

## **2006 Women's National Golden Gloves, July 9-13, 2006**

Congratulations to Bantamweight Tree O'Toole (119lbs) and Lightweight Caroline Barry (132lbs) on their silver medals at the 2006 Women's National Golden Gloves. Both of these boxers are scheduled to box at the Double Duel tournament at BRC, September 9 & 10, and at the Police Activities League Championships in Oxnard, California October 1-9.

### **Results for 119 and 132 weight classes:**

119 quarter finals: Teresa O'Toole, TN dec Tyrieshie Douglas, DC, 5-0

119 semi finals: Teresa O'Toole, TN dec Nekhai Hong, MN, 5-0

119 finals: Emily Klinefelter, Iowa, dec. Teresa O'Toole, TN, 4-1

132 semi finals: Carrie Barry, TN dec Autumn Anderson, NE, 5-0

132 finals: Patricia Manuel, Gardena, CA, def. Caroline Barry, TN, 5-0

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*'08 Olympics out, so pair seeks other goals* By Sharon Robb, South Florida Sun-Sentinel, July 13, 2006  
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HOLLYWOOD \* Teresa O'Toole and Carrie Barry put their lives on hold to move to Nashville, Tenn., and chase their Olympic dream.

O'Toole, 31, a stuntwoman, and Barry, 25, a sports physical therapist, wanted to train with legendary women's coach Christy Halbert, chairman of the USA Women's Boxing sub-committee.

When the International Olympic Committee denied Olympic status to women's boxing for 2008 and pushed its expected debut to 2012, the boxers were devastated but their love for the sport kept them going, and they continued training in a large basement at The Boxing Resource Center.

On Saturday night, they box for national titles at the Women's National Golden Gloves Tournament.

"The sacrifice that they made to come to Nashville is illustrative of what all female boxers make," said Halbert, a former pro boxer and sociologist with a Ph.D. "This is the toughest sport. If you want to get good, you have to commit."

The teammates' commitment paid off in Wednesday night's semifinals. O'Toole, ranked second in the nation, decisioned Nekhai Hong of Charlotte, Mich., 5-0, to meet No. 1 ranked and defending bantamweight champion Emily Klinefelter of Iowa City, a 5-0 winner over Karen Dulin of Mystic, Conn. Barry, ranked No. 1 at 132 pounds, decisioned Autumn Anderson of Omaha, Neb., 5-0.

For O'Toole, who has been boxing eight years, it will not be her final tournament, but she said her focus after the Golden Gloves will be her career as a stuntwoman. She has won five national and three PAL titles.

"I am going to stay in [amateur] boxing until they kick me out," O'Toole said. "Carrie's young, she can go on with her Olympic dream if she wants. This is why the amateur athlete sticks around. It was always my dream after watching the Olympics on TV. It was more important to me than a \$10 million purse in the pros. Our coach is an amazing woman, and I learned so much."

Barry may not stay around for 2012, but she plans on competing in as many U.S. and international tournaments as she can. On Saturday, she will go for her fourth consecutive Golden Gloves title.

"I was disappointed when I heard about 2008 but at the same time you have to accept it and move on," Barry said. "I just had to change my goals. I am just going to keep on competing until the excitement is gone.

"This is what I love. This is what it's all about, the tournaments. No one can duck you, the pressure is all on you ... you lose and you go home."

In the only bout featuring a South Florida boxer, Solange Reyner, 24, of US1 Fitness in Dania Beach, lost a hardfought 3-2 decision to Rachel Clark of Charlotte, N.C., and took a bronze medal in her national debut.

"I'm going to stay with this," Reyner said.

Twin sisters Heather and Stephanie Han of El Paso, Texas, shouting encouragement for each other ringside, had different results in their Junior Olympic semifinal bouts.

Heather won at 106 pounds with a 5-0 decision over Natalie Gonzalez and advanced to Friday's semifinals. Stephanie, 15, lost a close 3-2 decision to Ramil Abreu, 16, of New Brunswick.

The six-day tournament continues tonight with open semifinal and non-tournament bouts.

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