

Cora Webber, Boxing's Belle of the Ring

Cora Webber is one of boxing's beauties. Born in the Sunshine State, Florida, two days after Christmas in 1958, Cora became interested in sports at an early age and took part in football, softball and basketball.

Her boyfriend interested her in the martial arts and Cora showed an interest in kick boxing. She mastered this disciplined sport well enough to earn an advanced degree and after moving to California became interested in women's boxing when the California Athletic Commission began to sanction women's bouts.

Cora's enthusiasm for boxing grew rapidly and she quickly was recognized, in the gym, as one of the most dedicated learners and enthusiasts of the sport. Along with her dedication comes an infectious personality and she is liked and admired by everyone. Her workouts in the gym have become show stoppers and her training is usually a good 6 or 10 round professional who is usually a male. Cora slugs it out toe to toe and many of her workouts have become wars.

Though women's boxing is still in its infancy, Cora Webber is considered pound for pound one of the best. She is a tremendous athlete and an asset to her sport.

Currently the women's athlete of the



year is a golfer or tennis player, which are the "accepted" women's sports. This writer challenges any of them to stand up to the rigorous training that not only Cora Webber goes through but all of the serious women boxers who daily run 5 miles, box 5 to 6 rounds,

do 50-100 sit-ups, jump rope for 20 minutes, pound the heavy bag 5 to 6 rounds, a speed bag for 4 more rounds and work with a trainer on fundamentals for one half hour.

As Cora says, "I want to be the best. I believe I can do it in women's boxing." Cora expects to be champion and expects to make believers out of any doubters who say women cannot compete in such a sport. Cora feels that women's boxing will attain respectability as long as there are those like Cora willing to sacrifice for a goal and have the intense spirit of competition that it takes to become a champion. Cora indicated that she would eventually like to teach others when she no longer competes herself. She sees women's boxing as growing in popularity and becoming financially rewarding for those willing to sacrifice and dedicate themselves towards physical excellence. "I want to teach others to achieve their highest potential in the sport after I leave the competitive stage." But, Cora adds, "I'm only 20 years old and I expect to be around for awhile and convince any doubters that pound for pound, I'm the best female boxer they or anyone else will ever see and if you don't believe it, come to one of my matches and make up your minds on what you see."

World Wide Results

By Fred Zitkowski III

This being my first column for WBB News, I would like to make every effort to see that women have a prominent place in the sport of boxing. Now that the Womens Boxing Board is international in scope, you can be assured that everyone connected with this popular sport both in the United States, Europe and the Far East will receive our help and support in the fast growing popular sport of women boxing. The WBB has proven to be the Number 1 organization and will continue to fight for the rights of women in boxing.

July 17, Sandra Peck decisioned Patricia Ladd, 4 rounds, lightweights, Memphis, Tenn.

July 31, Graciela Casillas decisioned Ginger Kaufman, 10 rounds, Bantam-

weights, San Antonio, Texas.

Ernestine Jones KO'd Karen Irons, 1 round, Lightweights, Omaha, Nebraska.

August 31, Sue Carlson decisioned Sylvia Ruiz, 6 rounds, Lightweights, Bahamas.

October 9, Lydia Bayardo decisioned Yvonne Barkley, 8 rounds, Houston, Texas.

October 19, Lady Tyger KO'd Margo Walls, 8 rounds, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. The fight was scheduled for 8, three minute rounds.

November 23, Karen Bennett vs Ginger Kaufman, 8 rounds, draw, Bantamweights, Las Vegas, Nevada.

December 11, Zebra Girl KO'd Ginete Troy, 1.41 sec. round 2 of scheduled 6 round fight, San Jose California. Promoter was Luis Curiel.



Lady Tyger Trimiar catches Margo Walls with a series of left jabs before finishing her off in the 8th round. It was Lady Tyger's 13th straight win and her 3rd KO in a row.

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