

# Amateurs

The very best action, previews and news from the unpaid code

## ENGLAND ARE TOP TEAM IN AUSTRIA

ENGLAND won a trophy for being Best Team at the Nations Cup in Wiener Neustadt, Austria (September 24-26). **Luke Campbell** (56), **Martin Ward** (60) and **Anthony Fowler** (69) all won twice to take gold.

"It was my first time at 60 kilos and I felt good at the weight," said Ward, who moved up after winning the ABA featherweight title last season. "It was a nice little tournament for me."

Repton's Ward beat **Ciaran Bates** (Ireland) 9-6 in the semis and **Janos Torok** (Hungary) 4-2 in the final.

Said Ward, "Bates was physical and tried to rough me up, so I boxed him on the back foot.



**TROPHY MAN:**  
Fowler in Austria

The first ended 2-2 but in the second I relaxed and won it 5-0. In the last he ran into me and got reckless. I tried to spin off and hook but was warned for slapping with the left hook, which gave him two points.

"Torok had a high guard and it was hard to get him out of it. The first ended 1-1 but I won the second 2-0 and in the last just tried to keep my lead."

Bates beat Czech Republic's **Mario Balaz** 14-2 in a third-place box-off.

Fowler forced **Rostislav Rajda** (Cze) to retire in the first and **Adam Nolan** won 8-5 over Germany's **Sebastian Knigge** in the 69 semis. Anthony outpointed Nolan 14-2 in the decider.

Campbell beat **Pavol Polakovic** of the Czech Republic 9-3 and 9-4 over Hungary's **Kristian Nagy**.

Ireland's **Niall Murray** notched two 7-1 wins for gold at 64 kgs, over **Riccardo Silva Ramos** (Switzerland) in the semis and **Alexander Jacobsen** (Norway) in the final.



## Off to a bad start

Injury rules out gold hope Yafai and scales are a weighty problem in Delhi

THE New Delhi Commonwealth Games started on Tuesday (October 5), as this week's issue was in the final stages of going to press.

But there had already been a blow for England before a punch was thrown, with flyweight **Khalid Yafai** ruled out because of an elbow injury.

His place at 52 kilos was taken by **Tommy Stubbs**, who has moved up from 49 kilos.

The chaotic scenes surrounding these Games continued when Monday's weigh-in was put back to Tuesday after claims the scales being used were faulty.

Australian official John Gatfield said: "Some of our boxers went to the sauna trying to lose weight and came back weighing more than the last reading."

British reps were spared the trouble with Team GB head coach Robert

McCracken explaining: "We were one of the later arrivals so it didn't affect us. It's unfortunate and we hope the scales are properly calibrated for tomorrow [Tuesday] so we have no worries."

Note that last week's issue contained incorrect times for the boxing in India:

sessions start at 8.30am and 2.00pm UK time today (Thursday October 7) and tomorrow (8th); then at 8.30am and 1pm on Saturday 9th, Sunday 10th and Monday 11th; Tuesday 12th is a rest day; and finals are on Wednesday 13th at 10.30am and 2.30pm.

## Army take three out of four as Dick warms up with a win

THE Army enjoyed three wins out of four on the Lynn AC dinner show at the Royal Lancaster Hotel in Bayswater on September 30.

Lightweight **SHAUN DICK** warmed up for his appearance (for Scotland) at the Tammer tournament later this month by beating **JACK BRAYER**.

It was meant to be a three-threes but one of the Army team timed the rounds and they lasted two minutes! Whatever, Dick had a good opening two sessions, doing particularly well with lefts to the body in the second.

Earlsfield's Brayer had a brilliant last, but Dick had done enough for a majority win.

Welsh bantam **ASHLEY WILLIAMS** gave 2.8 kgs to **DANNY ROWE** of Dale Youth and lost on a majority.

Said Army head coach Tony Davis, "We asked for four-twos, but they would take only three-twos.

"It was close. Ash scored well with his back hand but once Rowe got to long range he had success. Ash went all out in the last but Rowe won."

**DAMIAN WILSON** improved on a previous performance when he outpointed Finchley's **A. GUL** in a four-twos made at 77 kgs.

Said Davis, "Wilson made hard work of beating Gul last time, but this time he was fit and landed the cleaner shots."

In a three-twos made at 65 kgs, soldier **MATT WELLS** boxed against Dale Youth's strong **NAGHI BEIKZADEW** and won unanimously.

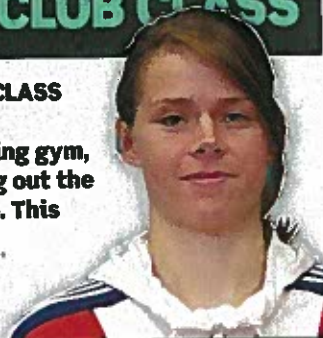
The withdrawal of Earlsfield's Louis Adolphe left Danny Allen unmatched but the light-welter will box tonight (Thursday, October 7) for the Army against a Tyne, Tees and Wear Select in Catterick.

Allen, who used to box as Danny Oldham for North Benwell, meets Stuart Buckley (Hartlepool Catholic).

The Army's Adam Whittfield, 2008 ABA flyweight champion, meets Luke O'Rourke (Consett), while Ashley Williams tackles Jamie Humble and new recruit Passarelli faces Jake Bonallie (Sunderland) at middleweight.

## JOHN DENNEN'S CLUB CLASS

EVERY week the CLUB CLASS blog takes a look at a different amateur boxing gym, highlighting its past and picking out the names to watch out for in future. This Friday we speak to **HARTLEPOOL HEADLAND'S "Silent Assassin" SAVANNAH MARSHALL**.



WWW.BOXINGNEWSONLINE.NET