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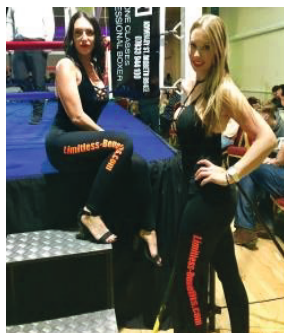
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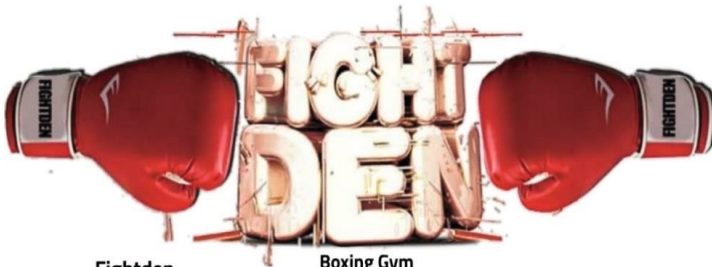
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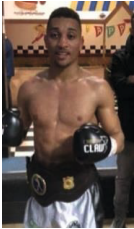
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Hard hitting Kaisee Benjamin futures looking Bright

Written by Dexter Hastings



Kaisee Benjamin has only been a professional boxer for just over a year and a half and has already become the Midlands area welterweight champion. Kaisee made a big mark on his debut on the 9th June 2017 knocking out Paul Cunningham in the second round. Benjamin who is known for being a heavy handed hard hitter had a very impressive amateur career winning 20 out of 25 fights which lead to two Midlands area titles, two silvers at the Haringate box cup at Middleweight and a senior novice title at the age of 20. The Eastside gym fighter who is managed by Jon Pegg and trained by Paul "Soggy" Counihan and Louie Counihan went on to win his next 3 pro fights to take him to 4 and 0 by March of 2018.

Kaisee and his team then took the opportunity to fight in the first Ultimate Boxer tournament which was set up as a prizefighter style contest with the eventual winner having to win 3 fights in one night to get the lions share of the £50,000 prize money. This didn't go to plan as Benjamin was beat on points in his first fight by the more experienced Sam Evens.



The ultimate Boxer was not the right concept for Benjamin and he returned to winning ways on the Tommy Owens Promotions show at Villa Park Birmingham beating Chris Jenkinson on points (1st September 2018). After this win Benjamin was offered the chance to fight for the Midlands area welterweight title against 6 and 0 unbeaten fighter Alex Fearon (9th November 2018). Kaisee had to make the Journey to fight away from home taking on Fearon at the Rollerworld in Derby. Benjamin put on a fantastic display of boxing with Fearons corner eventually throwing in the towel in the seventh

round. Benjamin then started off 2019 on the Tommy Owens Promotions show at Villa Park on the 2nd February beating the tricky Kevin McCauley taking his record to 7 wins with just one defeat.

Dexter's Thoughts

Kaisee Benjamin has shown great promise in a very short time, he has only been a pro for just over a year and a half and has already claimed the Midlands area title in the space of 7 fights. I was the first reporter to interview him and have always enjoyed watching the hard hitting 23 year old fight on the Tommy Owens Promotions shows. He is in one of the hottest divisions in boxing and is definitely if you include the super welterweight division in one of the most contested divisions in the Midlands. Benjamin has got a bright future in boxing and him and his Eastside team I'm sure will be looking to challenge for a English or British title in the next year or so. I can see Benjamin at least winning one of these titles but he is young and still learning the game and who knows how far he can go in his boxing career if he focuses.

The Birmingham Boxing Column look forward to seeing what this potentially further Bbcolumn Hall of Famer does in the future.

Return of the Savage TOPromotions

2/2/19

written by Dexter Hastings



Tommy Owens Promotions started 2019 off with a bang holding their first show of the year at the Holte suite Villa Park. The show was called "Return of the Savage" and was being headlined by Matchroom and Eastside gyms fighter Sam Eggington. Eggington was only doing a 4 rounder as he was fighting the very talented Liam Smith the following month live on sky sports. The undercard was packed with some great local talent with Wagas Mohammed, Anthony Manning and Nathan Bendon all doing 4 rounders. Also doing a 4 rounder was Lewis Van Poetsch who was having his 100th professional fight, Lewis who is usually a journey man had sold tickets for this show and was looking for a win. There were also 2 fighters having 6 rounders with unbeaten Shaun Cooper having his second one and the hard hitting Kaisee Benjamin looking to make a statement. With referee Kevin Parker and the two gorgeous rings girls Lauren Richards and Louise from CP Agency the stage was set for a fantastic night of professional boxing.

Results

**Fight 1 - Wagas Mohammed v Michael Horabin – 4x3 Welterweight.
Result - Dexter – 40-37 - Ref – 37-39. - Horabin wins on points.**

**Fight 2 - Lewis Van Poetsch v Scott Hilkman - 4x3 Light heavyweight
Result Dexter – 40-36 - Ref 49-36 - Van Poetsch wins on points**

**Fight 3.- Anthony Manning v Pal Olah. – 4x3 Middleweight
Result - Dexter – 40-36 - Ref – 40-36 - Manning wins on points.**

**Fight 4 - Nathan Bendon v MJ Hall - 4x3 Middleweight
Result – Dexter 49-36 - Ref 40-36 - Bendon wins on points**

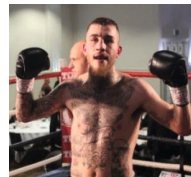
**Fight 5.- Kaisee Benjamin v Kevin McCauley.- 6x3 Super Middleweight.
Result - Dexter – 60-54 - Ref – 60-54. - Benjamin wins on points.**

**Fight 6 - Shaun Cooper v Chris Adaway - 6x3 super Lightweight
Result Dexter – 60-54 - Ref 60-54 - Cooper wins on points**

**Fight 7 - Main Event - Sam Eggington v Sam Omid - 4x3. Middleweight
Result - Dexter – 40-35 - Ref – 40-35 - Eggington wins on points**

Dexter's Thoughts

Great start to 2019 with the first pro boxing show in Birmingham this year, it was great to see Sam Eggington getting back to winning ways with a nice 4 rounder. He showed all the tools that have raised him to world standard rankings, he is now preparing to take on Liam Smith on a Matchroom show live on Sky Sports in March. This will be a tough fight for the Savage as he will be fighting away in Liverpool but I have every confidence that Eggington can get the win and start his climb up the world rankings again.



Shaun Cooper kept his unbeaten record by beating a very durable and talented Chris Adaway. Cooper showed a very high work rate over the six rounds and was very impressive with some great body shots, maybe one or two more fights and he should be looking at a shot at the Midlands area title.

Kaisee Benjamin showed his power off tonight but also showed how well he can put shots together with some great combinations and shot selection. How McCauley got through the 6 rounds is a miracle and you have to give him maximum respect for that. Benjamin has already won the area title and should now be looking for a shot at the English or maybe even the British title this year.

Nathan Bendon really impressed against a very good journey man in MJ Hall, the Smoking Joe's fighter had to work hard and deal with Hall's tricky southpaw stance to get the win. This fight was awarded fight of the night by the show's sponsors.

Anthony Manning continues to impress after moving to Eastside gym, he has won his last four fights and is showing some great boxing skills and some hurtful power when he enters the squared circle. If he keeps this momentum I'm sure he will be looking at title in his future.



I have watched Lewis Van Poetsch fight on a number of occasions usually as the away fighter. He was in the home corner for his fight at Villa Park and sold tickets for this fight. With a big support behind him he won in convincing style and proved that he is a good boxer. He has had 100 professional fights to date and looking on his boxrec he has already got 6 fights arranged for the next 2 months. Journey men like Van Poetsch are the back bone of boxing and help to get the prospects ready for the big time.

I thought Wagas Mohammed had done enough to win his fight, he move well and did get some good combinations off. Horabin did catch him with some eye catching over hand rights but Mohammed took them and fought back. I'm sure we will see Mohammed back to winning ways very soon and back on the winning trail.

The Birmingham Boxing Column would like to thank Tommy Owens Promotions for having us at there show and look forward to the next one 23rd February at Villa park.

The unbeaten Shakan Pitters

Two years into his Pro career

Written by Dexter Hastings



Two years on from when the talented Shakan Pitters entered the professional ring the Birmingham Boxing Column looks back at his rise up the pro ranks. Pitters had a glittering amateur boxing career winning 2 Midlands titles a Birmingham title a Redditch box cup gold medal and being a two times national semi finalist. Shakan comes from a big boxing family with his father Colin Pitters who was a professional boxer in the 90's and a trainer who trained the likes of Mathew Macklin, Franklin Gavin and many other pros. Shakan's two brothers Anwar and Aundra also fought on the amateur scene fighting out of Small Heath ABC.

But up until the age of 14 Shakan seemed destined to play pro football as he was playing for the West Bromwich Albion Academy, where he utilised his boxing training to help with his fitness. Pitters eventually took up the noble art due to seeing his father Colin fight on TV and seeing his older brothers in the gym. As an Amateur he started his boxing career properly with Paddy Farrell at Kingstanding's Second City ABC where they sharpened his tools and corrected many mistakes. After a 2 year spell he left Second City to pursue his career with Paul Counihan and Louie Counihan at Eastside gym with the plan to turn pro, Shakan won numerous titles at both clubs.



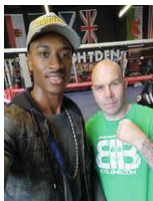
At 27 he got his professional licence under the management of Jon Pegg and was trained by his mentor Paul Counihan at Eastside gym and started to fight in the Cruiserweight division. Shakan who is a towering opponent standing at 6 foot 6 won his first five fights on points with his first four coming at the Tommy Owens Promotions shows at Villa park. He then went 5 and 0 in his first arena show beating Elvis Dubes at the Black Country Boxing show at the Genting arena NEC Birmingham.

Shakan then claimed his first stoppage in May of 2018 stopping Kent Kauppinen in the first round at Villa park on another Tommy Owens Promotions show. Shakan was then given his big chance to fight on a Matchroom show with the main events being shown live on Sky Sports. Shakan's fight against Imantas Davidaitis was streamed live on the Matchroom Facebook Channel and was watched by millions of people all over the world as Pitters claimed another stoppage this time in the second round.



Shakan was now 7 fights undefeated and there was strong talk about him fighting for the vacant Cruiserweight Midlands area title, but his next 3 fights would define him and the Eastside gym mentality. Shakan dropped down to light heavyweight to fight on the Ultimate Boxer II against some of the best light heavyweights in the country. The Ultimate Boxer II is a prize-fighter type of format with the winner having to win 3 fights in one night to claim the golden robe and a share of the £50,000 prize money. Pitters went to the Indigo O2 arena London and took the highly talented completion apart, in his first fight he beat unbeaten fighter Sam Smith dropping him twice and breaking his nose winning on a unanimous decision, he then went on and stopped Gegerii Bacon in the second round. In the final of the tournament Pitters took on Dec Spelman, Pitters showed his boxing skills off scoring a unanimous decision dropping him once in the fight to win the golden robe and the ultimate boxer II title. These 3 amazing wins made Pitters 10 and 0 and has propelled him up the boxing ranks to 10th in Britain. Shakan will be back in the ring on the Tommy Owens Promotions show at Villa park on the 29th March and then on the undercard of Ultimate Boxer III May 10th in London.

Dexter's Thoughts



I have followed Shakan Pitters career from his debut at Villa Park in March 2017 and was the first reporter to interview him as a professional boxer. From the first time I saw him box I could see he was going places and I have had some great interviews with him with a lot of laughs before and after his fights.

In my first interview with him he expressed some of his goals that he would like to achieve in his boxing career. The first was to establish his name in the pro ranks, it is safe to say he has done that. In his second year he was looking to be on a televised show, well last year he was on the Matchroom show which was aired live on Sky sports with his fight being streamed live on Matchroom's Facebook Chanel, the ultimate boxer II was also televised on Spike TV and got him lots of publicity. He was also looking to have a Midlands area title in year 2 which could have happened but he chose to drop weight divisions and fight in the ultimate boxer and win it.



Pitters is smashing it at the moment and in his new weight division will be towering over his competition. He has a great style of boxing that suits his height and with his team of Paul "Soggy" Counihan, Louis Counihan and Jon Pegg his career is looking great. Shakan is now ranked in the top ten in Britain and in my opinion has moved beyond the Midlands area title and after a few more fights he should be looking to contest for the English or even the British.

The one thing I am sure of is that Shakan Pitters will become a champion in the next year or so, he it a former Bbcolum boxer to watch and I can see him being a future Bbcolum "Hall of Famer. " I look forward to reporting on Shakan continuing rise up the ranks.



Shakan in Total Control

Bcb Promotions

No Love Lost

16/2/19

written by Dexter Hastings



The Birmingham Boxing Column headed down to the Walsall town hall to report on Black Country Boxing's first show of 2019. The show was called "No Love Lost" and had a 8 fight card. Female fighter Dani Hodges was scheduled to fight over 4 – 2 Minute rounds, there were also 5 fights over 4 – 3 minute rounds featuring Danny Ball, Ross Hollis, Andrew Robinson, Liam Davis and Chris Blaney who is trained by the boxing Legend Ricky Hatton. The two 6 rounder's featured in the home corners Levi Ferguson and Damian Kiwior. Comparing on the night you had Ben "let's get it on" Walters and referees on the night were Shaun Messer and Chris Deen. Ring girl on the night was the stunning Gorgie from Diamond Ring.

Results

Fight 1 - Danny Ball v Jordan Grannum - 4x3 Super Middleweight
Result - Dexter – 40-36 Ref – 40-36.-Ball wins on points.

Fight 2 - Ross Hollis v Scot Hillnan - 4x3 Super Middleweight
Result - Dexter 49-36. Ref – 40-36 - Hollis wins on points

Fight 3.-Chris Blaney v Raimond Sniedze - 4x3. Light heavyweights.
Result - Dexter – 40-38 - Ref 49-38. - Blaney wins on points.

Fight 4 - Andrew Robinson v Darryl Sharp - 4x3 Super Middleweight
Result - Dexter 49-36.- Ref 40-36 - Robinson wins on points

Fight 5. Female match - Dani Hodges v Roznaru Silyanova.- 4x2 Bantamweight.
Result - Dexter – 40-46 Ref – 49-36.- Hodges won on points.

Fight 6 - Levi Ferguson v Kevin McCauley - 6x3. Middleweight
Result- Dexter – 60-54. Ref – 60-54 - Ferguson wins on points

Fight 7 - Liam Davis v Stefan Slavchev. - 4x3. Super Featherweight.
Result - Dexter – 40-34 Ref – 49-34 - Davis wins on points

Fight 8 - Damian Kiwior v Wesley Smith - 6x3 Super welterweight
Result - Dexter – 56-58 - Ref 58-58 - Ref gives a Draw

Dexter's Thoughts

Always love going to Walsall town hall to watch the boxing there, it's a great venue for the noble art. Black country boxing put on a great show.

The main event was a cracker with the talented Kiwior securing a draw in a very, very hard fought fight. On my card I had Smith winning this fight but I can see how it could have been a draw after talking to ref Shaun Messer. He seemed to score it more on aggression and Kiwior was definitely the aggressor. Myself I scored it on the cleaner and eye-catching shots but if you scored it on aggression it probably would have been a draw. What ever the result it was a great fight and both fighters can take a lot of pride in being involved in this one.



This was the first time I had saw Liam Davis in action and I have got to say I was well impressed. It was only his second fight and at the age of 22 I can see a big future for the super Bantamweight. He has got a really big following and the young fighter reminded me of another BcB fighter in James Beech Jr who is the current Midlands area super Featherweight champion. After watching Davis performance I can see him going in the same direction.

Levi Ferguson looked very impressive in his first six rounder. He had great shot selection and banged in some heavy combinations how McCauley stayed with him for six rounds is a credit to the veteran journey man.

Dani Hodges had a flustering night against a boxer who just wanted to hold. When Hodges was allowed to box she looked great and I look forward to seeing her back in the ring soon, hopefully against a boxer who wants to fight.

Andrew Robinson had a nice warm up fight winning every round against Darryl Sharp. D-Animal will be taking on the unbeaten Damian Jonak at the start of April and the outspoken Robinson has stated he is going to win.



Blaney against Sniedze was a very poor fight with both fighters holding for most of it. Blaney who is trained by the legend Ricky Hatton looked good when he did box but all the holding got in the way as this fight was a disappointment to watch.

Ross Hollis looked fantastic and got some great combinations off in this fight and was really impressive. He won every round and showed great power and shot selection, he is definitely one to look out for.

Danny Ball put on another great display winning every round and like Hollis banging in great combinations and shot selection. He really impressed me and the BcB need to get him in some more competitive fights so he can real show his worth.

The Birmingham Boxing Column thanks BcB for having the Column at there show.



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From White Collar to Professional Midlands area Lightweight Champion Kane Baker

Written by Dexter Hastings



Kane Baker moved over to the professional ranks on the 16th July 2016 beating Dan Carr on the undercard of the Craig Cunningham v Jason Welborn show at the Play football arena Birmingham. Kane who never had an amateur career but took up the noble art at the age of 20 using the white collar route. He took the sport up as a hobby as he loved to watch boxing and had 20 fights winning 15 of them and a few titles on the way.

After winning his first professional fight he went on to win his next three fights giving him a great start to his pro career. Baker was then offered a great opportunity which was to fight live on Sky sports against the hot prospect Conner Benn. Baker was stopped by the unbeaten Benn in the second round but earned a good purse and some good exposure on the big stage. This defeat lead to even more exposure going on the road again this time to Belfast SSE

arena Northern Ireland. He took on another unbeaten prospect in Gary Cully losing on points in a 4 round match.



Kane then got back to winning ways on a Black Country Boxing home show beating Chris Adaway on points. In Bakers next 4 fights he won two and lost two with both defeats coming on the road and were against unbeaten prospects.

Kane was getting a lot of notoriety as a fighter who will fight anyone anywhere, he was given another big opportunity when he took on another unbeaten prospect in Darren Surtees traveling half way a around the world to Saudi Arabia on the undercard of the George Groves v Calum Smith fight that was live on pay per view. Baker was stopped again in the second round, but made a good account of himself and again got a lot of exposure.



In the final month of 2018 Kane was offered the opportunity to fight for the Vacant Lightweight Midlands area title against the unbeaten fellow Brummie Ishmael Ellis. Baker who was fighting at his proper weight for the first time was still the away boxer on the Tommy Owens Promotions show called "The Thriller at the Villa 2" as it was held a Villa park Birmingham. Ellis was the odds on favourite but a lot of people did not take into account that Baker had been in with some of the top prospects in the country and these experiences could count in his favour. Baker put on a fantastic display out working Ellis over 10 rounds to win his first title on a points decision.

After winning the title Kane told me he never expected to every get a chance like this and was thankful to get it as he had five defeats on his record. When I asked him what was next he told me he is not just a boxing fan with a license he is a champion with a license and wants to fight the best out there.

Dexter's Thoughts



Kane Baker is one of the success stories that have come out of white collar boxing, with no amateur pedigree behind him he has shown that if you have the will you can find a way. He has had 14 fights and yes has lost 5 but all these fights have been away fights against some of the UK's top unbeaten prospects. Kane has only been stopped twice and went the distance in three of his five defeats against Sanjeev Sahota, Gary Cully and Maxwell who has shared the ring twice and gone the distance with Lomachencko in the armatures. Im sure if you ask Kane he would tell you he learnt a lot more from the 5 defeats than his 9 wins. I have got a lot of time for Kane as we both fought on unlicensed/White collar secret. Baker is a likable character and has managed to do an awful lot in a short time in pro boxing, fighting live on TV and traveling a broad to fight. He has great support from his Black Country Boxing team and especially from his wife and biggest fan Coral. I think Kane can go as far as he wants in boxing, as he says he is "Chasing stories not glory".



Baker getting his hand raised to win the Midlands area title

No Retreat No Surrender **Tommy Owens Promotions**

23/2/2019

Written by Dexter Hastings



The Birmingham Boxing Column returned to the Holte suite Villa Park for Tommy Owens Promotions second show of February. The show was called "No Retreat No Surrender" and consisted of seven bouts of boxing with five of them being over 4 three minute rounds and two over six. With the ref Shaun Messer and the gorgeous ring girls from CP Agency Lauren and Jade the stage was set for a great night of boxing.

Results

Figt 1 - Matt Sen v Remigijus Ziausys. - 4x3 Cruiserweight.
Result - Dexter – 39-39 - Ref 39-38.- Sen wins of points.

Figt 2 - Ammir Fiaz v Chris Jenkinson - 4x3 super Middleweight
Result - Dexterr 40-36 - Ref 40-36 - Faiz wins on points

Figt 3 - Jack O'Keeffe v Michael Mooney - 6x3. Super Lightweight.
Result - Dexter – 60-54 - Ref – 60-54.- O'Keeffe wins on points

Figt 4 - Clayton Bricknell v Youssef Al Hanidi - 4x3 super Lightweight
Results -Technical Draw

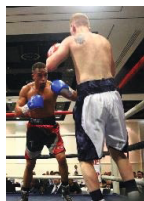
Figt 5.- Sean Daly v Paul Ducie -4x3 Welterweight. .
Result - Dexter 40-35 - Ref 40-35.- Daly wins on points.

Figt 6 - Ben Fields v Lee Gunter - 4x3 Super welterweight
Results - Dexter 40-37 Ref 40-37 - Fields wins on points

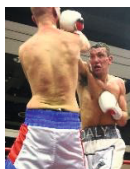
Figt 7 - Kash Ali v Colin Butch Goldhawk - 6x3. Heavyweight
Result Ali wins 1st round stoppage

Dexter's Thoughts

Another great night of boxing at the Holte suite Villa Park thanks to Tommy Owens Promotions, we start off with the main event, Kash Ali took no time at all to stop his opponent in the first round. I have seen Ali fight a few times now and have yet to see him go passed the first round. He has got a big fight coming up against former Olympic medallist Jason Price which I think will tell us how good Ali is rather than these first round K.O's.



Ben Fields was very very impressive in a hard fought fight against the talented Lee Gunter. Fields showed some great movement and shot selection in a high paced contest that I thought would be a test for Fields. I'm happy to say the Smoking Joe's gym fighter passed the test in good style and is looking a complete boxer who can fight at home or on the road.



Sean Daly kept his unbeaten record in impressive style, I have always said that he is a good technical fighter but likes to much to be drawn into a scrap. Tonight for the first two rounds Daly boxed extremely well, he did try and get into a scrap in the third but his opponent did not want to know. If Daly continues to use his boxing skills, one of the Bbcolumn's boxers to watch has got a big future in front of him.

I felt really bad for Bricknell who will have this Technical draw on his record, he came out strong and you could see how this fight was going to go. His opponent picked up an injury in the first minute of the first round and it was deemed a technical draw by Shaun Messer. I talked to Shaun after and asked shouldn't it have been a win for Bricknell or at worst a no contest? Messer informed me that the rules stated that if something like this happens it is classed as a technical draw. Hopefully Bricknell will put this behind him and I'm sure will be back in the ring soon.



"No Beef" O'Keeffe took his unbeaten record to 7 without defeat, O'Keeffe had to work hard in the sponsors fight of the night against the durable Mooney who gave the Vegan boxer a good test over 6 rounds. O'Keeffe another Bbcolumn's boxer to watch has got a big future if he continues boxing the way he did.

Amir Fiaz really did impress me tonight, he had a great jab, took the centre of the ring and showed great shot selection. This was just his second professional fight and like it said on the front of his shorts he could have a great "Future" in boxing.

It was great to see Matt Sen back to winning ways, Sen flustered me in this fight as he could have had an easy night if he had boxed on the outside and not got dragged into a scrap. Ziausys was having his 125th fight and has been in with some of the best Heavy and cruiserweights around, Sen got drawn into a scrap which suited Ziausys but Sen battled hard and looked real good especially when he boxed. Matt can take a lot of positives out of this fight the main ones were that he won, he looked like he made weight correctly, he showed he could still take a punch and when he chooses to box he has got great ring craft. I'm sure with new trainer Spencer McCracken and the Eastside team behind him Sen will progress and become a title contender very soon.

The Birmingham Boxing Column would like to thank Tommy Owens Promotions for having us at there show and we look forward to the next one.



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Pro Boxer River Wilson Bent

Written by Dexter Hastings



River Wilson-Bent is a 25 year old professional boxer from Bedworth Coventry, the 6 foot 2 Middleweight fights in a orthodox stance and is unbeaten with three wins in his first three pro fights.

River started boxing when he was 14 and had a amateur record of 57 fights with 37 wins. As an amateur he won the central area English Middleweight title and two Haringey box cup silvers at 69kg and 75kg.

Wilson-Bent fights out of Bulkington ABC and is trained by Brendan Norman and was inspired to take up boxing by one of his friends. River told me "one of my mates always asked me to do a session up the local boxing gym and when I did get off my ass and went I never looked back, I was hooked".

River made his professional debut in November 2018 winning and then having his second fight in December winning again In front of a massive support. Wilson Bent got his third win in March of 2019 winning in his Hometown of Coventry when joint headlined the Tommy Owens Promotions show "Homecoming".



My next question was, who is your favorite boxer and why?

River replied with "Roy Jones Jr, he was an amazing boxer in the pro's and amateurs he had it all speed, power and agility, very flashy boxer". I then asked the talented fighter, what is the best fight you have seen? River told me "Any fight of Lomachenko, he always puts on a show his footwork is the best in the game, he is a entertaining fighter".

My final question to River was, what has been your hardest fight? Wilson-Bent informed me "It would have to be Gabriel Dossen, he was number 1 in Ireland, a bronze world medallist and bronze European medallist, I boxed him in the Haringey box cup final, top lad one to watch out for".

Dexter's Thoughts

It was my pleasure to have seen both Rivers first two pro fights, in his first fight he stopped his opponent in quick time in front of a massive following from Coventry at the Tommy Owens Promotions show at Villa park in November of last year. He then went on and fought on the December show at Villa park where we got to see more of his boxing skills as Jordan Grannum took him the 4 round distance. River looked very impressive in this fight winning every round in front of another big following. He then went on and won in his home town of Coventry where he joint headlined the show.

Wilson-Bent has shown in his first three fights he has stopping power and that he has the skills to box as well. He has a massive following and I can see the young Coventry lad getting a good unbeaten record

behind him and will be fighting for title in the next few years .

England v Ireland Amateur Show

written by Dexter Hastings



The Birmingham Boxing Column went to Villa Park Holte suite to watch the England v Ireland amateur boxing show. This show consisted of 14 bouts of boxing with the Irish team coming from Donegal and the English lads coming from 2nd city and Frankie Gavin's gym. Promoted by PPJ promotions with the two stunning ring girls Laura and Emma from Code Red promotions the stage was set for a great night of amateur boxing.

Results

Match 1 - Skills bout. 3x1 - Oliver Jones v Thomas Keavney.

Match 2 - Skills Bout 3x1 - Adam Parker v Noah Merrmus

**Match 3 - Head Guards 3x2 - Faz Farrell v Paul Hanna –
Result - Farran Farrell. - Second round stoppage .**

**Match 4 - Head Guard - Louis Varley v Paddy Rollinson
Result Dexter – Draw -Judges – Rollinson Unanimous decision**

**Match 5 - Patrick Farrell v Tom Brolly.- Head Guards.3x2.
Result - Dexter – Farrell. - Judges – Farrell – unanimous decision .**

**Match 6 - Daniel Connelly v Liam Crawford- Head Guards 3x2
Result - Dexter – Crawford - Judges Connelly – Split decision**

**Match 7- Christie Collins v Tom Mause. - Head Guards 3x2.
Result - Dexter – Collins - Judges – Collins – unanimous decision.**

**March 8- Dylan Clyft v Liam McMonagle - Head Guards 3x2
Result - Dexter – McMonagle - Judges – Clyft – Unanimous decision**

**Match 9.- Brad Coley v Craig Bigger - Head Guards. 3x2.
Result - Dexter – Bigger. Judges – Unanimous decision**

**Match 10 - Jay Turner v Eoin McGarrell Head Guards 3x3
Result -Turner wins 3rd round stoppage**

**Match 11- Liz Williams v Zoe Dosun - Head Guards 3x2
Result - Dexter – Williams - Judges – Williams – unanimous decision .**

**Match 12 - Lewis Coley v Don Bradley – Elite 3x3
Result - Dexter – Bradley - Judges – Conley split decision**

**Match 13 - Bradley Ferrie v D Lafferty -Elite 3x3.
Result - Dexter – Ferrie. - Judges – Lafferty – split decision .**

Match 14 - Olie Cassidy v Billy McNamee - Elite 3x3
Result - Dexter – McNamee - Judges – McNamee unanimous decision

Fight 15 – Daniel Glover v Billy McGlinchey – Elite 3x3
Result - Dexter – Glover - Judges – Glover

Dexter's Thoughts



What a great show to start 2019, I was very impressed with the English and Irish teams who put on a great display of amateur boxing. There were a few stand out fighters, for England there were the two Farrell lads with Faz looking very impressive working the body wells getting a stoppage. Patch Farrell also impressed with a unanimous decision with some nice boxing. Another lad who caught my eye was Jay Turner who put on a great display of the noble art getting a 3rd round stoppage. The Irish brought over there share of good fighters with McMontale, Bigger and McNamee all putting on great performances. Everyone who boxed on the show should be proud of themselves as it was a fantastic show. I thought some of the judges decision where a bit mad but hey that's amateur boxing.
The Birmingham Boxing Column would like to thank Paddy Farrell, Paddy Brennan and PPJ Promotions for having us there.



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Homecoming Tommy Owens Promotions

9/3/19

Written by Dexter Hastings & Jon Pegg



Tommy Owens Promotions put on a show in Coventry at the Mercia Banqueting Suite. The show consisted of 5 fights with three being over six three minute rounds and two over four three minute rounds. Below are the results of the fights with a short write up by Eastside gyms coach and manager Jon Pegg with my thoughts about the fighters at the end.

Results

Fight 1 - Troy James v Chris Adaway. 4x3.- James wins on points.

Fight 2 - River Wilson Bent v Daniel Urbanski – 4x3 - Wilson Bent wins on points

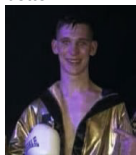
Fight 3 - Drew Brown v Kevin McCauley – 6x3 - Brown wins on points.

Fight 4 - Joe Sherriff v Dmitril Kalinovski – 6x3 - Sherriff wins on points

Fight 5 - David Seymour v Khvicha Gloglashvili – 6x3 - Seymour wins on points

Written by Jon Pegg

Great debut show in Coventry last night first time working with red corner gym and it couldn't have gone better.



Drew Brown came back from 12 months out with his first six rounder against the toughest man in the game Kev McCauley and got a points win.

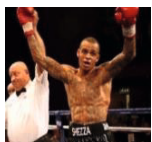
Troy James trained by Glenn Smith had a cracking four rounder with Chris Adaway who somehow withstood two fighting ending shots in the fourth round to lose on pts.

Troy looked fresh and sharp and good to see him in his home town.

David Nelson-Seymour trained by Warren Smith had a tricky six rounder against a very good Georgian opponent before winning 58.56 David will learn loads from this and I'm looking forward to progressing his career.

MTKs Joe Sherriff got a six rounder under his belt winning on pts and is building himself towards a title shot.

Joe won every round but at cruiser didn't have the same snap as when boxing at light heavy I expect to see that power back when Joe campaigns at his natural weight.



Onto the fan favourite River Wilson-Bent trained by Brendan Norman boxed Daniel Urbanski who had shared the ring with triple G

River did not disappoint dropping, cutting and dominating a 40 fight veteran who was a real test. Rivers army of fans were brilliant as usual and a pleasure to have in the building.

This is the first of many as myself and Tommy Owens want to do the same job with Coventry as we have with Birmingham and bring a great fight city some great shows

and championship



Dexter's Thoughts

It was a clean sweep from the home corner in this Tommy Owens Promotions show Homecoming, it's great to see TOPromotions showcasing some of their Coventry fighters in their own city. Joe Sherriff continued his winning run after making it 3 in a row in a six round points win. Seymour also made it two wins in a row in his first six rounder with fellow Godiva River Wilson Bent maintaining his unbeaten record 3 without defeat. Golden Robe winner Drew Brown took his record to 11 without defeat beating the tricky Kevin McCauley in his first six rounder. Troy James from Coventry ended his losing streak of 4 in a row with a good points win against the talented Chris Adaway. Many thanks to Jon Pegg for the write up.

Birmingham Boxing Column's

Awards 2018



Written by Dexter Hastings

As the Birmingham Boxing Column looks back on another great year in Midlands boxing we announce our awards for the "Boxers to watch", "Fight of the year" and the big one the Bbcolum's "Boxer of the year".

Boxers to Watch

Last year we named just two fighters who we thought were going to be boxers to watch. We got it pretty right with Shakan Pitters staying unbeaten and also winning the ultimate boxer II and James Beech Jr also staying unbeaten and moving up two weights to win his first major title the Midlands area Super Featherweight belt.



This year we are naming 5, we start off with Sean Daly, he is unbeaten in 7 fights and is a hard working boxer who does not mind getting into a scrap.

Next is Jack O'Keeffe the vegan boxer who like Daly has a massive following he has shown great boxing skills and is also unbeaten in seven fights. I think we will be hearing the "No Beef" chant a lot more on the Tommy Owens Promotions shows in the future.

Shaun Cooper has kicked on this year winning 2 fights already in 2019, Cooper is 8 without defeat and must have his eye on a Midlands area title.

Tom Silcox ended last year with his first six rounder taking his unbeaten record to seven. The Tamworth welterweight will be also looking for titles this year but he is in one of the hottest division in the Midlands at the moment.

Last but by no means least we have female boxer Rachel Ball, the former three times world kickboxing champion has impressed in her 4 fight unbeaten start to he boxing career and fought in one of the best fights of 2018 in a bloody battle at the stadium suit Bescott. Ball has travelled to Norway this year to take on a 10-0 unbeaten fighter Thanderz. Ball lost on a majority points decision but in my opinion Ball won.

Fight of the year

There were some great fights in 2018 and we have chosen three of them, in third place we have chosen a epic female encounter between Rachel Ball against Eftychia Kathopouli. Both fighters were knocked down in this bloody 6 rounder with Ball winning on points.

Second is Jason Welborn against Tommy Langford, this was there second encounter and lived up to the first with a fight of two Half's which was shown live on sky sports with Welborn retaining his British title.



The fight of the year had to be Tommy Langford against Jason Welborn at the Walsall town hall. This has to go down as one of the best fights I have ever seen with Welborn looking like he was going to stop the then champion Langford only for Langford to come back strong in the second part of the fight. Welborn won on a split decision which set up the great sequel.

Boxer of the year



There were a lot of fighters that this could have gone to but there was one fighter who out shone everyone. Jason Welborn had an unbelievable year winning the British Middleweight title against Tommy Langford and then defending live on sky sports against Langford in two epic fights winning both of them. Welborn ended the year by challenging for a world title traveling to America against Jarrett Hurd. Welborn gave a good account of himself but was stopped in the fourth round. Welborn is a well deserved winner and has made his mark by being entered into the Birmingham Boxing Column's Hall of Fame

Pride of the Midlands **BcB Promotions**

9/3/19

Written by Dexter Hastings



Black Country Boxing held there show "The Pride of the Midlands" at Walsall town hall (9/3/19). The show consisted of 5 fights with two of them over four three minute rounds, two over six and a female match over four two minute rounds. Headlining the show was former British Middleweight champion Tommy Langford on his first BcB show as the home boxer. Referee on the night was Kevin Parker, Master of ceremonies was Ben Walters and with the stunning ring girl Fiona from Diamond Ring doing the cards the stage was set for a great night of boxing.

Results

Fight 1- Kirstie Bavington v Katarina Vistica. - 4x2.- Welterweight – Female Match
Result - Bavington wins 2nd stoppage.

Fight 2 - Connor Lee Jones v Ibrar Riyaz - 4x3 - Welterweight
Result - Dexter 49-36 - Ref 40-36 Jones wins on points

Fight 3 - Connah Walker v Arvydas Trizno - 6x3 - Super welterweight.
Result - Walker wins in 3rd round count out

Fight 4- Tyler Denny v Arvydas Trizno - 6x3 - Light Heavyweights
Result - Dexter 60-54 - Ref 69-54 - Denny wins on points

Fight 5 - Tommy's Langford v Baptiste Castegnaro - 6x3 - Light heavyweights
Result - Dexter – 60 – 55 - Ref – 58 – 56 - Langford wins on points

Dexter's Thoughts



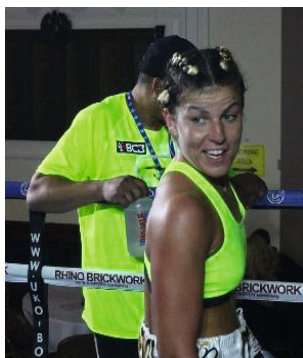
Walsall town hall is probably my favourite venue to watch boxing at and what a great night of boxing it was. Langford looked a bit rusty in his return to the ring after his two epic fights against Jason Welborn. He has moved up to super Middleweight and in parts of the fight did look like the slick boxer we know he can be. I did not have him losing a round but a lot of the rounds were close with Castegnaro really making him work for the win. I'm sure Tommy and his team will analyse the footage of the fight and fix the little things that need fixing and I'm sure he will be looking for titles at his new weight very soon.



Tyler Denny put on a great performances tonight, he looked fantastic and his movement and shot selection were on point. I have to give his opponent a lot of credit as he absorbed some heavy, heavy shots. I'm sure Denny will be in title contention again very soon.

Connah Walker also put on a great performance with a cracking 3rd round stoppage. He picked his shots well and took his time and when the opportunity came took it. With boxing legend Ricky Hatton in his corner I'm sure the unbeaten fighter has a great career ahead of him.

Connor Lee Jones showed some great ring craft and movement as he won on points. His shot selection was great combined with great combinations which made him any easy winner.



Kristie Bavington was in impressive form, coming out with an intent to stop her opponent. I was very impressed with how she took her time in the second and laid the traps to drop her opponent and win the fight. Bavington has come a long way from that draw in her first fight with this great stoppage.

The Birmingham Boxing Column would like to Thank BcB Promotions for having us at there show.

James Beech Jr The World is his Oyster

Written by Dexter Hastings



James Beech Jr made his Pro debut just over 2 years ago on the MTK show at Tudor Grange Solihull (11th February 2017). Beech at the age of 19 years old in front of a massive following who had made the trip from Walsall to see him witnessed a clinical points victory over four rounds against Simas Volosinas. Beech who is from Bloxwich Walsall had a impressive amateur career, he was trained by Peter Hickenbottom at Pleck ABC winning 5 Midlands area titles having over 80 fights and winning 50 of them.

Beech went on to win his next two pro fights on points in convincing style, in his forth fight he got his first stoppage against Russ Midgley at Walsall town hall (30th September 2017). Beech Jr's next fight was his first six rounder at the Imperial Banqueting suite Bilston, he won convincingly against Elvis Gullen but sustained a nasty cut above his eye during the fight.

Beech Jr didn't fight until April of 2018 which would be his last fight for MTK and was a 8 rounder for the super Bantamweight British challenge belt. Paul Guillen was also unbeaten and this was Beech Jr's first real challenge. In a hard fought battling fight Beech Jr came out the victor on a points decision.



Beech Jr then signed for Black Country Boxing promotions and went on to win two more fights on points, one was a six rounder against Edward Bjorklund (21/7/18) he then fought two months later beating Simas Volosinas in a four rounder (22/9/18).

Being eight unbeaten and winning three in a year would usually do most fighters but Beech had one more challenge before the 2018 was finished.

Black Country Boxing promotions announced that 21 year old James Beech Jr would be moving up two weight divisions to super Featherweight to challenge for the vacant Midlands area title. He would be fighting the talented Louis Fielding who was a natural Super Featherweight, at the Walsall town hall on the 8th December 2018. This was a cracking fight with Beech Jr really turning on the class for his hundreds of supporters cheering him on in his home town of Walsall. Beech Jr eventually stopped a very durable and determined Fielding in the 9th round winning his first proper title at the age of 21.



Dexter's Thoughts



I have followed James Beech Jr's career from that first night at Tudor Grange Solihull and from the end of the first round I knew I was seeing something special. I have talked this talented young boxer up to anyone who will listen to me even naming him as one of the bbcolumn's boxers to watch. In just 9 fights he has claimed a Midlands area title and not even at his normal super Bantamweight not one but two weights above at super Featherweight. This in its self was a great achievement and I think we have only just seen the start of a very big career. Beech is only 21 and I can see a big future for the Bloxwich lad especially with the BcB promotions behind him. He is another fighter who is destined to enter the Birmingham Boxing Column "Hall of Fame" and at the rate he is

going I can see him fighting for a British title in the next year or two. I think Beech Jr can go beyond the British and could see him contesting European, Commonwealth and dare I say it world titles. Just remember where you heard about him first.



Beech v Fielding

Summers proves he is at British standard in Defeat

Written by Dexter Hastings



Ricky "Digger" Summers took on the highly rated Andre Stirling on the undercard of the Degale, Eubank fight at the O2 arena London (23/2/19) in a British light Heavyweight Eliminator to be contested over 10 rounds. Summers came into the fight against the unbeaten Stirling (10-0) on the back of two good wins since his first pro defeat against British champion at that time Frank Buglioni. At the start of the fight it looked like we might be seeing a big upset as Summers dropped Stirling with a great one, two in the second round. Stirling managed to weather the storm and saw the round out but did look hurt from Summers power. Stirling then grew into the fight and took control with Summer sustaining a nasty cut above his left eye which played a big part in Stirling's victory. When the final bell went in the 10th round Stirling was the winner, the judges score cards were unanimous with Terry O'Connor having it 97-93, Howard Foster having it 97-92 and

Michael Alexander had it 97-92. This was a great fight with Summers asking some big questions of Stirling with him showing he is at British level.

Summer went on social media and put this statement up, the Black Country Boxing wrote "Watched my fight back just was a terrible performance from my self I know I'm a lot better than that the inactivity showed massively in not fighting in nearly a year also first time I have been cut in a fight witch was blinding my vision from the second round. I've learnt so much from this I can't wait for these cuts to heal and get back in the gym. But now it's time to have some family time and rest up".

Dexter's Thoughts.

I watch Ricky's fight last Saturday and was very impressed with the heart and determination as he took on one of the most highly rated light heavyweights around. Summers had him on down in the second with a great one two and I have got to give Stirling credit for getting up and weathering Summers attack for the rest of the round. With the combination of Summers being cut and Stirling being free with his head Stirling took control of the fight and won on a unanimous decision. Summers can take a lot of pride from this fight and has proved that he deserves to be at this level. Summers is 31 now so I hope to see him out a lot this year after he recovers and can see him contesting for British or even European title in the next 2 years.

Cori Gibbs Out of Title Fight with Hand Injury

Written by Dexter Hastings



Unbeaten Eastside hot prospect Cori Gibbs (12-0) has been forced to pull out of his Midlands area super lightweight fight due to a hand injury. Gibbs was scheduled to fight current unbeaten champion Connor Parker (10-0) at Walsall town hall (9/3/19) on the Black Country Boxing promotions Show called "Pride of the Midlands". Head of Boxing at BCB Errol Johnson said this about it fight being cancelled "It's really unfortunate that Cori is injured we'd still like to make the fight if Cori can get himself fit anytime soon. Connor is itching to get back in the ring and defend his title before moving on to bigger and better things."

I messaged Jon Pegg Cori's manager and asked him about the injury and if the fight will be rescheduled he said, "it was a little tap and it blew up, we are just waiting for the swelling to go down before making decision on a new date".

The show will still continue with Tommy Langford headlining it in his first fight at super Middleweight.

Dexter's Thoughts

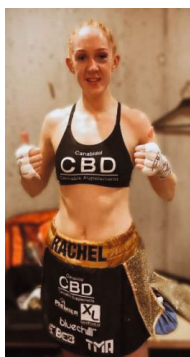


I'm gutted to hear this fight is off as it was set to be a cracker with two unbeaten fighters putting there unbeaten records on the line for the Midlands area super lightweight title. Gibbs only got to fight once last year due to a hand injury but looked fantastic stopping Victor Edagha in the second round. Parker was on a role last year having three fight beating Kevin Hooper for the Midlands super lightweight title then winning two more that year.

This was going to be a very close and hard fought contest and I myself was really looking forward to this one and hope that Cori's hand heals quickly and they can get this fight on soon. It will be great to see two of the best super lightweight's in the Midlands get to fight each other. The Column looks forward to this fight happening.

Ball Will Bounce Back From Defeat In Norway

written by Dexter Hastings



Black Country Boxing's female fighter Rachel Ball lost a majority decision against former European and WBC international champion Katharina Thanderz as chief support for Kai Robin Havnaa v Rad Rashid IBO international title fight in Arendal Norway (2/3/19). Both Ball and Thanderz were undefeated going into this fight with Ball record being 4-0 and Thanderz being 10-0.

This was a great match up "the boxer verses the brawler" with Ball showing great movement ring craft and shot selection as she boxed well on the back foot.

Thanderz who had came in 1 kilogram heavier than the agreed weight pressured the whole 8 rounds and got some great combination off on the inside. When the final bell went Thanderz got a majority decision with the judges scoring it 79-73, 78-74 and 76-76.

Rachel put this status up on her social media soon after the fight, she wrote "Last night I was awesome and no score cards will make me feel any differently. I stepped up over half a stone heavier than I usually fight and my opponent was overweight at weigh in, she was drained and knew she'd be putting the pounds on to refuel. My first time wearing 8oz gloves, my first 8 round fight, my first pro fight away from home and on a big show and I held my own every round, I out worked her and I used my movement and I was fitter. I've only had good feedback, people have said they thought I should have won or should have been a draw I can't change that now but last night was a win for me as a person and fighter. I'm proud of myself and so are my team and fans. Make up your own mind by watching the whole fight because the highlights weren't complimentary of my performance. Thank you to Gav & Errol in my corner, my sponsors, TMA, BCB and Sauerlands for the opportunity. Your messages of support have been overwhelming, thank you so much".

Dexter's Thoughts

This fight was always going to be a hard one for Rachel to win, away fights are always the same, how does the old saying goes "you got to knock them out to get a draw". This was definitely in play on two of the judges score cards, I had Ball winning the fight 78-76 and yes you may think I am scoring in Ball's favour because she is a Midlands boxer but you would be wrong. Ball boxed fantastic on the back foot getting great one twos off covering up when needing to and standing her ground when she had to. Her movement was great as she lead the raging bull around the ring like a ginger matador. Now I can see how the one judge scored it a draw as it could be conceived as a pick um type fight if you like clean tidy boxing you picked Ball if you liked pressure and aggressive fighting you would pick Thanderz. But two of the judges score cards gave it very wide but these are the risks you take fighting away from home. Ball and her team can walk away from this fight with a lot of pride and I'm sure the "Ginger Boxer" will bounce back and be back to winning ways very soon.

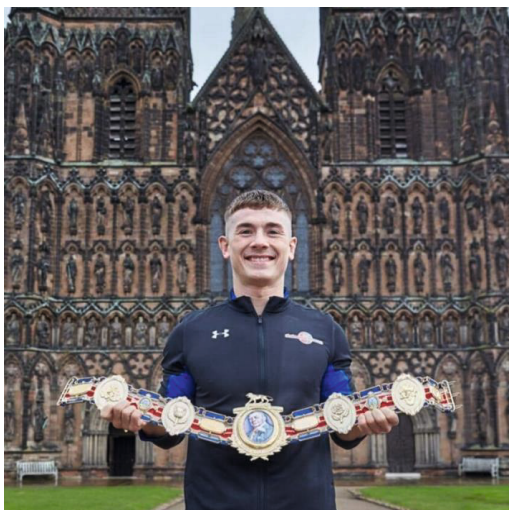
Foster Claims British Title at the age of 21

Written by Dexter Hastings



Twenty one year old Brad "The Blade" Foster took on the experience Josh "The Outlaw" Wale traveling to Wale's home town of Barnsley in a 12 round title fight for the vacant British super Bantamweight title. Wale who had already won the English then the British Bantamweight weight titles in 2017 had moved up in weight to take on Foster for the vacant title. Foster who went into this fight unbeaten in 10 had won the super Bantamweight Midlands area title in his last fight stopping Leon Gower in the 8th round. Foster put on a great display beating the former EBU Bantamweight challenger over 12 rounds on a unanimous points decision bringing the Lonsdale belt back to his home town of Lichfield. This win has made Foster one of the youngest post war fighters to win the

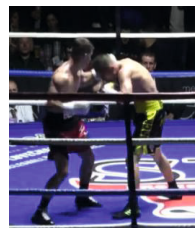
British title, he has beat Prince Nazism Hamid who was 21 and 7 months when he won it by 2 months as Brad is 21 and 5 months, he will also be the youngest member of the Birmingham Boxing Column's Hall of Fame beating Sam Eggington.



Foster with British belt outside Lichfield Cathedral picture by Robert Yardley

Dexter's Thoughts

What a great achievement for Brad at the age of twenty one, with only ten fights as a pro boxer behind him he has shown great determination and focus to go away from home and win this convective title. With no amateur career behind him but coming from a kickboxing background he has made the transition perfectly. He has taken the opportunity's that have been given to him and is now one of the youngest post war British Champions and I can honestly see him fighting for a European title in the next year or so. If Foster continues in his winning ways he could be fighting in world title by 24. Brad Foster is a welcome addition to the Birmingham Boxing Column's Hall of Fame.



Kelly can take pride in title defeat



Eastside Ryan Kelly took on unbeaten southpaw Michael McKinson for his WBC international silver welterweight title at the Brentwood centre Brentwood (9/3/19). Against a very tricky opponent with over 200 of his supporters cheering him on Kelly showed a lot of heart, skill, ring craft and determination in a very hard fought but close fight taking it to the judges score cards. The judges score card were unanimous with Christophe Fernandez giving it 99-90, Esa Lehtosaari having it 97-93 and Kevin McCann scoring it 97-92 all in favour of the champion McKinson. Kelly put this statement up the next day on social media, he wrote "Well

what can I say, woke up absolutely heart broken and disappointed. I would like to thank every single person who supported me the atmosphere was out of this world and you all did me proud. All I can do is sit down and work on things that went wrong, but I promise you this isn't the end of me it's simply just another learning curve. Thanks to all my friends/family/sponsors and general supporters I couldn't do it without you all. I also want to say what a fighter and a gentleman Michael McKinson is, fought a great fight and I take my hat off to him.

Dexter's Thoughts

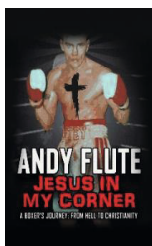


Gutted for Ryan, but the right person won, I did think the scoring was a bit wide because there were a lot of close rounds that would have been down to what style you like. Kelly showed loads of heart and determination and some great ring craft as he took on a very, very tricky and awkward opponent. Take nothing away from McKinson he fought a great fight but I did think it was closer than all three of the judges scored it. Kelly is still a young man and like with the Harper defeat will learn

from this and come back an even better boxer. I can still see the "Ruthless" one contending for the British title in the next few years. As the saying goes "you don't lose you learn" and I'm sure Kelly and his Eastside team will be back in the squared circle very soon.

Andy Flute Boxer turned Author

Written by Dexter Hastings



Ex Professional boxer Andy Flute has put pen to paper and published his first book "Jesus in my corner".

The book chronicles his struggle to overcome a myriad of life-long challenges with violence and alcohol. For over 30 years, violence and alcohol were Andy's daily bread until one day by the power of prayer he managed to achieve what no amount of alcohol or prison incarceration could ever achieve. When he was at the point of death, intoxicated with alcohol following a ten day binging session his good friend John Crampton went to see his old mate and prayed for him with Pastor Steve.

Andy was fighting the demon of alcohol he was on the ropes down for the count, Andy was a former captain of the English boxing team and a British Middleweight title challenger along sparring partner Chris Eubank and other World class fighters, knew what brutal fighting was all about. This fight was different, one he couldn't win on his own strength. Andy felt an intense grip and destructive downwards spiral alcohol had on his life. Battered and bleeding with no more strength he called out to Jesus. This is a truly inspiring book and shows that how ever bad life gets with faith and determination you can get through it. To get your own copy of Andy's book "Jesus in my corner" you can contact Andy direct on 07702044266

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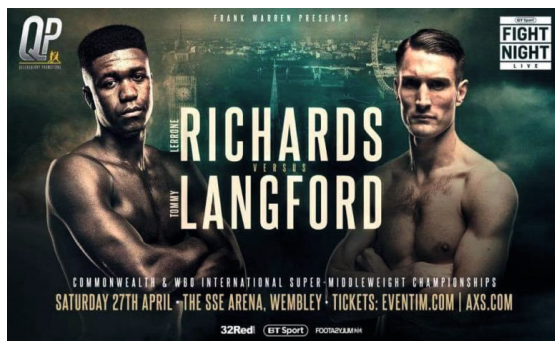
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Langford gets Commonwealth & WBO International title shot



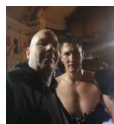
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After just one fight at super Middleweight former British and Commonwealth Middleweight champion Tommy Langford has been given the chance to fight for the vacant Super Middleweight Commonwealth and WBO international title at the SSE Arena Wembley on the 27th April. Langford who has won 21 fights out of 24 will be facing unbeaten fighter Lerrone Richards who has won all of his 11 fights as top of the bill live on BT sports.

Langford who has just signed for BcB Promotions had his first Super Middleweight contest on the Pride of the Midland's show at Walsall town hall on (9/3/19). He got some of the ring rust off against Baptiste Castegnaro winning on points 58-56 in a six round contest. Langford (29) had two epic battles last year against Jason Welborn losing by two close decisions on points.



Dexter's Thoughts



Great news for Tommy Langford and his team to get this shot at a commonwealth and WBO international belts so soon after his super Middleweight debut. Langford boxed nicely at times against Castegnaro on his debut, but there was a element of ring rust as he was caught with some nice shots from his opponent who had came to win this six rounder. I'm sure Langford and his team will have looked at the footage of his debut and will be looking to correct any mistakes and make Langford a two time two weight Commonwealth champion and also get him the WBO international title as well.

The Birmingham Boxing Column look forward to reporting on this fight in April.

Fly Guys **BcB Promotions**

15/3/19

Written by Dexter Hastings



The Birmingham Boxing Column headed just up the road to the H-suite Edgbaston for Black Country Boxing promotions Fly Guys show. There were six bouts of boxing on the show with 4 fights over four three minute rounds, one over six rounds and the main event being for the Flyweight Midlands area title to be contested over 10. The main event saw champion Ijaz Ahmad take on Matt Windle in a highly anticipated fight. Also in the home corner you had Kane Baker, Daryl Pearce, Brad Thomas, Mussab Abubaker and Jordan Clayton. With Shaun Messer referring the show, Ben Walters announcing and the stunning ring girl Fiona from Diamond ring the stage was set for a great night of boxing.

Results

Fight 1 - Kane Baker v Luke Middleton.- 4x3- Super welterweight.

Result - Dexter – 40-36 - Ref – 40-36.- Baker wins on points.

Fight 2 - Daryl Pearce v Michael Mooney - 4x3 - Super welterweight

Result - Dexter-38-399 - Ref-38-39 - Mooney wins on points

Fight 3.-Brad Thomas v Dean Jones - 4x3.- Super Lightweight.

Result - Dexter 40- 37 Ref – 39-39 - Draw.

Fight 4 - Mussab Abubaker v Dale Arrowsmith - 4x3.- MiddlDexter-40

Result - Dexter-40-36 Ref-49-36 - Abubaker wins on points

Fight 5 - Jordan Clayton v Jan Koree –6x3 - Super welterweight

Result -Dexter – 58-56 - Ref 59-59 -Draw

Clayton had to be given oxygen at the end of the fight while in the ring and was then rushed to Hospital where it has been reported he responded to the medics and treatment well.

Fight 6

Ijaz Ahmed v Matt Windle

7.13 10x3. 7.12

Flyweight Midlands area title



Fiery start by both fighters in the first with both looking to take control, great shots by both with Windle just edging it. Ahmed started the second round well and was in control, Windle then caught him with a cracking left hook which put Ahmed down. Ahmed got up and was able to carry on. Windle came out flying with punches but Ahmed weathered the storm and finished the round strong. The third was a hard fought round with both fighters getting good shots off with Ahmed just nicking the round.



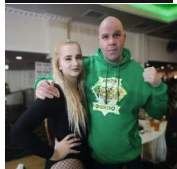
Round four was another hard fought round with both fighters getting good shots off, Ahmed controlled the centre of the ring and got the cleaner shots off. Ahmed was in control in the fifth controlling the pace and getting good combinations off. Windle battled back hard but Ahmed had this round. Windle showed a lot of heart but was getting caught with too many shots as Ahmed banded in heavy punches. Windle took them well and got some cracking shot off of his own but this was Ahmed's round.

Windle came out with intent in the seventh and banded in some good shots, Ahmed weathered the storm and came back with shots of his own this was a too and throw round. Windle showed the heart of a lion in the eighth as he banded in combinations in an attempt to get back into the fight. Ahmed came back strong but this was Windle's round. The ninth was another close round with both fighters giving it there all, I could not split them. The final round was another close one that could have been fought in a phone boxes as both fighters went toe to toe banded in shots until the final bell, another even round.



Dexter 96-96 Ref – 97-94
Ahmed wins on points

Dexter's Thoughts



What a great night of boxing with some great fights, we start with the main event. This was a fantastic fight that in my eyes was a lot closer than the refs score card suggested. At the end of the 10 rounds I had it even but was not surprised that Ahmed was the victor. Ahmed was the champion going into the fight and the home fighter so was always going to get it if it was close. A lot of people criticized Shaun Messer's score card as he had Ahmed winning by a long margin, but boxing is all about perception. There were a lot of very close rounds that could have gone either

way and on my card I gave them even, but in a title fight you really want a winner so these close rounds could have gone either way. This is a fight I would love to see again and maybe it will but Windle my not have got the verdict but can hold his head up high.

The Clayton, Koree fight result was a draw but I did think Clayton just edged it. At the end of the fight Clayton collapsed and was given oxygen and was then taken to hospital by the paramedics. Thankfully it was announced that Clayton had started to responded to treatment and the medics and was ok. This is great news as it was a very worrying time at the end of the fight. As for the fight Clayton seemed to fade in the final few rounds and took way to many shots in the final round. Luckily Koree didn't seem to have that knockout power or this fight many have not seen the final bell. Clayton did not look like the fighter I have watched before I hope to see him back to his old ways soon.

Abubaker smashed his opponent all over the place in this four rounder, he picked his shots well and banged in some cracking combinations. Abubaker has a massive following and I really think this Middleweight need a bigger test that Arrowsmith could give him.



Brad Thomas has got to be one of the most unluckiest fighters around getting another draw on his record. I though he did more than enough to win having him winning three out of the four rounds. The rounds were close but if Thomas relied more on his boxing skills instead of thinking he has to go to war every time he steps into the ring I think these draws will turn into wins. The Bosh is still unbeaten and I am sure he will get a W in his next fight.

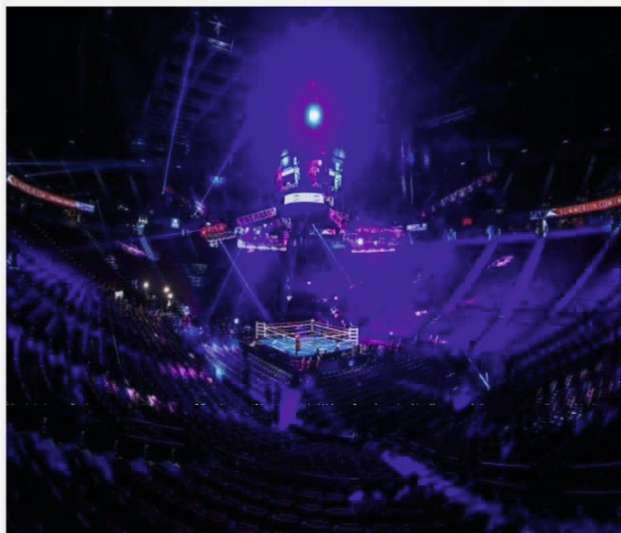
Daryl Pearce was beaten tonight by a very experienced journey man in Michael Mooney. Mooney was a deserved winner out working the fledgling boxer in only his second fight. It was great to see Mooney get a win and if Pearce can learn from this defeat he will go far.



Midlands area welterweight champion Kane Baker won his four rounder in a shut out points victory, It was great seeing Baker back in the ring after his great victory against Ishmael Ellis last year to win the title.

The Birmingham Boxing Column would like to thank Black Country Boxing promotions for having us at there show.

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Trainer Shaun Cogan is a retired professional boxer from Birmingham who fought some great fighters like Rocky Lawlor, Karl Taylor and a epic fight that is still talked about against fellow Brummie Malcolm Malvin which was for the Midlands area and the Irish national lightweight title. Shaun who retired after 25 fights winning 17 and drawings 1 he also fought for the commonwealth super lightweight title near the end of his career.

Cogan has amassed a good stable of young and experience fighters at Smoking Joe's here is a quick breakdown of the fighters.

Sean "Showtime" Davis is a 28 year old fighter from Hockey Birmingham. Davis record is 14 fights with 12 wins. Davis won the super Bantamweight English title in his ninth fight and the WBC international super Bantamweight welterweight title in his eleventh. Davis has also fourth for the British title losing to the talented Thomas Patrick Ward. Davis is training hard at the moment in smoking Joe's as there are rumours of a English title fight or even another crack at the British title against newly crowned Brad Foster, Mr Showtime is now has also picked up two new sponsors, D&S Brickwork and Uniboxs Ring hire.

Kelcie "The Cannon" Ball is a 27 year old super welterweight from Nuneaton, Ball has an impressive record of 10 fights with nine wins with his only defeat coming in a super welterweight Midlands area title fight against Ryan Kelly which was aired live on Sky Sports. Ball has now signed with BcB Promotions and will be back in the ring as a Middleweight on May 11th at Walsall town hall.

Ben Fields is a 29 year old welterweight from Digbeth Birmingham, Fields has been a pro for just over 8 months as already fought 8 times. Fields is much more than just a journey man as he has won 4 and drew 1 out of his 8 fights. Fields has a inspectional back story which has been reported in the national newspapers and on the column, Fields is looking to fight for a Midlands area title in the next year or two.

Nathan Bendon is a 26 year-old former European Muay Thai fighter who changed over to the noble art in September of 2018. He has had two fights so far and has won them both and is looking to take the super welterweight division by storm.

Jordan Lynch has been inactive for the last two years as he has been working hard building his own personal training business and now owns his own gym. Lynch (29) came from the unlicensed secret and has had 2 professional fights wins one and losing one. Lynch is now ready to make his come back and will be back in the squared circle in 2019

Last but by no means least is 29 year old heavyweight Shaun Duffy. Duffy who was unbeaten when he was an unlicensed fight. Duffy lost his first fight but has re-evaluated and leant from his mistakes and won his second fight in March of this year. The heavy hitter is now looking to go as far as possible in his boxing career.

Dexter's Thoughts

Smoking Joe's is situated in the Fightden gym where the Birmingham Boxing Column airs a lot of its flagship YouTube show "Welcome to Fightden". I have watched Shaun Cogan put his pros though there paces on a number of occasions and see how much he puts into make them the best they can be. If you think you have what it takes to be a professional fighter and want that personal touch there are not many places better to enquire how to get started.



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23/3/19

Written by Dexter Hastings



The Column were invited to the Ivy Leaf social club Sheldon to watch Frankie Gavin's Ringside boxing clubs amateur show. There were 10 amateur fights on the cards which included two skills bouts and two senior bouts. The boxers came from Frankie Gavin's gym, Aston ABC, Sherrington ABC, Capitol ABC, Donnington ABC, Newdigate ABC, Solihull ABC and Spire boxing academy. Comparing on the night was Darren Burrige as we were set for an entertaining night of amateur boxing.

Results

Bout 1 - Female Evie Kempson v Charlotte Challenger 3x1 Skills

Bout 2 - Taylor Spence v Kieran Everett - Skills -3 X 1 and a half

Bout 3 - Max McCracken v Liam Wheeler -3X1 & a half - Head guards

Results - Dexter – McCracken - Judges – McCracken unanimous decision

Bout 4 - Rian Turner v - Strong 3x1 & a half - Head guards

Results - Dexter – Turner - Judges – Turner unanimous decision

Bout 5 - Jacob Turner v Jack Forward-3x1 & a half - Head guards

Result – Dexter - Forward -Judges – Forward unanimous decision

Bout 6 - Dylan Clift v Finley Davies - 3x2 - Head guards

Result - Dexter – Clift - Judges – Clift unanimous decision

Bout 7 - Christopher Dixon v Jacob Roberts - 3x2 - Head guards

Result - Dexter – Dixon - Judges – Dixon unanimous

Bout 8 - Mike Murphy v Billy Gayles - 3x2 - Senior

Result - Dexter – Gayle's - Judges – Murphy Split decision

Bout 8 - Jay Turner v Richman Lassa - 3x2 - Head guards

Result - Dexter – Turner - Judges – Turner Split decision

Bout 10 - Raphael McDowell v Negus Fraser - 3x2 -Senior

Result - Fraser wins first round stoppage.

Dexter's Thoughts



Really enjoyed this amateur show, there was a very high level of boxing on display. There was a stoppage in the final fight with Fraser stopping McDowell, this was a heavyweight fight and from the first bell you could see this fight would end in a stoppage. Great shot by Fraser who had a Tyson like style, as for McDowell in the heavyweight division this can happen it's just how you deal with it. If McDowell learns from this he can come back a better boxer.



Jay Turner struggled tonight with his opponents Ragamuffin style, he over come it and got the win but as his corner said to him after you will have fights like this. I have saw Turner box before and know how good he is, this was definitely a good test for him and he will learn from it.



Dylan Clift boxed really well tonight with some great controlled pressure boxing. I had watch Clift box before on the England select show and have been criticized for giving him a bad write up. I only write what I think and tonight Clift looked great, with controlled pressure great combinations and shot selection.



Max McCracken impressed me tonight, he is a proper little pressure fighter, who picks his shots well and get some nice combinations off. Following in his family's traditional I can see young Max going all the way.

Everyone else on the show boxed really well and I can honestly say I was impressed with the skills levels especially of some of the younger fighters. The Birmingham Boxing Column would like to thank Frankie Ringside Boxing gym for have me at there show.

Night of Champions
Tommy Owens Promotions
28/3/19



Tommy Owens Promotions held there last show of March at The Holte suite Villa Park, the show was called the "Night of Champions" and had 8 fights on its card. The main event was the highly anticipated Midlands area welterweight title match between Champion Kaissee Benjamin and the challenger Danny Ball over 10 three minute rounds. There was a great line up on the undercard, in the home corner you had Leo D'erlanger starting the show off with a six rounder, you the then had Smoking Joe's Heavyweight Shaun Duffy doing 4 two minute rounds. Doing 4 three minute rounds you had Ishmael Ellis, Shaun Copper, Anthony Manning and Les Byfield. You also had Mr Golden Robe The ultimate boxer 2 champion Shakan Pitters showcasing his talents over six three minute rounds. With David Nikolich comparing, Kevin Parker and Chris Deen refereeing the show and of course the stunning ring girls Lauren Ritchie and Louise from CP Agency the stage was set for a championship night of boxing.

Results

Fight 1 - Leo D'erlanger v Andrew Harris 6x2 - Super-Featherweight
Result - Dexter – 59-55 - Ref 59-55 - D'erlanger wins on points

Fight 2 - Shaun Duffy v Colin Goldhawk - 4x2 - Heavyweight
Result - Dexter - 40-36 - Ref 49-36 - Duffy wins on points

Fight 3 - Ishmael Ellis v Ivar Riyaz - 4x3 - Welterweight
Result - Dexter – 40-36 - Ref 39-37 - Ellis wins on points

Fight 4 - Anthony Manning v Antoli Lyubenov - 4x3 - Middleweight
Result - Manning wins 4th round stoppage 2 minutes 33 seconds

Fight 5 - Les Byfield v Izzy Ahmed - 4x3 - Lightweight
Result - Dexter 39-39 - Ref 38-38 -Draw

Fight 6 - Shakan Pitters v Norbert Szekeres - 6x3 - Cruiserweight
Result - Pitters wins first round KO 2 minutes 30

Fight 7 - Shaun Cooper v Simas Volosonas - 4x3 - Super lightweight
Result - Dexter – 40-36 - Ref - 40-36 - Cooper wins on points

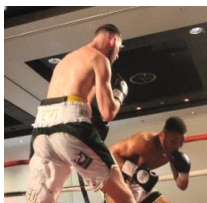
Main Event
Midlands welterweight area title
Kaisee Benjamin v Danny Ball
10.6. 10x3. 10.7
Welterweight



Steady start by both fighters as they sized each other up, Benjamin took the round with the better work in the second part of the round. Close start to the second with Ball starting to bang in some good shots in, Benjamin continued to box we'll and again won the round finishing the stronger. Ball did better in the third but Benjamin continued to box well but Ball nicked this round with the better work rate.



Benjamin seem to be breaking Ball down with his heavy shots, Ball came back in the middle part of the round with some eye catching shots. Benjamin then came back strong in the final part of the round to win it. The fifth was a too and throw round with both fighters having there moments, Benjamin won the round with the cleaner shots and better work rate. In the sixth Ball stepped it up and got some good shots off Benjamin continued to box we'll but Ball won the round.



Benjamin caught Ball with some really hurtful right hands on several occasions in the seventh and some how Ball took them and came back with Benjamin won the round. Benjamin controlled the eighth picking his shots well, Ball had his moments getting good shots off and finished strong but it was Benjamin's round. Benjamin seemed to take around off as he moved around the ring well switch hitting, Ball worked really hard getting good shots off nicking the round. Great final round with both fighters leaving it all in the ring, Ball got this round with but there was not much in it.

Result



Dexter – 96-94
Ref – 95-95
Draw Benjamin retains tittle

Dexter Thoughts



will be seeing Benjamin v Ball fight again.

What a great show, with a great main event. Benjamin and Ball fought it out over 10 rounds with the ref giving a draw, myself I had Benjamin winning by 2 rounds but a lot of the rounds were close so its how you saw it really. After the first few rounds I did think Benjamin was just going to break down Ball with his heavy shots but Ball proved me wrong. Ball took some cracking shots and fought back hard getting some nice combinations off. Benjamin seemed to switch off every now and then in the fight but when he was on it he looked fantastic making good shots selection and some eye catching heavy shots. This was a great fight and because it was a draw I'm sure we

Shaun Cooper looked impressive as always, great work rate and combinations he is now 8 undefeated and should be now looking for a title shot.



Shakan Pitters kept his unbeaten record with a impressive first round stoppage. Pitters picked his shots well and the uppercut that ended the fight would look great on any highlight reel. He is now 11 without defeat and he has got to get a title shot this year, myself I'm thinking of at least a English or even a crack at the British that is how highly I rate him.

Byfield had a tough one against Ahmed, this was a very even fight and the kind of cancelled each other out, a draw was the best result and both fighters can learn from this one.

Anthony Manning continues his impressive progress under the Eastside team, his shot selection and heavy hands have brought him 5 wins in a row and he has come a long way from his first fight. Great right hand to stop his opponent tonight to get his first stoppage.



It was great to Ishmael Ellis back in the ring, he showed great movement and shot selection in his four round fight. If rumours are to be believed he could be moving up a weight and taking on "No Beef" Jack O'Keefe for the super lightweight Midlands area title if this is true it will be a great fight.

It was great to see Shaun Duffy get his first professional win tonight, the Smoking Joe's fight was stopped in his first fight and had a lot of demons to fight as he stepped into the same ring at Villa park. Thankfully he slayed all of them as he boxed really well fighting his height, using his hurtful jab well and not getting involved in a scrap. There are still a few things for him to work on but this will be a great boost for him getting his first win.

Leo D'erlanger looked really impressive with some nice tidy boxing, this was the first time I had seen him box and look forward to see him again.

The Birmingham Boxing Column thanks Tommy Owens Promotions for having the Column at there show and look forward to the next one on the 4th May.

Amy Timlin joins BcB promotions



Former kickboxing world champion Amy Timlin has signed a professional boxing contract with Black Country Boxing promotions at the age of 19. Timlin smashed the kickboxing scene winning a British title, 5 national titles, a Commonwealth a European and a world title. Timlin has only had nine amateur fights before turning over winning 5 of them but fought some hard competition like the world's number 3 fighter from Russia only losing on a split decision with slot of people thinking she should have won. Timlin was trained as an amateur by Frankie Gavin but will now be under the tutelage of BcB's head coaches Paul Mann and Errol Johnson.

Head Trainer Paul Mann said this about the Timlin joining the BcB stable he said "She's a real baby faced assassin. She has great power and work rate and has a very, very bright future."

When Timlin was ask about her how she feels about turning over to the paid ranks she said "I can't wait, I think the pro game will suit me as I like to sit down on my shots. This is the start of an exciting journey for me. I'm turning over to the pros because I'm more suited to it, I like to ground myself and sit down on my punches, everyone says I have a pro style of fighting".

Timlin is making her pro debut on May 11th at Walsall town hall on BcB's "Showtime" show when asked how she felt about making her pro debut she said "I'm really excited, I can't wait for my debut in May"

The teenage Baby face assassin becomes the sixth female boxer to join the ranks as she joins Kristine Shergold, Rachel Ball, Kirstie Bavington, Dani Hodges and Lauren Johnson on the BCB Books.

A promotional poster for a professional boxing event titled "SHOWTIME". The poster features a group of eight boxers in various poses against a red background. At the top, it says "ALLIANCE Scaffolding" and "Licensed by the BRITISH BOXING BOARD OF CONTROL". Below the title, it lists the event as "ERROL JOHNSON'S BCB PROMOTIONS PRESENTS PROFESSIONAL BOXING". The main text "SHOWTIME" is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the boxers, there is a list of names and their opponents: LUKE JAMES vs. LEVI FERGUSON, RECKY JONES vs. ROLICE CANNON BALL, KIRSTIE BAVINGTON vs. AMY TIMLIN, and KUBER CAMPBELL vs. RUBY CAMPBELL. The event is held at "Walsall Town Hall, Leicester Street, Walsall, WS1 1TP." on "Saturday, 11th May 2019". Ticket prices are listed as "TICKETS: £35 standard unreserved (bottle bar only) or £40 on the door or £65 VIP Ringside with buffet and waitress service". Contact information is "Call 0845 111 2900 or The Boxers or". Doors open at "6.00pm, FIRST BELL: 7.00pm". At the bottom, there are logos for Alliance, BCB, CMFC, Village, and Cympro.

The Birmingham Boxing Column look forward to watching Amy in the pro ranks on May 11th.

Dexter's Thoughts

The column featured Amy when she had just turned over to the amateurs at the age of seventeen and I knew then this girl was destined for the pro ranks. Timlin may have only had nine Amateur fights but has fought at a high level in the ABA's due to her success in Kickboxing. Nineteen is a young age to turn over to the pros but Amy and her team are confident that her style suits the paid ranks. Black Country Boxing promotions has a great stable of female fighters now as this part of the sport grows. If she can follow in the footsteps of her stable mates Ball, Hodges, Bavington, Shergold and Johnson she will have a great start to her career.

Smith Stops Eggington, Kash
Ali Disqualified For Biting.



Sam Eggington took on the very highly rated Liam Smith on the Matchroom show in Liverpool for the super Welterweight WBC silver belt (30/3/19). The fight was stopped in the 5th round by the ref after Eggington put up a valiant fight but was just out classed by the world rated Smith. Eggington left it all in the ring with his no nonsense come forward style, but Smith proved his world class standing breaking "The Savage" down picking his shots well and getting the stoppage in the 5th round. This was a great performance from Smith who had been out of the ring for a while, Eddie Hearn

said after the fight in an interview that Smith's next fight could potential be against Garcia or Kell Brook.



On the undercard of this fight you had Kash Ali taking on David Price, in a disgusting display of pure madness Ali bit Price Twice once in the second round and then in the fifth. After being caught by Price with a cracking right hand Ali wrestled Price to the ground and bit him on the stomach with the ref disqualifying Ali. It has been said that Ali may be suspended from boxing for this and have his purse withheld.

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This was always going to be a hard fight for Eggington as Smith is a world class fighter. Sam is still a young man and will learn from this experience and come back stronger for it. I am a big Eggington fan and hope to see him back in the ring soon, I would like to see him fight more on a domestic scale before moving back up to world level. I think looking at becoming a two time two weight British champion would be a great achievement for Sam and against the current champion Ted Cheeseman Matchroom could have a very exciting fight on there hands. I'm sure Sam and

his Eastside team will regroup and come again very soon.



As for Kash Ali, what was on his mind? This was disgraceful and I can't understand why he would do this. I come from an unlicensed back ground and have witnessed some mad shit in my time at shows but nothing like this. I have watched Ali on a number of occasions and have seen him win mostly in the first few rounds but I was never convinced he would be able to take it to the next level. What he did in the ring was mental and I hate to be negative about Birmingham boxers. I have watched a you tube documentary stating Ali is from Rotherham well they can keep him, boxing is a gentleman's sport thats why it's called the

noble art and there is no place for this kind of shit.

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