



Stevie Coleman, right, is named a Golden Gloves champion at the Western New England Golden Gloves boxing tournament at the Hartford Armory in Hartford recently. Contributed photo

Boxer competes for Golden Glove

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On Feb. 2, Lyman Memorial High School senior Stevie Coleman competed in the 60th annual Western New England Golden Gloves boxing tournament at the Hartford Armory in Hartford.

This tournament was held at MassMutual Center in Springfield, Mass., last year and was traditionally held in Holyoke, Mass., for 66 years. This tournament crowns the best amateur boxers in western New England and has featured well-known boxers such as boxing champions Mike Tyson and Marlon Starling.

Preliminaries were held Jan. 12, which were followed by quarterfinals on Jan. 19, semifinals on Jan. 26 and finals were held on Feb. 2.

Stevie started boxing five years ago and had set her heart on competing in the Golden Gloves since she was 13, but the tournament continued to change the age requirement from 16 years old to 18 years old. Finally, this year, Stevie was able to compete in the tournament as

a senior.

Stevie recalls, "I was really excited to finally complete this tournament." This was her first year competing. Stevie trained for this tournament from sparring three times a week and hard training six times a week.

Stevie came in first place for her weight class of 152 pounds in all western New England. The tournament had the six weight classes for women's senior novice athletes to compete. This championship win has given Stevie the chance to participate in the 2019 national tournament in Lowell, Mass.

Stevie had her match against Stephanie Moss in the finals. Stevie felt she deserved to win from her hard training and long preparation. Stevie had her whole family and many friends come to support her.

She added, "All my family came to support me and I felt very loved." Her family continues to support her as she trains for her Mike Tyson Tournament in New York this month.