

SPORTS

TERRY NORRIS TO PUT TITLE ON THE LINE

By W.G. Ramirez

WBC Super Welterweight champion Terry Norris will put his crown on the line, when he faces former IBF and WBC Welterweight champion Simon Brown, September 26 at Caesars Palace. Norris, 32-3, is currently riding an 11-fight winning streak, 6 of them by KO or TKO. Having beaten three men, Norris once hailed as "pound-for-pound the best fighter in the world," ranks among the sports most formidable and devastat-

ing champions.

Norris can be credited with sending Sugar Ray Leonard and Donald Curry into retirement. He also defeated Meldrick Taylor, this past May, with a fourth-round TKO.

"I know he is a great fighter," said Norris, of his upcoming opponent. "It's going to be a tough fight, tougher than Meldrick Taylor. I'll have to be at my best. I'm not underestimating him."

Brown, 35-2, comes into this



Terry Norris will put his crown on the line, when he faces former champion Simon Brown. Photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice

fight currently ranked No. 2 by the WBC.

Until he lost the WBC welterweight title to James "Buddy" McGirt last November, Brown practically trampled over the welterweight division, including victories over: Shawn O' Sullivan, Maurice Blocker and Tyrone Trice, from who he captured the IBF title in 1988. Brown's bout with Blocker marked the last time he would defend his IBF title. On April 20, he vacated that title because of philosophical

differences with the IBF. On November 29, 1991, McGirt sent Brown to the canvas in the tenth and went on to capture Simon's title with a 12-round decision.

Brown understands what he is up against but promises to be ready, both physically and mentally.

Norris also confirmed that he will be well prepared for his title defense, not to mention that he is confident of waking up September 27 with his belt rack occupied.

Exclusive Interview

MILLER STEALS THE SHOW FOR U.S. WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS



SHANNON MILLER

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Eight years ago Mary Lou Retton vaulted her way into the

hearts of Americans as well as a gold medal in the all-around gymnastics event.

Now, in 1992, we have a new "darling", that has captured everyone's heart in Shannon Miller.

The 15-year old gymnast has given new meaning to grace and style.

Her precious smile and baby doll look stole all eyes off of heavy Olympic favorite, and U.S. teammate, Kim Zmeskal. Zmeskal, a three-time U.S. all-around champion (1990-92), was the first U.S. woman to win

an all-around title in 1991. She won a gold medal on beam and floor exercises at the '92 World Championships. Quite an impressive record. So what happened?

The leaner and more delicate Miller, 4'7" and 70 lbs., only figured to be a factor in the all-around medal race and was only given a slim chance of earning medals.

Miller put all the Zmeskal-hype aside and did exactly what she prepared for.

Her technical ability allowed her to come out of Zmeskal's

shadow and prove she's the best U.S. women's gymnast.

"I never really thought about it (being in Kim's shadow)," said Miller, in a recent phone interview with the Sentinel-Voice.

"The media hyped it up more than anything."

Shannon did agree, though, that the success of the '92 Olympics probably brought her, her own notoriety.

Miller was the highest individual finisher on the Olympic team competition, and qualified for all event finals, as well as the all-around final.

During the all-around final, Shannon started off very mod-



Shannon Miller won the silver for this performance on the uneven parallel bars

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estly, scoring 9.925's on the uneven bars and balance beam, and a 9.9 on the floor. With one event remaining, she remained in 4th place.

Miller produced a near perfect 9.975 on the vault to shoot her into first place with one gymnast to go.

The Unified Team's Tatiana Goustov proceeded to score a 9.95 on the vault, which was very arguable, and went on to capture the Gold, ahead of Shannon by 0.012 of a point.

Miller said she never noticed the flaw in Goustov's vault.

"I would have loved to get the Gold, but I'm happy and proud to bring home the Silver."

In the individual events, she captured a Silver on the balance beams, and Bronzes on the uneven parallel bars and floor exercises, finishing the games with five medals.

Shannon returned home, to Edmond, Oklahoma, yesterday and was just about to leave for a

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