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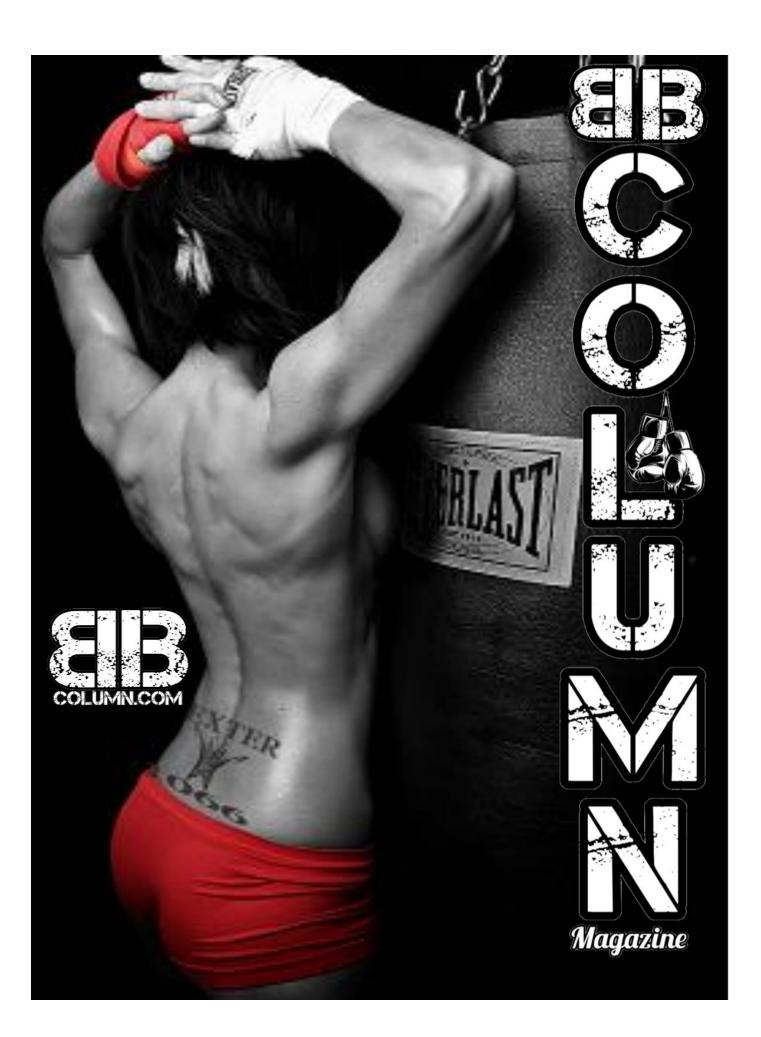
















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Fields takes another unbeaten record

Written by Dexter Hastings



Smoking Joe's road warrior Ben Fields has been at it again taking another prospects unbeaten record. Nathan Bennett was 7 without defeat going into this fight with the "O-Taker" Ben Fields in his home town of Liverpool at the Olympia (6,10,19). Bennett was very confident that he could beat Fields calling him out for this 6 round fight. Fields who has got a 10 round super lightweight eliminator against Lee Appleyard for the English title on the 23rd October did not hesitate in accepting the challenge. Fields had only fought the week before on a VIP Promotions show taking Andrew Fleming's (7-0 at the time) unbeaten record but as always was up for the job.

The fight as always was a cracker when Fields is involved, it was very high paced with Fields pressing and putting pressure on and the much taller Bennett using his jab well with some good movement tying

Fields up when he got close. The first round went back and forth and I could not separate them. In the second Bennett showed why he was unbeaten using his jab well and getting some cracking combinations off. Fields pressed hard and got some good shot off of his own when he got inside but it was Bennetts round. The third was another back and forth round with both fighters doing what they do best, Fields getting on the inside and Bennett using his jab and keeping it long, another even round. The forth was the turning point as Fields started to wear Bennett down and really got some great combinations off keeping Bennett on the ropes for most of the round. In the fifth Bennett fought back hard and showed loads of heart but Fields continued to press and bang in combinations on the inside winning the round. The final round was a cracker with both fighters leaving it all in the ring Bennett fought with heart but so did Fields who was not going to be denied this victory, even round. At the final bell no one really knew who had won as it was that close, the ref had it 57-58 to Fields myself I had it 58-59 Fields, this was another well deserved win for the Smoking Joe's Road Warrior.



Dexter's Thoughts



Well Fields does it again, he has took another young prospects unbeaten record and now heads into his English eliminator on a 4 fight unbeaten run. Fields only came into the pro game to be a journeyman but he is far from that, his story is well documented and he has had an amazing journey getting to where he is. He is an inspirational person and I have a great feeling that he will beat Appleyard and go on an challenge

for the English title. If he is victorious in that then who knows where Ben Fields journey will take him,

all I know is that the Birmingham Boxing Column will be following his journey all the way.

Stokin the Fire

BcB Promotions 12/10/19
Written by Dexter Hastings pictures by Michael Ault



Black Country boxing Promotions held there latest show "Stokin the Fire" at the Kings hall Stoke on Trent. The fight consisted of 7 fights with 4 of the being over 4 three minute rounds with one six rounder and a female fight over 4 Two minute rounds. The main event was a 10 round contest with unbeaten Midlands area Middleweight champion Nathan Heaney taking on former Olympian Serge Ambomo. Unfortunately the column was not at the show but watched it on the live stream courtesy of BcB Promotions, refereeing on the night was Shaun Messer.

Results

4x3 minute rounds

Atal Khan v MJ Hall – 40-36 Khan wins on points

Connor Parker v Lester Cantillano - 40-36 Parker wins on points.

Cole Johnson v Ibrar Riyaz - 40-36 Johnson wins on points.

Connor Lee Jones v Qasim Hussain - 40-36 Jones wins on points.

Female fight

4x2 minute rounds - Amy Timlin v Bojana Libiszewska - 40-36 Timlin wins on points. 6x3 minute rounds - Luke Caci v Darryl Sharp - 59-56 Caci wins on points.

Main Event

10x3 minute rounds Nathan Heaney v Serge Ambomo - 99-93 Heaney wins on points



Dexter's Thoughts



Unfortunately I was not at this show due to work commitments but managed to watch the live stream.

Atal Khan was having his second professional fight and was in impressive form winning all four rounds against a very talented fighter in MJ Hall. Khan is now two without defeat and will be looking to continue his unbeaten record. Amy Timlin was in sensational form winning every round and taking her record to 3 without defeat, the young fighter seems to be getting better and better with every fight and I think she is definitely one to watch. As for the fight

Timlin showed a fast pace and looked confident through out with fast hands and some cracking left hands. Timlin did get caught a bit with counters but as long as she continues to progress I'm sure her and her team will sort that out.

Connor Parker put on a great display of boxing in this tick over fight, he is now 12 without defeat and the south paw will be looking to add more belts after winning the Midlands area super lightweight title last year.

Cole Johnson took his record to 4 without defeat with a fast start and some great shot picking, this was a very impressive performance by the Stoke lad.

Connor Lee Jones gave a measured performance against a fighter who was having his 100th pro fight, Lee Jones showed fast hands and great movement as he waits for a shot at a Midlands title. Luke Caci had a hard 6 rounder tonight sustaining cuts above both eyes due to two separate clashes of heads, the unbeaten fight dealt with it well fighting at range and putting on a great display of boxing.

The main event was a very controlled performance by Heaney as he boxed well at range getting his shots off well. His opponent tried to turn it into a war but Heaney for most parts stayed composed and boxed from range. There were moments where Heaney got drawn into a scrap but got back to his boxing quickly.

This looked like a great show and the column will be keeping an eye on the boxers from Stoke



Battle of Troy Tommy Owens Promotions

Written by Dexter Hastings & Jon Pegg



Tommy Owens Promotions headed to Coventry to the Mercia Banqueting suite where they were hosting the 'Battle of Troy" (12,10,19). The show consisted of five fights with four of them being over four, three minute rounds. The main event was the unbeaten and very talented River Wilson-Bent having his first six rounder, Refereeing on the night was Chris Deen.

Results

David Seymour v Ricky Leach (F) - 38-37 Seymour wins on points.

Dilbag Singh v Dmitrij Kalinovskij (HW) 40-36 Singh wins on points.

Michael Green v Paul Ducie (W) 39-37 Green wins on points.

Troy James v Dean Evens (SL) 40-36 Jones wins on points.

River Wilson Bent v William Warburton (M) 60-54 Wilson Bent wins on points

Unfortunately I was not at the show but one of Birmingham's top managers, coaches and boxing guru

Jon Pegg was to give his verdict

Peggy's Thoughts



Great show at the Mercia suite Coventry yesterday to celebrate the career of Troy James.

First up on the TOP card was a return for Michael Green who fought the tough and game welshman Paul Paul Ducie

Green boxed well taking the first two rounds behind a great jab and some long punches as Ducie had to show a great chin as he absorbed a lot of shots. Rounds three and 4 Ducie started to land with some swings as he turned it more in to a scrap.

Green kept his boxing together and fought up close when he had to take this fight 39 37. Credit to both lads on punching right up until the final bell ref Chris Deane was the man in the middle for all 5 bouts.

David Nelson-Seymour went up against the much bigger Ricky Leach in a warm up for his midlands area title fight with Matt Windle in November and it nearly all went wrong.

After punch picking and boxing beautifully for three and a half rounds the entertaining Seymour deciding to get a bit more aggressive and have a brawl with the 7 pounds heavier Leach. Forgetting defence and just letting hooks fly David walked onto a tremendous shot just before the finish and went down very heavily.

Clambering to his feet at a count of four Dave looked a bit unsteady and his corner were relieved when the final bell went midway threw the count.

His early lead was more than enough to ensure the win but corner man Warren Smith said he has to remove these lapses in concentration if he wants to win the coveted area belt. Score was 38.37 Another return after an absence was popular Dilly Singh who came back against Dmitri Kalinoski Singh landed heavy shots and boxed well on the front foot as Dimitri tried to counter any mistakes with fast right hands.

Good to see the Paul Hudson trained battler back doing what he does best

After winning every round of a well fought 4 rounder Singh made his intention clear one more fight then onto the area title early next year. score was 40 36

Bedfords hugely popular River Wilson-Bent bent took the step up to his 1st six rounder against one the most experienced men in the country Will Warburton last night.

Will is an acid test that many young prospects have faltered against and he has some great wins on his record that make any fight with him a risky proposition.

Strangely enough I had to do the stool in Wills corner as the house second for the evening Lee Spar helps Rivers trainer Brendan Norman in the corner. The one advantage of this was i got to hear first hand how impressed Will and his corner man were with the ever improving Bent.

First two rounds Bent got to work but was a little too close as the vastly experienced Warburton managed to negate most of the big shots coming his way as River set a hellish pace.

Rounds three and Four learning while on the job River used his size and reach to create room and really bang in some hard body shots around both sides and if it wasn't Warburton in the other corner i have no doubt we would have seen an early finish.

Ever improving Bent kept up the pace and switched continually from head to body as will slung back some real hard counters to keep the younger man at bay.

This was a really impressive performance and one of the better iv seen against will by a young prospect in some time.

Score was 60 54 and afterwards Bent visited Warburton in the dressing room to ask for advice on future fights which Warburton was happy to give and was full of praise for this young prospect. Big news coming for Bent this week.

Onto the main event and Coventry got a chance to say good bye to one of its bravest warriors in recent years in Troy James.

Wanting his last fight to be in his home city Troy took on hard punching veteran Dean Evans over rounds.

This was to be no walk in the park as Evans came to win and Troy with the whole room supporting him had to be on his best form to stay in front.

With Glen Glenn Smith in the corner helped by Paul Hudson and the rest of the red corner team troy was in safe hands though.

Banging away with hooks to body and head a couple of times troy looked like he might force a stoppage particularly with the left hook underneath the elbow but Evans was fighting hard and always fired back.

A bad head clash was worrying as i thought it may have caused a cut but Troy shook it off and kept working away.

Troys signature good head movement was evident and if this wasn't his last fight youd have swore he still had a few years left in the game.

Finishing strong for all his fans Troy left nothing in the ring and won every round to send all his fans home happy including his partner Natalie and there 4 kids who were all there cheering James on. Now getting ready to bring along the next generation of Coventry fighters along with Coach Glenn Troy has been a pleasure to work with and I'm sure we will see him in the near future turning lads into the champion he was.



Enjoy the future Troy and thanks for such an exciting career.



We are Wolves BCB Promotions 18/10/19

Written by Dexter Hastings



The Birmingham boxing Column headed to Wolverhampton to see championship boxing promoted by Black Country Boxing Promotions at the Hangar event venue. The show had nine fights on the card with 4 fights being over 4 three minute rounds, 3 fights over 6 three minute rounds and a female fight over 4 two minute rounds. The main event was a WBO European title fight in the Bantamweight division contested over 10 three minute rounds. Contesting for the title was the home boxer Kyle Williams who was taking on Lonut Baluta for the title, Baluta was not eligible to win the title due to not making weight. There were three refs on the night Shaun Messer, Chris Deen and doing the main event was Michael Alexander and with the ring girl being the stunning Laura from Diamond ring girls the stage was set

for a great night of boxing.

Results

Fight 1 - Clayton Bricknell v Stu Greener- 4x3 – Super Welterweight

Result - Dexter - 37-39 - Ref - 38-39 - Greener wins on points

Fight 2 - James Beech jr v Michael Mooney - 4x3 - Super Welterweight

Result - Dexter - 40-36 - Ref - 40-36 - Beech wins on points

Fight 3 - Kirstie Bavington v Monica Atonik - 4x2 - Super Welterweight

Result - Bavington wins 2nd round stoppage

Fight 4 - Shaka Thompson v Bryn Wain - 6x3 - Super Middleweight

Result - Dexter - 60-53 - Ref - 60-53 - Thompson wins on points.

Fight 5 - Antony Woolery v Elvis Dube - 4x3 Heavyweight

Result - Dexter - 40-38 - Ref - 39-38 - Woolery wins on points.

Fight 6 - Ashlee Eales v Mevin McCauley - 4x3 - Middleweight

Result - Dexter - 40-36 - Ref - 40-36 - Eales wins on points.

Fight 7 - Sid Bowater v Artur Devayton - 6x3 - Super Welterweight

Result - Dexter 59-56 - Ref 59-56 - Bowater wins on points

Fight 8 - Conah Walker v Edvina Puplauskas - 6x3 - Super Welterweight

Results - Dexter - 60-54 - Ref - 59-55 - Walker wins on points.





Fight 9 Main Event WBO Bantamweight European title Kyle Williams v Lonut Baluta 8.9 10x3 8.13



William's started the first round well getting some good shots off, it was looking like an even round then Williams was caught with a cracking right hand. Williams went down but got to his feet took the count and saw the round out. Williams was getting caught with a lot of straight right hands in the second with him sustaining a cut above his left eye, Baluta won this round. The third was a better round for Williams but he was still getting caught with to many rights, Baluta's round.

William's moved well in the forth but every time he got some good shots in he was caught with a eye catching right hand, Williams did finish the round the stronger, shared round. Williams started to pile on the pressure in the fifth but Baluta countered well and was still getting the right hand in, Williams did seem to start having some joy as Baluta seemed to tire. Big clash of heads at the start of the sixth which really opened up the cut above Williams left eye. The doctor looked at it and said he was ok to continue, Williams poured on the pressure and was having a lot of joy, Baluta was still countering well but looked tired spitting out his gum shield.



final bell.

Williams poured on the pressure at the start of the seventh but Baluta came back in the middle part, even round. Williams again started the eighth round well but Baluta came back strong and finished the round better to nick it. In the ninth Baluta picked his shots well as Williams worked hard to get back into the fight, there was a glimmer of hope when Baluta had a point deducted for spiting his gum shield out again. The fnal round was a blood, sweat and tears one with both fighters leaving it all in the ring, Baluta had another point deducted for again spitting his gum shield out, but both fighters battled hard right until the

Result Dexter - 93-96 Judge- Bence Kovacs - 92-95 Judge – Shaun Messer - 93-95 Judge – Terry O'Connor - 96-92 Baluta wins on a split decision.



Dexter's Thoughts



Black Country Boxing put on a great show tonight and what a main event, this was the first time I had been to the Hangar event venue Wolverhampton and have to say it was a great venue for boxing.

We start with the main event, what a fight, Williams was dropped in the first round and from there on in it was an up hill struggle for him. He fought his way back into the fight and showed great heart and determination especially after sustaining such a bad cut due to a clash of heads. Baluta showed he had not just came to make the numbers up and it was a shame for him that he came in overweight. Williams can walk away from this fight with his head held high and he will come again and I can see a big title around his waist in the next few

years. The column will be there to report on his future success.

Conah Walker really impressed me tonight with a high paced work rate and the way he worked the head and the body with great combinations. He is definitely a star in the making with his big following. It was great to see Sid Bowater back in the ring getting a great win against a very good opponent, fingers crossed this is the start of big things for Bowater.

Ashlee Eales was very impressive on his debut with a massive following behind him, very skilled fighter who the column will be keeping a very close eye on.

Woolery was in a hard fight against Dubes and came though it getting the win, after his great display in the Ultimate boxxer I'm sure there are some big fights out there for him.

Shaka Thompson was in sensational form tonight really showing off his skills with great shot picking and even scoring a knockdown, Thompson is defiantly one to watch.

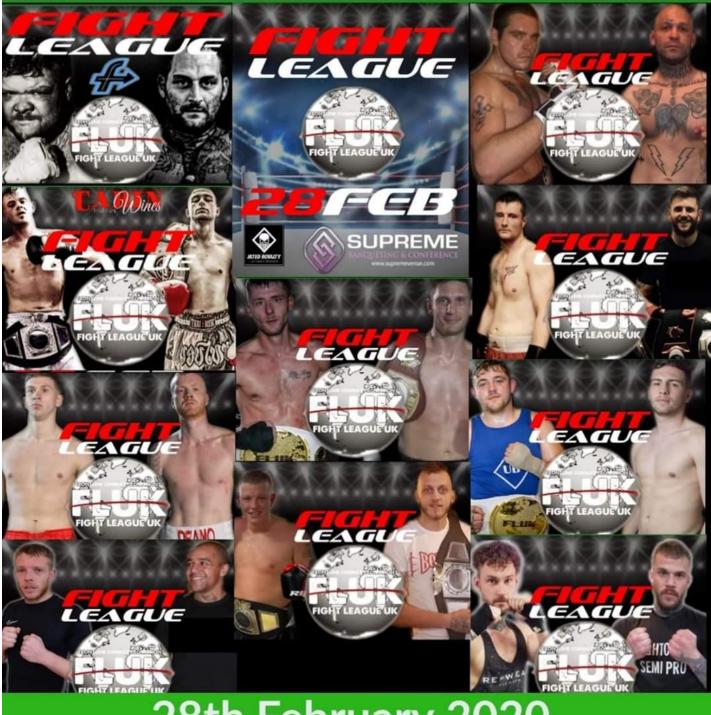
Kirstie Bavington got another great stoppage victory, from the moment she banged in a body shot her opponent looked like she did not want to be there. I think Bavington definitely needs a bigger challenge as she is at a much higher level than the fighters she is fighting, she is one of the leading lights in the female boxing scene in the Midlands and deserves to be fighting for titles.

James Beech jr made easy work of Mooney in this tick over fight, he has announced that he will be fighting for the Midlands area Featherweight title in December which if he wins will make him a two weight area champion. I think a clash with the former English super Bantamweight champ Sean Davis would be a great opponent and test for the young fighter as if he could beat an opponent like that it would move him further up the ranks.

Stu Greener really impressed me tonight on his debut, he took on the very skilled Clayton Bricknell winning on points. Bricknell fought hard in this fight but I think the cut he sustained effected him. The Birmingham boxing Column thanks Black Country boxing for having the Column at there show.







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Split Draw for Summers

Written by Dexter Hastings



Eastsides Ricky Summers secured a draw in his British eliminator fight against Lawrence Osueke on the Matchroom show in Newcastle (19/10/19). The fight was a very close and scrappy affair with the score cards being very different. Judge Marcus McDonald had it 100 to 92 Osueke, Michael Alexander had it 95 to 96 Summers and Howard John Foster had it 95 to 95 which made it a split draw after 10 rounds. The fight could have gone either way which makes McDonald's score very questionable but that how he must have saw it from his side of the ring. Hopefully Summers and Osueke will have a rematch as this was an eliminator for the light Heavyweight British title.



Ricky took to social media after and made this statement, he wrote "Lost for words about last nights fight very scrappy messy terrible fight don't know whether it was clash of styles or my opponent been very negative I felt I was always pressing the fight but nothing was clean very poor performance from my self nice few days rest and hopefully some big news coming soon always learning and will come back a lot better from this thank you all for your kind message #teamsummers #boxing"





Danny Ball Shocks Them All

Written by Dan Mole & Daxter Hastings



Dudley's Danny Ball upset the odds to be crowned WBC Silver International Welterweight Champion on Saturday evening.

The 23 year-old travelled to Mason Cartwright's backyard and put on a career-best performance to blow his opponent away inside three rounds.

Cartwright, in his hometown of Ellesmere Port and backed by a raucous crowd, started brightly. He caught Ball with virtually the final blow of the opening round and enjoyed some success in the second stanza too. However, Ball began to find his rhythm and his stiff jab continually worked on a cut that had appeared above Cartwright's eye. Ball poured forward and, in the third, wobbled Cartwright and went in for the kill. Referee Mark Lyson rightly stepped in to wave this one off and award Ball the win he richly deserved. "I'm over the moon," explained the BCB managed and Richie Ghent trained fighter. "To get

"I'm over the moon," explained the BCB managed and Richie Ghent trained fighter. "To get the stoppage away from home; it's a big thing.

"Mason was tough. He could dig a bit too so I had to be wary of him but I was able to catch him with the shots we had worked on. I could see they were hurting him.

"I saw the cut so worked that with the jab and then hurt him with hooks to the head. I caught up and saw him wobble so I just went in to finish the job.

"It's a massive win for me and takes me to the next level. I'm only 23 and have only been a pro for two years. There's plenty more to come from me."



Dexter's Thoughts



I have saw Danny Ball fight on a number of occasions and have always been impressed, I did wonder when I heard he was fighting for the WBC silver welterweight title weather he had reached that level yet. Well I got my answer and it was a very big yes, Danny answered a lot of questions in this fight, we already knew he could take a shot after going 10 rounds with Kaisee Benjamin and just missing out on the Midlands title. For the first two rounds Ball had to weather a storm as Cartwright got some eye catching combinations off. Don't get me wrong Ball got some good shots off of his own and in the third when he saw his opportunity he took Cartwright out like a seasoned pro. This will propel Ball up the

rankings and will definitely lead to bigger fights, I do think there is a bit of unfinished business with Benjamin as there Midlands title fight ended in a draw. Maybe there rematch could be for the WBC silver or even a bigger major title, what Weber Ball chooses to do he made a big statement winning this title away from home.

Rise of a Champion Tommy Owens Promotions (26.10.19)

Written by Dexter Hastings & Jon Pegg Pictures by Danny Spence



what happened.

Tommy Owens Promotions held there October Show "Rise of a Champion" at the Holte Suite Villa park (26.10.19). The show consisted of 6 fights with 5 of them being over four, three minute rounds with the main event being for the Midlands area title over ten, three minute rounds. There were two debutants on the show with Lewis Conley and Tommy Collins both having there first pro fights. Also there was Idris Virgo, Alex Jones and the "0 Taker" Ben Fields all in the home corner. Contesting for the Midlands area title was Champion Kasiee Benjamin taking on BcB's Levi Ferguson. Comparing on the night was David Nikolich and refereeing was Shaun Messer, with the ring girls from CP agency doing the card the stage was set for a great night of boxing.

Unfortunately I could not make it as I was reffeeing at a white collar show but boxing Manager, trainer and Guru has got the low down on

Results

Fight 1 - Alex Jones v Ibrar Riyaz 4x3 Welterweight Jones wins on points 40-36
 Fight 2 - Ben Fields v Chris Adaway 4X3 Super Lightweight Fields win on points 39-38
 Fight 3 - Lewis Coley v Joe Beeden Lightweight 4x3 pro debut Coley wins on points 40-35
 Fight 4 - Tommy Collins v Paul Ducie Welterweight 4x3 pro debut Collins wins on points 40-36
 Fight 5 - Idris Virgo v Nathan Junor Light Heavyweight Virgo wins on points 39-37
 Fight 6 Main Event - Midlands area Welterweight Title Kaisee Benjamin v Levi Ferguson 10x3
 Welterweight Benjamin Wins on points 98-9



Peggy's Thoughts



Great night at villa park last night with hundreds of fans going home very happy after watching there favourites fight last night in a another great show put on by Tommy Owens and the Top of the bill didn't disappoint.

Champion Kaisee Benjamin faced off against unbeaten challenger Levi Ferguson from the thriving BCB camp in Wednesbury trained by Errol Johnson who was assisted on the night by Paul Mann and Ben Wilkes. Starting off at an electric pace there was nothing to split the two warriors over the first 5 rounds as both were bull strong and didn't give an inch as they exchanged very strong blows from the get go. Round six saw Kaisee

get on his toes and change tactics to edge into a lead. Rounds seven and eight went back into being an up close battle of attrition with Kaisee's corner of Paul Soggy Counihan and Louie Counihan imploring him to use his better boxing skills to create distance. Levi was throwing more but Kaisee's shots had that extra venom but it really a great fight. Rounds 9 and 10 saw Kaisee really start to let his hands go as he and Levi relished the war this bout had become. A strong last round got Kaisee over the line in my view Ref Sean Shaun E Messer gave the verdict 98 94 which gave the home crowd a happy end to the evening but what a fight and even though he was beaten I'm sure we haven't seen the last of Ferguson. For KC its onto bigger and better as he sets his sights on more belts. Gary Newbon who was ringside kept a scorecard and he had Benjamin 2 up at the finish thinking his harder shots gave him a clear edge.

Two debuts on the bill brought massive crowds with them and neither disappointed.

Tommy Gun Collins Trained by esteemed Hall green coach Tommy Chaney and his father Dean Collins went in with the teak tough Paul Ducie Tommy showed his full set of skills turning southpaw, boxing long, boxing tall and really thrilling his fans with lots of busy combinations. Ducie to his credit played his part winding up the crowd with a bit of show boating and landing a few hooks and swings to keep in interesting. Tommy however was the man in the driving seat and did more than enough to win every round and get the win on points for a great debut.

Next up Lewis Coley tipped by many as a future champion really impressed ringsiders with a calm dominant display against clever journeyman Joe Beedon. Coley trained as an amateur by Paddy Farrell at second city gym before going pro at Eastside gym has all the tools and is one to watch. Rarely will you see a debutant go about his work in such a calm collected manner and you can see where his Ice Cold nickname comes from. After dropping Beedon with a perfectly timed right hand in the first Coley settled into working his jab and body punches on an opponent who was under more pressure every round. Coleys fans went home happy when he got he verdict 40-35 on the refs card and it was a credit to Beedon that he managed to survive this bout.

Gary Newbon at ringside Said Coley is one of the better prospects he has seen for a long time. Lewis will be on the November 30th show again at villa park.

Ben Fields The "O-Taker" got a rare home job before his English eliminator in November and took a routine points win over clever road warrior Chris Adaway .

Ben super strong and fit bashed away for four rounds but Chris ring smarts always made it a close hard fight. Ben realised afterwards that his jab was missing as he went for the ko to please his home fans but was happy to get the win and keep his unbeaten streak going before his big fight at the end of November. Trained by Shaun Cogan Ben is one of the more heart warming success stories of recent years and we are all rooting for him in his next fight.

Love Islands Idris Virgo went unbeaten in his 6th fight against a much bigger man in Derby's Nathan Junior. Losing the first round Virgo upped his game and sunk in some really hurtful body shots over the next two to take a lead into the last. In his groove now Virgo trained at the Thriving DNA gym in Stirchly by Anton Hill won the last round well to clinch the points win.

Six rounds is Virgos next step on his promising pro career.

Starting the show was Plymouths Alex Jones who is trained by our good friend Carl Robson. Alex boxed Ibra Riaz and really dazzled with great hand and foot speed to wow his loud fans. Winning every round Alex definitely looks one to watch for the future and is welcome back on TOP shows anytime.

Rebel Without a Cause TOP Boxing

Written by Dexter Hastings



The Birmingham Boxing Column attended Tommy Owens Promotions latest show 'Rebel Without a Cause' at the Holte Suite Villa park (9,11,19). The show consisted of 5 bouts of boxing with two 4 rounder's, two 6 rounder's and a main event contested over 10 rounds for the English Lightweight title. In the home corner you had the unbeaten George Farrell from Derby and debutant Mathew 'Swiggy' Craddock both doing 4 rounder's. You also had two unbeaten fighters Tom Silcox and Ryan Hatton both fighting over six rounds.

In the main event you had in the home corner Kane Baker taking on the very talented champion Myron Mills. Comparing on the night you had David Nikolich with Shaun Messer reffing and A-star ref John Latham reffing the main event. The ring girls on the night where the stunning Taya and Louise from C.P. Agency.



Results

Fight 1 - Ryan Hatton v Elvis Dube - 6x3 - Cruiserweight
Result - Dexter - 60-54 - Ref - 60-54 - Hatton wins on points
Fight 2 - George Farrell v Darryl Sharp - 4x3 - Light Heavyweight
Result - Dexter - 40-36 - Ref - 40-36 - Farrell wins on points
Fight 3 - Matt Craddock v Jake Pollard - 4x3 - Super Featherweight
Result - Dexter - 39-37 - Ref - 39-37 - Craddock wins on points
Fight 4 - Tom Silcox v Qasim Hussain - 6x3 - Super Welterweight
Result - Dexter - 60-54 - Ref - 60-54 - Silcox wins on points





Fight 5 Main Event English Lightweight title Kane Baker v Myron Mills 9.8 10x3 9.8

Both fighters felt each other out with both looking up for a good fight, it was a fairly even round with Mills finishing with a eye catching combinations. The second was another close fought round with Baker getting some good shots off, Mills was showing great movement and skill getting some good shots off to edge the round. Baker got some good combinations off at the start at the third, Mills continued to boxes well using his jab and getting some nice combinations off with some nice right hands again just edging the round.

In the forth Baker really pressed and caught Mills with some nice combinations, Mills countered well but Baker edged it. Baker was trying to Battle his way back into the fight in the fifth working hard and getting some good shots off, Mills countered well and had great accuracy with some eye catching shots. Round six Baker was showing the heart of a true warrior as he gave it his all, Mills was now getting some cracking combinations off but Baker continued to press and get some good shots off. Mills used his jab well in the seventh with Baker continued to press and pressure, Baker backed him up with some nice combinations but Mills countered well but Baker edged the round.

In the eighth Baker continued to show so much heart as he pressured and pressed Mills all the way, Mills jab and shot picking won him the round. The ninth was a hard, hard round for Baker as Mills started to turn it up, Baker again showed loads of heart battling back but took some heavy shots. Baker tried to turn the final round into a tare up with Mills boxing well on the back foot, Baker did not stop coming forward until the final bell.

Result
Dexter - 93 - 98

Judges -Terry O'Connor- 95-95 - Shaun Messer - 94 - 97 - Robert Williams - 92 - 98

Mills win Majority decision.



Dexter's Thoughts



Cracking night of boxing with a cracking main event, it was a great fight where it was skill against will with skill coming out the winner. Kane Baker showed the heart of a lion in front of a massive support for the Brummie boxer, he made Mills work for every minute of every round and showed he was at this level. Mills showed why they call him 'skills' with some great shot picking and accuracy, he was a worthy winner and as much I wanted Kane to win this was Mills fight. Baker can take a lot from this fight as he proved what a warrior he is. He had a lot of support at the show and did not let anyone down, he has now added another great story to his boxing

journey and after a very long camp for this fight he should take some time for himself and his partner Coral to enjoy life. I look forward to seeing Kane back in the ring some time next year.

Tom Silcox absolutely dominated his opponent in his six round fight, you had to give Hussain credit for lasting the 6 rounds. Silcox used Hussain as a moving punch bag and I really feel he needs a proper test. I think TOP Boxing should put 'The Silk' in one of there 50/50 fights against someone like Nathan Bendon, I think this would be an interesting one.

It was the first time I had saw George Farrell fight and he looks a decent prospect, he was given a hard fight against Sharp but managed to win it convincingly.

Matt 'Swiggy' Craddock had a cracking fight for his debut, he got caught with a few big right hands he took them well and came back with some great combinations. He showed great composure and determination and it will be interesting to see how he fairs in his next contest and if he learns from this fight.

Ryan Hatton dominated his six rounder and displayed a great range of shot picking. He smashed Dubes all over the ring and you had to give him credit for lasting the 6 rounds. Hatton is another fighter who looks ready for the next level and maybe should be having a 50/50 fight.

The Birmingham Boxing Column thanks TOP Boxing for having them at the show



Birmingham Boxing Family The Farrell's

Written by Dexter Hastings



Birmingham amateur boxing is on a big high at the moment with clubs having to turned aspiring fighters away as they have no room for any more people as boxing continues to grow. Kingstanding's Second city ABC is one of the top amateur boxing gyms in Birmingham and is home to three brothers who all aspire to be champions. Trained by there Dad Paddy who is one of the head coaches at the gym you have Farran (13), Patrick (15) and eldest brother Niall Ferrell (22). The Birmingham Boxing Column went to second city to talk to this Boxing family.



We start with the youngest of the clan Farran, Farran is13 years old and goes to second city gym where he is trained by his dad Paddy Farrell, he has been nicknamed "Fearless" due to his no fear nature of boxing. Farran has been boxing competitively since the age of 11 but has been training since the age of eight. He is 5 foot 2 and fights at 46kg which is the lightest weight division. Young Faz has had 18 fights and lost twice both on split decisions, he has already won two Midlands area titles and just came up short on two school boy titles. My first question to Farran was, what inspired you to take up the noble art? He replied "it would have to be my older brother Niall, he is now boxing for team GB and has won youth titles, Elite titles and is working towards the Commonwealth games, the Olympics and then turning pro".

My next question was what has been your hardest fight? Faz thought for a while and then said "probably my last one, I fought a West ham lad who had won the school boys and was a Tri nation champion and I destroyed him on a unanimous decision but he was a good lad and it was a hard fight". I then asked Farran who his favourite boxer was and why? He told me "Golovkin because he has a chin of steel and he don't stop coming forward and is a nightmare for anyone he boxes". My next question to Faz was, what is the best fight you have seen? He told me "Canelo against Golovkin number 1, it was a back and fourth fight that could have gone either way". Farran ended by saying "I know I haven't won any School boy titles but it's not about now it's about the future, it's about winning youth titles getting on to England and then getting on to team GB and winning title after title then going to the pros.





Next up I talked to Patrick Ferrell, known as Patch he has been boxing for four year and also trains at Second city where his dad trains him. Patch is 15 years old, he boxes in the 50kg category in the juniors division. He was inspired to boxes by his dad and the progress of his older brother Niall as he moved through the boxing ranks winning titles. He fights out of an orthodox stance but can switch hit when required, his record stands at 19 fights with only 2 defeats. Patrick has won two Midlands titles but fell short at the school boys but has moved up to his new weight division and feels stronger than ever. Patch had to take sometime away from boxing last season after losing a fight and then being diagnosed with Anemia after a blood test. Patrick has returned this season and has so far won both of his contests by unanimous decision. I asked Patch what is the hardest fight he has been in? He told me "it was my eighth fight I can't remember his name, he had won two national titles and I'll

be coming for him again and I know I'll beat him".

I then asked Patch who his favourite boxer was and why? He told me "it would have to be Lomenchenko as he is an all round amazing boxer who you can learn from in all aspects of boxing". My next question to Patch was, What has been the best fight you have seen? He replied "it would have to be Lomenchenko v Luke Campbell where you had two completely different styles competing, it was just great to see". Patch finished by saying "I am going to be the best I can be and go on to win the championship and go on to bigger and better things". When asked if he had aspirations of turning pro he said "yes that every boxers dream".



I then got to talk to the eldest brother Niall Farrell, Niall is 22 and boxes at 57kg (Featherweight) and boxes out Second city and also for team GB. Niall has been boxing 12 year and is 5 foot 9 and is a switch hitter and has had 101 fights only losing 16 of them. Niall was inspired to boxes by his dad and has amassed many titles over his time winning the juniors, youth, Tri Nations, European bronze as a youth, European silver as a senior and has boxed all over the world fighting the best. Niall is trained by his dad at second city but also the team GB coaches, he has also been ranked in the top 10 boxers in the world at his weight.

Niall has suffered from a hand injury for many years now and has fought on with the injury so he could progress in his amateur career. He recalled when it happened saying "years ago I was sparing, I caught a fun shot, hurt my hand and me being the way I am thought I'd be sound, I rested it, but it

didn't go away, I continued boxing as I had just got my contract on team GB, I fought in the ABA's and won silver in the Europeans with this hand injury". Niall continued by saying "I have had about 30 fights for team GB and in everyone of them I have had a bad hand and it has got worst each tournament. In my last tournament in Turkey I couldn't even warm up on the pads to get ready, all I could do was shadow boxes. When is was time to fight the adrenaline takes over and I can compete but when it's over and the adrenaline has gone I'm sitting there with a ballooned hand". Niall then said "but I have learnt a lot from this, I can now switch to southpaw if I have to and it has given me more strings to my bow". Niall has now had two operations on his right hand thanks to team GB's support and private care, he has had the best after care and physiotherapy money can buy and if all goes well he will be back sparring in January and when he gets the all clears he will be looking for a fight date.





I asked Niall who his favourite boxer was and why? He told me "I haven't really got one but it would have to be the four kings, Hagler, Hearns, Leonond and Duran, but my favourite would be Leonard due to some of the fights he had especially against them, the way he fought was just second to none". When asked what the best fight he has ever seen? He replied "I'm not sure, there have been so many good fights over the years, for entertainment recently you would have to say Wilder against Fury just because of the ending but there have been to many for me to pick one". My final question to Niall was, when are you looking to turn over to the pro ranks in boxing? Niall said "I'm only 22 and I'm still young in the boxing game, but it's all about timing really,

I have got a lot coming up. I have had a frustrating year with my hand having two operations, I will be back in January and will be looking to qualify for the next Commonwealth and Olympic teams. I feel stronger than ever and I'm more focused than ever to fulfil my dream and then turn over to the pros".



I then talked to there main trainer, coach and Father Paddy Farrel, the proud dad is one of the main trainers at second city ABC. I asked this very proud dad, how does he feels when his lads are fighting and he is doing there corner? Paddy told me "it's tough some times because your emotions take over, I'd like to say I'm a decent coach but when my lads are in the ring am I as good as I could be? Probably not at times as you see them getting hit with shots and its hard sometimes". Paddy continued "Don't get me wrong I look after all my fighters but these are my kids and I love them so it is tough. Being with them as a dad and a coach is tough as I have to tell them what to do, I have to tell them off, I have to put my arm round them when they need it, it can be tough but it works, not a lot of father son boxing relationships

work, but thank God it does. They listen to me and respect me and hopefully I can take them all the way, I would love to take all of them into the pros".

Dexter's Thoughts



What a great bunch of lads, all three of the brothers are boxing mad and you can see there has been no pressure put on them to take up the noble art. Paddy is a very proud father and I can see why, he has instilled all the best parts of boxing into his kids, respect, discipline, fitness and a will to achieve and get though anything that comes there way. I have followed Niall's career for a while and have interviewed him on a number of occasions, he is just recovering from 2 operations on his hand and when he does god help his first opponent. He is on the cusp of getting to the next Commonwealth and Olympic games and we could well be looking at a gold medallist in both events.

I honestly can't wait until he turns over to the pros as he is such a talented fighter.

I first saw Patch and Farran fight at Second city's home show at the Holte suite Villa park last

December 2018, both of them won on unanimous decisions and both looked great. Patch has a great
style of boxing and is very technical, Farran throws great combinations and works the body like a
young Ricky Hatton. They both have great potential and have already won multiple Midlands titles, I
can see them following in there older brothers foot steps and winning titles as amateurs and moving
on to the pros. The Farrel lads have the potential to go as far in there boxing careers as they want to
and with there dad training them on there journey we could be looking at 3 world champions.

The Column will keep there eye on this great boxing family.



Debutant Tommy Collins

Written by Dexter Hastings, pictures by Danny Spence



Hot prospect Tommy Collins made his professional debut on the Tommy Owens Promotions show "Rise of a Champions 2" at Villa park (26,10,19). Tommy from Northfield was a very accomplished amateur before turning to the paid ranks winning 17 Midlands titles and has also been a national finalist. In his first pro fight he took on a very durable fighter in Paul Ducie over 4 rounds, with his massive following behind him he put on a fantastic display of the noble art winning 40-36 on referee Shaun Messer's score card.

I managed to catch up with Tommy and ask him a few questions about his debut. My first question for "Tommy Gun" was how did he feel when he made his debut? He told me "I was excited about my debut, because when I first started boxing (over 10 years ago), I had always wanted to be a professional boxer and every contest/boxing session I had felt like it was leading me up to my debut so I was extremely excited about it". My next question to Collins was, how did you think the fight went? He informed me "Personally I was extremely happy with my performance during my debut. My opponent was tough and looked eager to cause an upset but the hours spent in the gym with my father (Dean Collins) prepared me brilliantly as I was able to maintain my shape and effectively execute the game

plan which resulted in me winning every round and securing the victory".



I then asked the young fighter what is next? Have you got any fights penned in? He told me "I would love to be out again before the end of the year, and my team are looking into every potential boxing show/event that I maybe able to get onto to achieve this. But as it stands I am not currently lined up to fight this year".

Tommy finished by saying "I would like to thank my team and my sponsors Paul Naughton (Naughton Interiors), Simon haycock (FitnessFactory2) Tommy Burns (CMS SOLUTIONS Inc) for their constant support which is enabling me to achieve my potential and carry out my dream of being a professional boxer".

Dexter's Thoughts



I have been looking forward to seeing Tommy make his debut and was gutted I could not attend the show. I saw the fight on the live stream and have to say as debuts go I was very impressed, he controlled the ring well and dictated the pace like a seasoned pro. With his massive following cheering him on he picked his shots well and got some cracking combinations off. I have a feeling he has a great future a head of him and it would be great to see him out before Christmas. When Tommy does fight again the Birmingham Boxing Column will be there

Gamal Yafia Gets TKO victory

Written by Dexter Hastings



Birmingham's Gamal Yafai claim a TKO stoppage on the Matchroom show at the Manchester arena (2,11,19). Yafia who has been out for over a year with a damage right arm showed he was back to his very best. The Super Bantamweight (17- 1) methodically took Lee Clayton (10-3) apart in this 6 round fight controlling ever second of the 3 rounds it lasted. Yafia went though the gears and unleashed some heavy body shots in the third that put Clayton down. When Clayton was put down a second time his corner were

all ready to throw the towel in but as he rose to his feet the ref called the fight over 1 minute 35 seconds into the 3rd round. After this successful victory it is rumoured that Gamal could well challenge for the Super Bantamweight European title.

Dexter's Thoughts

Great to see Gamal back in the squared circle and showing that his year out his not stopped his determination to be one the best in the world. He took out a very capable opponent in 3 rounds and looked good doing it. There are rumours that he could be fighting for a European title at Super Bantamweight which I could see him doing and now his arm looks back to 100 percent he could well emulate his brother Kal and win a world title and also claim a place in the Birmingham Boxing Columns hall of fame



Bendon claims a KO on the Road Written by Dexter Hastings



Smoking Joe's Nathan Bendon scored a stunning knockout victory on the road on the undercard of the Appleyard, Fields fight at Barnsley's Metrodome (23,11,19). Bendon took on local unbeaten fighter Levi Kinsiona (6-0) over 8 rounds in the Welterweight division in a cracking contest.

The first four rounds were close with both fighters having joy and getting shots off, at the end of the forth I had the fight even. In round five Kinsiona worked well on the back foot picking some nice shots off, Bendon closed the gap well and drew Kinsiona into a scrap which suited Bendon style who then banged in some great left and right

hooks to finish the round strong. Kinsiona got back to boxing in the sixth and was now throwing some heavy shots which were connecting clean. Bendon battle hard like the warrior he is and got some nice shots off but this was Kinsiona round.



Round seven started with Kinsiona boxing well and looking in complete control, Bendon who was looking tired continued to press and pressure and was still making a fight of it. Bendon then came up with the finisher, he caught Kinsiona with a lovely left hook to the body which hurt him, as Kinsiona tried to move in to get some pay back Bendon then caught him with a cracking left hook to the head which put him down. Kinsiona managed to get to his feet but did not seem to have control of his legs as he wobbled around, the ref did the right thing by stopping the fight.



Dexter's Thoughts

What a result for Bendon he has scored a great knockout victory against a very much fancied home fighter. Myself going into the seventh round I had it even but if you were listening to the live stream they were all thinking Bendon could possibly get stopped. Bendon only had a few weeks notice for this fight but as he fights out of Fightden's sister gym Smoking Joe's I know first hand how hard he trains. At times Bendon was getting out boxed but his pressure fighting style and never give up attitude shone through as he drew Kinsiona into his fight. The knockout shot was a cracker but I think it stated from a body shot a few seconds before. It visibly hurt Kinsiona and he went looking for pay back and was given a cracking left hook to the jaw with change to spare. I'm sure he will learn form this defeat and come back stronger, as for Nathan, if he continues in this vane I can see him going

the same way as his stable mate Ben Fields.

Brave attempt by Fields in English title Challenge

Written by Dexter Hastings



The inspirational '0-Taker' Ben Fields suffered his first defeat in six fights in his English eliminator against Lee Appleyard in Barnsley Metrodome (23,11,19). Fields was going into the fight with 4 straight wins under his belt and was unbeaten in his last six fights. This was Fields first 10 rounder and the biggest fight of his short career so far, this is how I saw the fight.

Both fighters started cagey and were just feeling each other out, Appleyard got some nice shots off but Fields caught him with some nice hooks, Appleyard's round. In the second Fields started to Bob and weave well and use his jab, Appleyard boxed well on the back foot but Fields won the round with the better shots. At the start of the third Appleyard got his jab going but Fields continued to press and pressure and bang in good shots, close round, even.



Great forth round for Fields, he banged in some cracking shots rocking Appleyard, Appleyard came back strong but Fields continued to dominate the round. The fifth was another great round with Appleyard boxing well on the back foot, great shot selection by Appleyard but Fields continued to press and pressure making it a even round. Round six saw Appleyard used the ring well getting some eye catching shots off, Fields continued to press but seemed to fade in this round. Round seven was a hard round for Fields as Appleyard put some good combinations together, Fields fought back like the true warrior he is but Appleyard won the round.

Fields continued to press and work Hard in the eighth round, Appleyard movement and shot selection won him the round, Fields was also warned for using his shoulder. Fields started the ninth round strong and kept up the pressure, Appleyard boxed really well on the back foot and picked his shots well. In the final round Fields did not stop coming forward as he seemed to know he was behind, Appleyard continued to fight on the back foot and caught Fields with some heavy shots, Fields stood strong and fought back to see the final bell.



The ref scored the fight 98 to 92 in favour of Appleyard myself I had it a bit closer 98 to 94 to Appleyard.

Fields took to social media after putting up this status, he wrote 'Its Black and White, quite simple, you never lose in Boxing, you learn. Cracking fight last night, and hats off to Lee Appleyard and his team, fought a great fight and deserved the win. 1st English level championship fight over 10 rounds and I truly believe I didn't discredit myself at that level by any means. Not been pro for 18 months yet, we are learning on the job, this is just the beginning of what's to come a lot more to be seen from me I can assure you. Want to say a big thank you to everyone who supported me online and messages etc, truly grateful, means a lot.

Many Thanks to Shaun Cogan and Jon Pegg for all the training and tutorage I'll have a few days off then back in the gym and on to the next one.

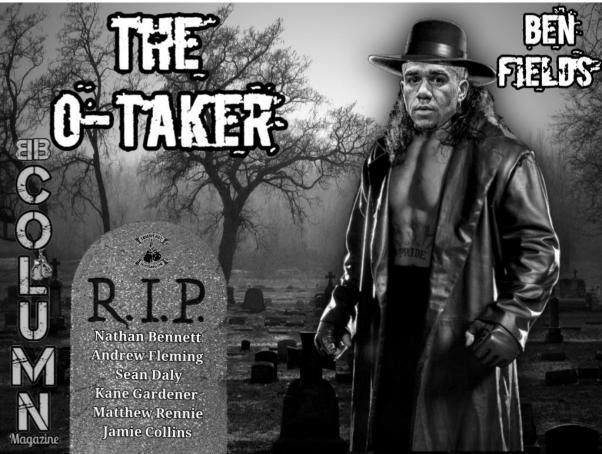
Dexter's Thoughts



What a great performance by the inspirational Ben Fields in his first 10 rounder, he proved in this fight that he deserves to be fighting at this level. He has only been a professional boxer for less than 18 months and has claimed some great wins over hot unbeaten prospects with the Column giving him the name 'The O-Taker'. Appleyard had the perfect plan to fight against Fields and over 10 rounds it worked, not that Fields didn't have a lot of positive moments in the fight and at one point seemed to really hurt Appleyard. Ben has came a long, long way from when he started his boxing journey in the unlicensed game at Fightden moving on to the pro sister gym Smoking Joe's when he turned over. Fields has got a inspirational story and

this minor blip in his journey will only make him a stronger and better fighter. I have no doubt that the 'O-Taker' will be back soon taking hot prospects unbeaten records. The Column will be following Ben

Fields journey and look forward to seeing him back in the squared circle soon.



Midlands Mayhem

Written by Dexter Hastings, Jon Pegg & Dan Mole Pictures by Manjit Narotra



Frank Warren brought his Queensberry promotions to the Birmingham arena (30,11,19) in a multi title event called Midlands Mayhem. Myself I was covering a different event but have been give accounts from two different men in the know on there respected fighters bouts. Covering the Black Country Boxing Promotion fighters we had one of there promoters and head of media Dan Mole and writing about the two fighters coming out of TOP boxing we had the man himself boxing Manager/ Coach/Guru Mr Jon Pegg.

This is what write about his two boxers the very talented Ryan Kelly and the unbeaten River Wilson-Bent.

Well what a busy night Saturday turned out to be with Frank Warren putting on a huge multi title bill in Birmingham.

River boxed a very tough lad and impressed everybody who watched taking all four rounds on his first job in a big arena I'm sure they will want to see him again.

Ryan went fearlessly into the lions den against a very good lad in Hamza Sheeraz and although he came up short gave his fans a great night.

Even on points going into the 6th round right at the end of a good round Ryan's concentration slipped for one moment and he got caught and although he got up the pressure afterwards was enough for the ref to call it off.

Ryan will be back.



BCB's report on there boxers went like this Weekend Round-Up Lennox Clarke and Connor Parker suffered title heart break on Saturday evening.

Halesowen's Clarke lost out on a split decision to Lerrone Richards for the Commonwealth and British Super Middleweight Title. Clarke settler well as he claimed centre of the ring and took the fight to Richards. He kept up a relentless pace throughout with his opponent happy to box on the back foot and pick his shots. Richards has his best spell just after the mid rounds but it was Clarke who came on strong and finished the stronger. Sadly for Clarke Judges Terry O'Connor and Steve Gray somehow scored the contest 116-113 and 117-112 whilst Marcus McDonnell gave it 115-113 in Clarke's favour. A rematch is surely on the cards.

Connor Parker was stopped in the seventh round of his WBO European Super Lightweight Title tilt by the impressive Sam Maxwell. Parker started nervously but looked to grow into the fight. Maxwell has other ideas though and ran out a worthy winner. Parker will regroup and be back in 2020.

Nathan Heaney impressed on his BT Sport debut as he blew away Nelson Altamirano in five rounds. The Hitman, cheered on by his loyal set of Stoke supporters, caught the Nicaraguan with plenty of spiteful shots before referee Marcus McDonnell had finally seen enough in the fifth.

Dexter's Thoughts



Well it sound like it was a jam packed show, with a mix bag of results by the local lads who didn't seem to get the rub of the green tonight. Gutted for Lennox Clarke as showed he is definitely at this level losing on a split decision, there should differently need to be a rematch but I can see Richards team not fancying it as I know Clarke will be even more determined next time.

Parker may have been stopped in the seventh round but will learn a lot from this defeat, I am sure he will come back next year stronger and more experienced next year.

Nathan Heaney was in impressive form stopping his opponent in the 5th round, with a massive following I am sure he will be on more big

bill in the future.

Gutted for Ryan Kelly who was stopped in the seventh round, he was making a great account of himself and then switched off for a second and was caught. The Ruthless one will be back and gas proved he can fight at European level and I'm sure a big title will be around his waist soon. River Wilson-Bent kick off the show with a great display of boxing winning every round he is now 6 without defeat and is definitely one to watch next year.

The column would like to thank Jon Pegg and Dan Mole for there reports.

Ball wins title eliminator

Written by Dexter Hastings



'The Ginger Matador' Rachel Ball put on a near perfect performance away from home at the Oasis Leisure centre Swindon against Bec Connolly. The fight was over 10, 2 minute rounds and was an eliminator for the female super Featherweight title. This was both fighters first over the distance Connolly coming off a win and Ball coming off her first defeat. Ball (28) did not put a foot wrong in the fight winning 9 out of the 10 rounds and drawing one on the judges score cards. The former 3 times world kickboxing champion has now set her sights on the Commonwealth super Featherweight title and will be the first to wear the belt as it has never been fought for before. Ball who has won 5 out of her 6 fights as a pro is now ranked 4th pound for pound female fighter in Britain

and you can only see titles in her future.

On a busy night for BCB, Dani Hodges lost on points out in Poland whilst Daryl Pearce lost on points at the Arena Birmingham.

Tyler Denny suffered his own title heartbreak.

Ruthless travelled to London to take on Linus Udofia. Denny lost a majority decision despite many ringside feeling he did enough to take the English Middleweight Title.

Double Trouble TOP Boxing

Written by Dexter Hastings



Tommy Owens Promotions held there final show of the year at the Holte Suite Villa park, the show was dcalled 'Double Trouble'. The show consisted of 7 fights with 5 of the bouts to be fought over 4 three minute rounds. In the home corner for the 4 rounder's you had Alex Fearon, Jordan Cooke, Louis Fielding and 'The Savage Sam Eggington. The show had two main events with two Midlands area titles on the line, champion Jack O'Keeffe was defending his Lightweight title against Ishmael Ellis who was having his second crack at the title. You also had the vacant Midlands area Flyweight title being contested by Matt Windle and David Seymour. With David Nikolich comparing reffing was Shaun Messer and Kevin Parker and with the stunning ring girls Cassie and Daytona from CP Agency the stage was set for a championship nice of boxing.

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Results

Fight 1 Alex Fearon v Lee Hallett Welterweight 4x3
Result Dexter - 40-36 Ref – 40-36 Fearon wins on points
Fight 2 Louis Fielding v Joe Beeden Super Lightweight 4x3
Result Dexter 40-36 Ref - 40-37 Fielding wins on points
Fight 3 Jordan Cooke v Danny Little Super Welterweight 4x3
Result Dexter - 40-35 Ref - 40-35 Cooke wins on points
Fight 4 Sam Eggington v Daniel Urbanski Light Heavyweight 4x3
Result Eggington wins opponent retired at end of second round.
Fight 6 Lewis Coley v Bret Fidoe Super Featherweight 4x3
Result Coley wins on points



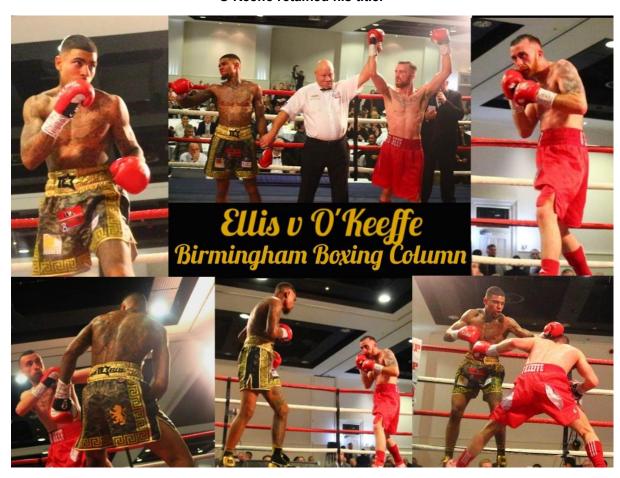
Fight 5 Joint Main Event Jack O'Keeffe v Ishmael Ellis Midlands area Lightweight title 10x3

Very scrappy first round with both fighters trying to be the dominant one, Ellis was warned for hitting on the back of the head. In the second both fighters got back to there boxing, Ellis just edged the round with the better work rate. The third was another close round with both fighters getting good combinations off, O'Keeffe won the round with his pressure and work-rate.

Ellis moved well in the forth but O'Keeffe kept up the high pressure and got some good shots off to win the round. Ellis had a good go in the fifth round, but O'Keeffe kept up the high pace, both fighters got good shots off, even round. Ellis boxed well in the sixth on the back foot and moved well picking some good shots off, O'Keeffe worked hard but Ellis had this round.

Scrappy, scrappy seventh round with Ellis looking to hold, O'Keeffe continued to pour on the pressure and got some crack shots off to win the round. Round eight was another scrappy round with a lot of hitting and holding, Ellis was looking tired but had got some good shots off but have to give this round to O'Keeffe. Ellis started round nine well getting some good shots off, O'Keeffe continued to press and pressure as Ellis tired, Ellis nicked the round. In the final round blood poured from Ellis's nose as both fighters left it all in the ring, O'Keeffe won the round with the better shots.

Result - Dexter - 98-96 - Ref - 97-95 O'Keeffe retained his title.



Fight 7 Joint main Event Matt Windle v David Seymour Midlands area Flyweight title 10x3

Good fast start to the first by both fighters with the action going back and forth, both fighters got good shots off but Windle edged it for me. Windle started the second round well and got some good shots off, Seymour took the centre of the ring and used his jab to win the round, Windle had started to mark up under his right eye. Good third round by both fighters with both of them getting there shots off, Seymour just edged it for me.

The forth was another close round with Seymour moving and boxing well as Windle pressured and pressed to get a share of the round. In the fifth Seymour moved well and used his jab to keep Windle away, Windle continued to press but Seymour won this round with the better boxing. Round six was a hard round to call as both fighters worked hard, I had Windle just edging this round.

The seventh was another close round with both fighters getting good shots off, had to call this one even. Seymour moved well in the eighth in another close round but Windle's pressure and work rate with some great combinations won him the round. Hard ninth round to score as both fighters worked hard, the round went back and forth, again I could not split them. The final round was a cracker as both fighters went toe too toe both showed so much heart and a will to win again could not split them.

Dexter - 97 - 97 - Ref - 94 - 96 Seymour wins title on points



Dexter's Thoughts



Another great show from Tommy Owens Promotions to end there year on a high with a double main event. We will start with the O'Keeffe v Ellis fight for the Midlands area Lightweight title. A very Scrappy affair where I think there styles clashed, Ellis was having his second crack at the Midlands area and put all he had into this fight. O'Keeffe battled like a true champion and was a worthy winner. Ellis's team looked disappointed at the result but I had it by 2 rounds the same as the ref. I'm sure Ellis will get another crack at this title or a bigger one next year, I asked the champ Jack O'Keeffe after the fight if he would be moving on, he informed me he would be if the offer came in.

The second main event between Matt Windle and David Seymour for the Midlands area Flyweight title was a cracker and could well be up for fight of the year. It was a back and forth battle with both fighters leaving it all in the ring, there were a awful lot of close rounds which could have gone either way. I didn't check my score card till I got home and when Seymour was crowned the champ it didn't seem a bad decision but if Windle had of been given the nod I would not have been surprised, the fight was that close. Myself when I did add up my card had it even and really think these two fighters should do it again.

On the under card you had the new boy to the pro ranks Lewis Coley, Coley dominated his second pro contest against a very tough and well established fighter in Bret Fidoe. Fidoe had claimed victory's over the two contenders for the Flyweight title beating both Seymour and Windle on his journeys and has also claimed a draw against British and Commonwealth super Bantamweight champ Brad Foster which make Coleys victory even better. Coley is only 20 years old and has a big following and I am predicting a big boxing future for the young boxer.

'The Savage' Sam Eggington was not getting paid over time tonight as he destroyed his opponent dropping him at the end of the second and making him retie in his corner. Eggington was just having a tick over fight and is just waiting for the call as he is now ranked 6th in the IBF world rankings. Jordan Cooke looked very sharp and strong in his fight tonight, not many people put Danny Little down but Cooke did. Little who is a skilled journeyman managed to see out the fight but Cooke showed great movement and shot selection to make Little earn his money tonight.

It was great to see Lewis Fielding back in the ring a year after he lost to James Beech jr in a Midlands area title class. Fielding looked very disciplined and showed fast hand speed and shot picking very good win for him tonight.

We also had a fighter from Derby on the card called Alex Fearon, he look very shape and had great shot selection, very impress performance.

The Birmingham boxing Column would like to thank Tommy Owens Promotions for having me there.



Stowe wins final Encounter

Written by Dexter Hastings pictures by Michael Ault



Malcolm 'The Show' Stowe (40) has claimed the SPBF Irish Heavyweight and the Birmingham Boxing Column Heavyweight title in a cracking 5 round wars on the Ring Wars 9 show at the H-Suite Edgbaston (29/11/19). Stowe was taking on Dexter 'The Sting' Hastings (49) for the fifth and final time in a fight that had been named 'Close Encounters for the 5th time'. The fight it's self lived up to the hype as the two fighters went for it from

the first bell, it was a great mix of styles, the boxer against the brawler with Stowe pressing with big over hand rights and lefts, Dexter boxed well on the back foot with the first two rounds so close they could have gone either way. In the third round Stowe got his timing right and caught Dexter with some heavy shots, Dexter took them well and stuck to his boxing but the third round went to Stowe. Dexter came out in round four with a purpose and started to let both hands go, he continued to pop out the jab but got some nice one twos in and seem to be more relaxed. Stowe still continued to press and

look for the big shot to end it, but Dexter was moving and slipping shots well and had raised his work-rate to win the forth. Dexter started quickly again in the final round but Stowe got off some of his big over hand rights which Dexter managed to evaded, Dexter was getting some nice jabs and one, twos off but the best shot of the night was yet to come. Dexter forced Stowe back to the ropes and a clinch incurred, the two fighters began to break themselves like they had done all of the fight. The ref then went to stepped in and Stowe had already rock out a big left hook which caught the ref on the jaw. It wobbled the ref but he



took it pretty well with Stowe apologising profusely. Stowe continued to look for the big knock out shot but Dexter was moving well now and letting his hands go getting some nice jabs and one twos off keeping it long. As the bell went to end the fight both fighters went toe to toe banging in shots to the delight of there cheering fans.



Result - Ref awards fight to Malcolm Stowe.

Dexter's Thoughts



What can I say, what a fight, it lived up to all the hype and did not disappoint as we both brought our A games to the ring. I got to say Malcolm Stowe impressed me as he has not fought for two years but looked as sharp as ever. He had changed his style a bit as he was not letting me lead him around the ring, but the big over hand rights and left's where still in effect. As for the fight it was the type of fight I have been looking for as my opponent did not look to hold and have a cuddle at anytime, when we did clinch we work our way out ourselves. As for the result at the time I thought I had got it 3 to 2 but the "ref" saw it differently, after watching it back I still had it the it the same way but it was a close one and could have gone either way. Malcolm messaged me a

few days after the fight to say this, he wrote 'No easy fight by any means, all my people said what a tough bloke you are. Wouldn't have surprised me either way it went, but what a good friend I've made though it all. Nothing but respect for you mate'.



Now this is the thing, after our first fight which was both our debuts in the unlicensed game back in at the Copthorpe hotel in Merry hill myself and Malcolm became friends. I always remember he got the decision that night (another close one which I thought I won) and I'm at the bar getting a drink when he came up to me and said what a great fight it was. Before I could go on about I thought I had won it he said "I'd just like to say how sorry I am to hear you mom passing away, she would be very proud of you" (my mom had passed away the month before). From there on myself and Malcolm had a connection, he is genuinely one of the nicest blokes I have had the privilege to meet, outside of the ring he is a true gent, but when he is in that squared circle he is one of the most dangerous and best at what he does and I am proud to have shared a ring with him five times. I was a bit down about losing the fight making the score 3 - 2 to Malcolm over all but if I was going to lose to anyone it is good to lose to an absolute legend. The fight will go down as one of the best of the 5 without a doubt and it was great to show this new lot of 'white collar' boxers how the old school do it. But my journey is not over yet, oh no, the plan is to maybe have a few on the road this year so any promoters who

want to give there Heavyweights a decent opponent and not someone who has just came to make up the numbers a fight get at me. Then have my final fight on Ring Wars 12 in November 2020 just before my 50th Birthday.

I would just like to thank all the people who came to support me and Malcolm it was a great atmosphere thanks to you, and added to a great fight.

Battle at the Bank's BcB

Written by Dexter Hastings



Black Country boxing held there penultimate show of the year at the Bank's stadium suite at Walsall football ground (7,12,19). The show consisted of 6 bouts of boxing with three of them being over 4 three minute rounds and two over six 3 minute rounds. Doing the 4 rounders' in the home corner you had Troi Coleman, Cole Johnson and Owen Copper. Doing six rounders' you had the unbeaten Liam Davis and the former British title challenger Ricky Summers. The main event was a Midlands area title match for the Featherweight title to be contested over 10 rounds. With Kevin Parker refereeing on the night and the stunning Toni from Diamond ring girls doing the round cards the stage was set for an exciting night of boxing.

Result

Fight 1 Troi Coleman v Sam Omidi Super Middleweight 4x3
Result Dexter - 40-36 Ref - 40-36 Coleman wins on points
Fight 2 Liam Davis v Stefan Nicolae Super Bantamweight 6x3
Result Dexter - 60-55 Ref - 59-55 Davis wins on points
Fight 3 Cole Johnson v Dean Jones Lightweight 4x3
Results Dexter - 40-36 Ref - 40-36 Johnson wins on points
Fight 4 Owen Cooper v Fonzo Alexander Welterweight 4x3
Result Dexter - 40-36 Ref - 40-36 Cooper wins on points
Fight 5 Ricky Summers v Raimonds Sniedze Light Heavyweight 6x3
Result Summers wins third round stoppage



Fight 6 Main event Featherweight Midlands area title 10x3

Fast start by both fighters as they both got off good shots, hard one to call both fighters had there no moments. Great second round with both fighters getting good shots off, Beech took this round for me with the better work rate and shot selection. In the third when Beech stuck to his boxing he was in control but Jones sucked him into a little skirmish that he won, even round.

Beech started the forth round well but Jones took the centre of the ring and pressed Beech getting some good shots to the body and head, Beech saved the round by finishing very strong. Beech boxed well in the fifth and was moving well around the ring with every combinations coming off the jab, Jones had some joy but Beech won the round. Tough sixth round for Beech who seemed to be taking a round off, Jones took advantage and banged in some big combinations to win the round. Beech got back on his jab in the seventh and picked Jones off, Jones got some good shots off but Beech won the round. Great eighth round for Beech as he moved well around the ring picking his shots well, Jones continued to pressure but Beech won the round. Cracking ninth round with both fighters banging in great shots with great combinations by both fighters, very close round with Beech sustaining a small cut above his left eye. The final round was an all out war with both fighters banged in big shots, Jones got this round for me.

Result
Dexter - 98-94
Ref - 96-95
Beech wins on points.



Dexter's Thoughts



What a great night of boxing, let's start with the main event. James Beech jr was crowned Featherweight Midlands area champion in a close, hard fought contest. I had him winning by a bigger margin but there were so many rounds that could have been called either way I can see why Kevin Parker had it so close. Luke Jones put on a great performance and brought out the best in Beech and on another day may have been champion but Beech rose to the occasion and battled hard when he had to claim his second Midlands area title. I talked to his dad James Beech Senior after and asked if the two times champ would be dropping down to super Bantamweight to challenge fellow Midlander Brad Foster

for his British and Commonwealth titles. Beech Snr told me that it is a possibility but they were thinking of staying at Featherweight as the British title is vacant at the moment. What ever they decided I honestly think Beech jr needs to be fighting for a British title in 2020 and enter the Bbcolumn Hall of Fame.

Next up we had Ricky Summers, he was in no mood to be wasting time and banged in some great combinations. He put his opponent down in the third with a cracking right hand and when he got up Summers did not stop banging in shots until the ref jumped in and stopped the fight. Summers will be looking to fight for big title in 2020 and under the tutelage of Spencer McCracken I can see a major title in his further.

This was the first time I had seen Owen Cooper fight and I got to say I was very impressed, he was taking on a very good journeyman in Alexander and won every round, I look forward to seeing him again.

Cole Johnson put on a great display of boxing and really made Dean Jones earn his money tonight. You had to give Jones a lot of credit as Jones kept it competitive and gave Johnson a good fight. What a great test for Liam Davis tonight and if it was not for the main event this would have been fight of the night. Nicolae was looking to really put it on Davis who rose to the occasion and fought back hard and had the best brought out in him. This was a great test for the young fighter which he passed with flying colours.

Trio Coleman won in convincing style to start the night off, he is a very talented fighter and is looking better and better every time I see him fight. He is now 6 without defeat and I'm sure he will be looking for a Midlands title shot in 2020.

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



'The Baby faced Assassin' wins first six rounder.

Written by Dexter Hastings



Nineteen year old sensation Amy Timlin travelled to Bolton to fight in her first six round contest at the Lion of Vienna suite Bolton Wanderers football ground (14,12,19). Timlin who was unbeaten in 3 was taking on the very experience Claudia Ferenczi who was having her one hundredth and second contest. Timlin who is a former European champion kick boxer controlled and dominated the fight from the first bell to the final one with great shot picking and movement. Timlin who showed no fear travelling up north put together some great combinations and controlled the ring like a boxer who had fought ten times more fights than she had. When the final bell went the ref awarded the fight to Timlin 60 to 54 with her winning every round, this was truly a great performance by this talented prospect.

Dexter's Thoughts

'The Baby Faced Assassin' really put on a great performance in Bolton in her first six rounder. Every time I see her she gets better and better, Timlin picked her shots like a seasoned pro and showed no nerves or fears about going away from home. Amy has got a very bright future ahead of her and you can only see titles coming her way. Timlin is definitely one to watch out for and the Birmingham Boxing Column will continue to follow her career.

Season Beatings

BcB



Written by Dan Mole & Dexter Hastings, Pictures by Manjit Narotra

Black country boxing held there last show of 2019 at the Holiday inn hotel Birmingham (21.12.19). The show consisted of 4 fights with three of them being over four three minute rounds and one over six. Fighting out of the home corner doing the four rounder's you had Regis Sugden, Matt 'Swiggy'Craddock and Mussab Abubaker. In the main event you had the former Midlands Lightweight champ and English Lightweight challenger Kane Baker doing a six rounder. Reffing on the night you had Shaun Messer.

Results

Regis Sugden v Kevin McCauley - Middle 4x3 **Result** = 40=36 Sugden wins on points

Matt Craddock v Luke Fash – Super Feather 4x3 **Result** - 40=36 Craddock wins on points

Mussab Abubaker v Scott Williams Middle 4x3 **Result** - 40-36 Abubaker wins on points

Kane Baker v Joe Beeden Light 6x3 **Result** – Baker wins on points

'Season's Beatings' took place at the Holiday Inn Birmingham on Saturday evening and featured a trio of Brummies, with a Newark man thrown in for good measure.

Mussab Abubaker - known as Breaker – topped the bill as he looked to secure a fourth consecutive victory since turning professional in 2017. The 24 year-old did just that as he went through the gears to record a shut-out 40-36 victory over former white collar boxer, Scott Williams on referee-for-the-evening Shaun Messer's score card.

Former Midlands Area Champion, Kane Baker, returned to winning ways after his unsuccessful English Title tilt in November. 'The Shadow', newly signed to BCB in a both a management and training deal, enjoyed a useful six rounds against Swindon's Joe Beeden.

Baker will be looking to get back in title contention in 2020 and enjoyed the perfect pre-Christmas run-out with a comfortable 60-54 win..

The third Brummie in action, Matthew 'Swiggy' Craddock made it 2-0 since turning professional just last month. The 29 year-old disposed of Hull's Luke Fash, again by shut out, over four rounds.

Completing the card was Regis Sugden. The Newark fighter stepped in at short notice to replace his brother, Chad, who took a late notice fight against Craig Richards two days previously. Regis, the younger of the boxing brothers, moved to 5-0 as he too recorded a shut-out 40-36 win over Kevin

McCauley



Dexter's Thoughts

Sugden is now 5 with out defeat and has been a busy boys this year as he made his debut in March of this year. He took on a very durable opponent in Kevin McCauley and won every round, hopefully next year will see him keep his unbeaten record going.

Matt Craddock got his second win after only making his debut in November, he won every round in his fight and will be looking to keep it up in 2020.

Abubaker brought his unbeaten record to 4 with out defeat and has won two fights in 2019, we hope to see him out a lot more in 2020.

Kane Baker finished off the show with a great six round win, he won every round in Shaun Messer's score card and showed his class. I am sure 2020 will see Baker back in the title chase as he proved just a few months ago in his points defeat to English champion Myron Mills that he can compete at that level. He is an inspirational fighter who has brought himself through the unlicensed route to win a Midlands area and challenge for a English title in the pro ranks. The Column looks forward to seeing Kane in the squared circle in 2020.

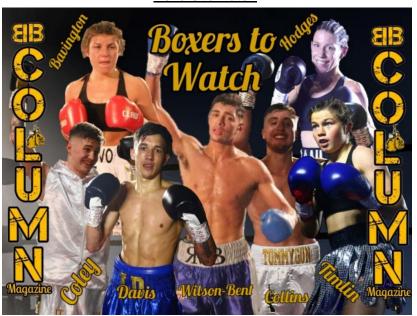


Birmingham Bong Columns Awards 2019

Written by Dexter Hastings

As the year comes to the end the Birmingham Boxing Column looks back on yet another great year of Boxing in Birmingham and the Black Country. We have 3 categories which include 'Boxers to watch', 'Fight of the year' and the most important of them all the Birmingham Boxing Columns 'Boxer of the Year'

Boxers to watch



Before I name some of the boxers to watch for 2020 let's just recap on some of the boxers I named last year. Sean Daly had an outstanding year, yes he lost to the hard working Ben Fields in a six round fight but he had the balls to test himself, put his unbeaten record on the line and take on one the most dangerous opponents out there at the moment. If Sean learned from this fight then he will come back a more rounded and better fighter. Two of the other fighters I mention both fought for Midland area titles this year as well. Shaun Copper and Jake O'Keeffe fought it out for the vacant Midlands area super Lightweight title with O'Keeffe winning the belt with a 4th round stoppage.

O'Keeffe impressed a lot of people with this victory as Cooper had already fought in a 10 round fight beating Boy Jones on points. Both fighters proved there worth and O'Keeffe is now a midlands champion and like I said about Daly if Cooper learns from this defeat he will come back stronger.

There have been some great boxers on display this year in Birmingham and the Black country which has left the boxer to watch award a very hard decision to make so like last year I have named a few. The first one that has caught my eye is the talented fighter Liam Davis, he made his debut late last year and is now 6 an 0 and looking for a Midlands area title. He is a very talented fighter who reminds me a lot of the young Walsall fighter James Beech jr, I have a feeling he has got a big future a head of him. Next of the new comers I have to mention Amy Timlin, this former European champion kick boxer who is only 19 has won her first 4 contests in the noble art and looks better and better every time I watch her. Two other female fighters worth mentioning are Kirstie Bavington and Dani Hodgins, both fights have tasted defeat on the road and Bavington has already fought over 10 rounds for a WBC international title. I have a feeling one of these fighters will be bringing a belt home this year. Two fighters to watch out for made there debuts in October of this year and really impressed Tommy Collins and Lewis Coley. They both won there first fights and looked good doing it, Coley then went on to fight on the TOP Boxing show in November winning again convincingly, they are definitely two fighters worth looking out for.

The final boxer I would like to bring to your attention is River Wilson-Bent he is now 6 – 0 and is looking a very dangerous fighter with 2 stoppages on his recorded. The Coventry lad has a massive following which will only get bigger as he continues to win.

Fight of the year

There have been some cracking fights this year featuring Birmingham and Black Country boxers and not all of them have been big ones. There were two 6 rounders' this year that have to be mentioned, the first one is Conah Walker against Nathan Bendon on the BcB show at the Walsall town hall (11,5,19). This was an absolute cracking fight that went back and fourth with Walker winning it on points. The next 6 rounder was Sean Daly against Ben Fields, this was an all out war and was a big contender for fight of the year. Ben Fields won this fight but both fighters can take a lot of credit from this as they put on a great display of the noble art.



The Birmingham Boxing Columns fight of the year was on one of the last shows of the year, Windle v Seymour was a close contender and so was Pitters v Spelman, but at the anks stadium suite Walsall James Beech jr took on Luke Jones in a absolutely cracking fight. This was a fantastic fight that went back and forth and was a great display of the noble art. Both fighters should take a lot of credit as the atmosphere in the room was electric because of there great display.

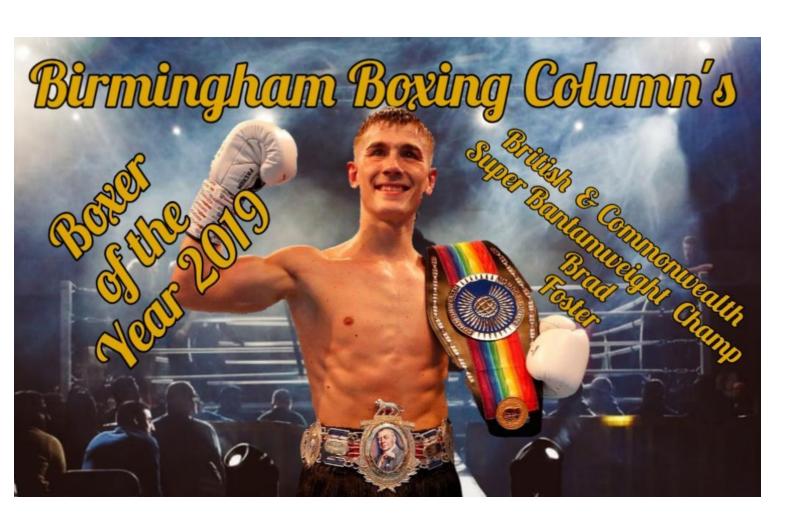


Boxer of the Year

Now for the Birmingham Boxing Columns Boxer of the year 2019, there are quite a few fighters that have had fantastic years. First you have the unbeaten Shakan Pitters, he finished last year winning the golden robe in the Ultimate Boxer light Heavyweight tournament and has just claimed the light Heavyweight English title in the columns fight of the year against Dec Spelman. Also in the running was the inspirational and very talented Ben Fields, Ben turned pro a year and a half ago and has notched up some great victories on the road beating a lot of unbeaten prospects. You then have Birmingham's WBA super flyweight world champ Kal Yafia, he defended his title at the end of last year and successful defended it again in the summer of this year in America. Also I have to mention Sam Eggington, his year didn't start well when he rolled the dice and took on the world class fighter Liam Smith who stopped him in 5 rounds. Sam and his team then regrouped and he had a few 6 round fights and then took on Orlando Fiordigiglio in Italy stopping him in the 2nd and winning the IBF international super Welterweight title ending his year on a high.

Any of these fighters would be worthy winners but there was a young fighter who had an even better year. In 2019 Brad Foster has claimed the super Bantamweight British and the Commonwealth titles at the age of 21. He is the youngest fighter to get a place in the Birmingham boxing Columns hall of fame and has now joined the elite at being made the Birmingham boxing Columns Boxer of the year 2019, the column looks forward to seeing how far Foster can go in his boxing career.

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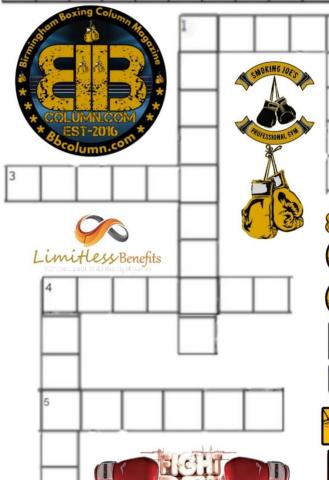


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Boxing Crossword

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1- Johnson the Legendary2 weight British Champ

3 - The Female Baby face assassin

 4 - The Well named boxer was Born to be British champ

5 - In K you may See this Midlands Champ

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- The punching Female footballer
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- 4 Shares his first name with McGregor and has been trained by Ricky Hatton











