

Mia St. John Tells TMZ Christy Martin Is Ducking Her

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(Chris Farina)

Recently Mia St. John told TMZ that Christy “The Coal Miner’s Daughter” Martin has been avoiding a rematch after all these years because of the embarrassment suffered when they first fought several years ago.

“Mia, Mia, Mia, you’ve been hit too many times in the head,” said a smiling Martin at a press conference in West Hollywood on Wednesday, May 25.

St. John insists that she was given a poor decision by judges in Michigan when they collided in the ring.

“I whipped her a**,” said St. John emphatically. “Everybody knows that.”

Martin promises a different outcome if they meet again mostly because her plan of attack was misguided the first time they met in the ring at the Pontiac Silverdome in 2002.

“I’m a totally different fighter than I was then,” said Martin. “I won’t be going for the body this time. I’ll be going for the head.”

St. John scoffs at Martin’s reasoning.

“I’ll whip her again,” said St. John.

Meanwhile, Martin (49-5-3, 31 KOs) is preparing for her second clash with Dakota Stone (9-8-5) on Saturday, June 4, at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

“She’s tough,” said Martin. “You can’t go by her record.”

Martin fought Stone in Sept. 2009 and was given the decision to capture the WBC junior middleweight world title.

“I beat her but it was close,” Martin said. “I beat her by majority decision.”

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The veteran of 57 pro fights expects a very tough fight. She was supposed to meet Stone earlier in the year but was sidelined by an injury.

“In retrospect maybe it was a good thing,” says Martin. “Maybe I wasn’t ready mentally.”

The West Virginia native was still recuperating from being allegedly shot and stabbed by her former husband Jim Martin last year. It was a harrowing experience that saw her escape with her life despite suffering severe wounds.

“Some things just work out for a reason,” she said.

Other Fight Chatter

Chris “The Nightmare” Arreola (31-2, 27 KOs) returns to the ring after only two weeks and fights Kendrick Releford (22-14-2, 10 KOs) this Friday, May 27. It will be televised on ESPN2. Arreola fights Releford at the Reno Events Center. He replaces fellow stable mate Josesito Lopez who suffered a hand injury and was forced to postpone his fight. Arreola fought recently at the Home Depot where he stopped Nagy Aguilera in two rounds.

The Friday, May 27 event at the Pico Rivera Sports Arena has been canceled.

UFC 130 features Quinton “Rampage” Jackson (31-8) in the main event against Matt Hamill (10-2) in a light heavyweight non-title match on Saturday, May 28 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The MGM Grand will be the host for the Ultimate Fighting Championship mixed martial arts card. Others fighting are Brian Stann facing Jorge Santiago; Frank Mir clashes with Roy Nelson; and Miguel Torres meets Demetrious Johnson.

Middleweight contender Michael Trabant (46-4-1, 21 KOs) of Germany stopped Riccardo Grasmann (11-15-1) in the third round on Thursday in Berlin, Germany. It was Trabant’s third consecutive victory.

The Rumble in Venice annual amateur boxing show takes place on Sunday, May 29 at Venice Beach, Calif. The show begins at 1 p.m. on the basketball courts and features more than two dozen amateur bouts including the boxing teams from UCLA and USC. Joe Wheatley Promotions and Ramon Estrada’s Boxing Club bring the free show to the beach. The sponsor is Imaging3.

San Diego’s Chris Martin (22-0-2) beat Paramount’s Charles Huerta (16-3, 9 KOs) by decision last Friday in Costa Mesa in a junior featherweight bout. Ronny Rios, Donyil Livingston, Manuel Avila, Joel Diaz and Bobby Chavez all won their fights.

WBC flyweight titleholder Mariana Juarez (29-5-3, 14 KOs) won by technical knockout over Uruguay’s Gabriela Bouvier (6-1-1) in the seventh round. The title fight was held in Morelia, Mexico and was Juarez’ first world title defense at this weight. She is a former junior bantamweight titleholder.

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Alfonso Gomez knocked out middleweight Calvin Green in the second round and Michael Franco beat Rafael Lora by unanimous decision on Saturday at Morongo. Also, Indio's Gabino Saenz, El Monte's Ricky Duenas and Jose Roman were all victorious at Morongo Casino.

Boxing cards are coming back to Morongo Casino, said a Morongo tribal member. It had been several years since pro boxing cards had been held, but Morongo Casino is anxious to stage cards again. "We're just looking for the best deal from the boxing promoters," said David Gandara, a Morongo tribal member.

Roy Jones Jr. (54-8, 40 KOs) was stopped at 2:50 of the 10th and final round by Russia's Dennis Lebedev (22-1, 16 KOs) in Moscow, Russia last Saturday. It was Jones' third consecutive loss. The former middleweight, junior middleweight, middleweight, light heavyweight and heavyweight world champion is now 42 years old.

WBO and WBF middleweight titleholder Christina Hammer (9-0, 7 KOs) fights WIBA champion Sweden's Maria Lindberg (5-0-2) in a unification battle of the undefeated on Friday, May 27. The title fight takes place in Prague, Czech Republic.

Heavyweights Franklin Lawrence (14-2-2, 9 KOs) and Jason Gavern (20-7-4) collide on Friday, May 27 at Dover, Delaware. Lawrence knocked out Lance Whitaker and Gavern recently upset Manuel Quezada and drew with Johnathon Banks. Ronica Jeffrey (5-0) fights Jennifer Shiver (14-4-1) in a featherweight bout set for six rounds. For ticket information call (800) 711-5882.

WBC junior bantamweight titleholder Tomas Rojas (36-12-1, 24 KOs) stopped challenger Juan Jose Montes (19-2, 12 KOs) at the end of round 11. The title match took place on Saturday in Chiapas, Mexico.

New WBO light heavyweight titleholder Nathan Cleverly (22-0, 11 KOs) defeated last-minute challenger Aleksy Kuziemski (21-3) at 1:27 of round four by technical knockout. The fight took place in London, England. Cleverly is from Wales.

Colombia's Joel Julio (37-4, 31 KOs) beat Anges Adjaho (25-6, 14 KOs) by decision after 10 rounds last Friday. The welterweight clash took place in Newark. Also, Sadam Ali (13-0, 7 KOs) remained undefeated by decision over John Revish (10-4-2) in another welterweight fight.