister Alexandra who lost in the final on a very close decision.

Lilly Lawless Cook came out strong against a girl who found that Lilly's low kicks were too much and saw Lilly win her category convincingly.

Luca Patsalides got a by into the ring and dominated her opponent and is the Open champion. Roma was matched, but unfortunately her opponent who has fought against Roma previously decided that she did not want to step into the ring with her so Roma won the belt by default.

Amber Dodson-Finn fought bravely against a girl who won the category and came home with a bronze.

Debuting her first open with Storm Gym was Daisy Pike who fought amazingly in her fist decision bout, win, loose or draw every fight is a learning experience, Daisy didn't win but the experience is invaluable.

Rahaan Choudry was on fire and took the bull by its horns...amazing to see what he can do when going forward. A very mature performance against a great opponent and the and won his category.

Krish Taylor had a very good fight as always, he did not win and like Daisy and Amber its back to the gym to fine tune the combinations and techniques.

Representing the Adult fighters was Taz Mushtaq who won the semi final by KO, but sadly did not win the final, it has to be mentioned that Taz competed whilst he was fasting!! We take our hats off to you Lionhart!

Also, we have to mention that Paul Lonergan and Michelle had their first outing as judges on a major WKO event. They judged over 50 fights each across the whole day and have confirmed themselves as assets to the WKO officials rota. Both thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to their next outing as Officials!



Coming up.....

Valentine Moggs will hoping to repeat his winning debut form as he fights on MTGP in Athens, Greece and later this month Giannis will be then flying over to China, along with Marcel and Darren. Keep an eye out on our socials to find out what happens.

The Junior fight team will be taking part in the WKO Championships in Essex.

And last be not least the next Storm Gym Interclub is coming up.

SAVE THE DATES
Interclub 9th June 2019
Amateur Kings No.8
13th July 2019

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