

# Hyland's toughest test

Danny Flexen says Eddie should not underestimate Fagan

THE FIGHTING Hyland brothers – Eddie, Patrick and Paul – are a bit further along the professional trail than the subject of this week's Big Feature, the Walshes. Tomorrow (Saturday, July 25) at the National Basketball Arena in Dublin they attempt to take another step up, with **Eddie Hyland**, 12-1 (4), getting the toughest test against Oklahoma's Dublin-born former Amir Khan victim **Oisin Fagan**.

The vacant IBF International super-featherweight belt is at stake and this will be Fagan's debut at 9st 4lbs. Oisin may have gone down in just two rounds against Khan but Amir was superb that night and Fagan suffered a broken ankle in the first round, falling awkwardly during the first of two knockdowns.

Fagan had never been demolished like that before and taken good fighters

like undefeated former world champ Paul Spadafora the (10-round) distance. Now 23-6 (14), Fagan came back well from Khan and his injury to stop Bulgarian Asen Vasilev in five in May.

Eddie has also returned stronger from his 2006 four-round retirement defeat by Stephen Mullin, beating Kevin O'Hara on points for the Irish title last year. O'Hara and Mullin aside, Hyland's record is stacked with journeymen.

Hyland is seven years younger at 28 and although he cannot compete with Fagan's quality of opposition, in such close fights you should side with the man on the way up. That is Eddie, also the better technician, and he can take a close 12-round decision.

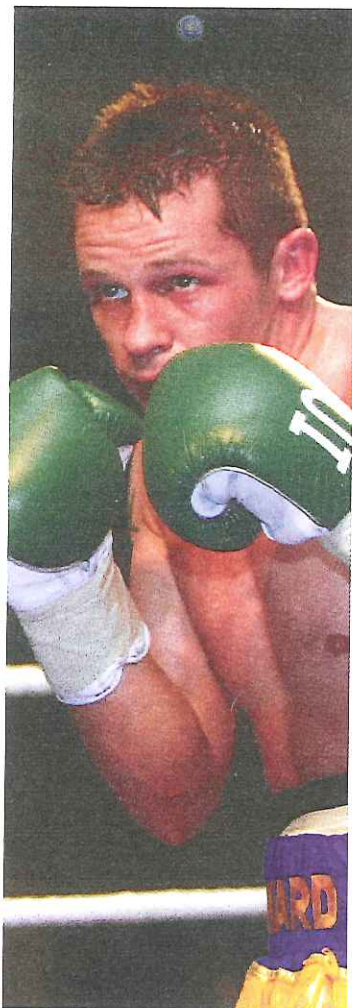
You can read both men talking up their chances in Steve Wellings' exclusive interviews with the pair at

[www.boxingnewsonline.net](http://www.boxingnewsonline.net).

Younger (25) brother **Patrick Hyland**, 16-0 (8), takes on late sub and Sweden-based Ugandan **Abdu Tebazalwa**, 14-4-1 (9), for the same title at feather. Tebazalwa has been 12 rounds twice and never been stopped. That includes a split defeat by monstrous Mongolian Choi.

Patrick can box and bang, but this is a step up and he can win on points.

Finally, **Paul Hyland**, 14-1 (4) and the youngest at 24, has an eight-rounder with Bradford's 7-2-2 (0) **Robert Nelson** at around bantam. This is Hyland's biggest test since being outscored over four in the US by unsung Puerto Rican Lucian Gonzalez last year. He can score a late stoppage over Nelson, who returned from an 18-month hiatus only in March.



**ON THE WAY UP:** Hyland has come back well from his only loss



**BEEN AROUND:** Experienced Fagan has fought some quality operators

## Segura aims to impress

A BIG show tomorrow (Saturday July 25) in Nayarit, Mexico, at the Grand Mayan, sees WBA light-flyweight champ **Giovanni Segura** make his first defence since being upgraded from interim status against Filipino **Sonny Boy Jaro**.

Mexican Segura, 20-1-1 (16), was undoubtedly the favoured fighter when he took on Colombian Cesar Canchila for the interim strap in July last year. However, Canchila outboxed the Mexican to take his unbeaten record on the Miguel Cotto-Antonio Margarito Las Vegas bill.

Segura looked superb in their March rematch, though, dropping Canchila twice and stopping him in the fourth.

Jaro, 30-7-5 (19), will come to fight but tends to lose at top level. Segura can halt the Filipino by the seventh.

Also on the bill, 26-year-old unbeaten Mexican lightweight **Urbano Antillon** bids for the interim WBA title against Venezuelan **Miguel Acosta**, 25-3-2 (19).

Antillon, 26-0 (19), has destroyed fringe contenders like Bobby Pacquiao and Daniel Attah on the way up.

Acosta has won his last 15, including outpointing future WBA holder Jose Alfaro but Antillon is the prospect and he's at home, so he should win.

Former WBC heavyweight champion **Sam Peter**, fading fast, takes on journeyman **Marcus McGee**.

## Feathers to fly in Redhill

FORMER British and Commonwealth super-bantamweight champion Michael Alldis stages a show tomorrow (Saturday, July 25) at Liquid and Envy nightclub in Redhill, Surrey.

Main event sees **Ben Jones**, 7-1 (2) and a Crawley man like Alldis, face Reading journeyman **Ibrar Riyaz** over 10 rounds for the vacant International Masters featherweight title.

Jones' only defeat was a first-round stoppage by unsung Latvian Eduards Krauklis, who has not won since.

Riyaz, 3-5-1 (1), drew with the unbeaten Liam Shinkwin last time out and will be fit and motivated. He could spring an upset.



**READY:** Riyaz has a losing record but is really up for the Jones fight

## Cox at home

PROMOTER Keith Mayo, the man who brought boxing back to Swindon, puts on a show at the Oasis Leisure Centre tonight (Friday, July 24), headlined by hometown hero and Commonwealth Games gold medallist (2006) **Jamie Cox**.

Southpaw Cox, 11-0 (7) and promoted by Frank Warren, was hugely impressive last time out, in April, stopping tough Brummie Mark Lloyd in eight rounds.

Tonight, Cox gets Ghanaian **Stephen Okine**, 10-8-1 (6) and who, according to BoxRec, has lost his last four, two of them by knockout.

Cox can win inside the distance.



## We asked...

Who would you like to see Amir Khan box next?  
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## You said...

John Murray .....	34%	Timothy Bradley .....	12%
Ricky Hatton .....	26%	Juan Manuel Marquez...	10%
Marcos Maidana .....	14%	Erik Morales .....	4%

# Privilege to know Caldwell

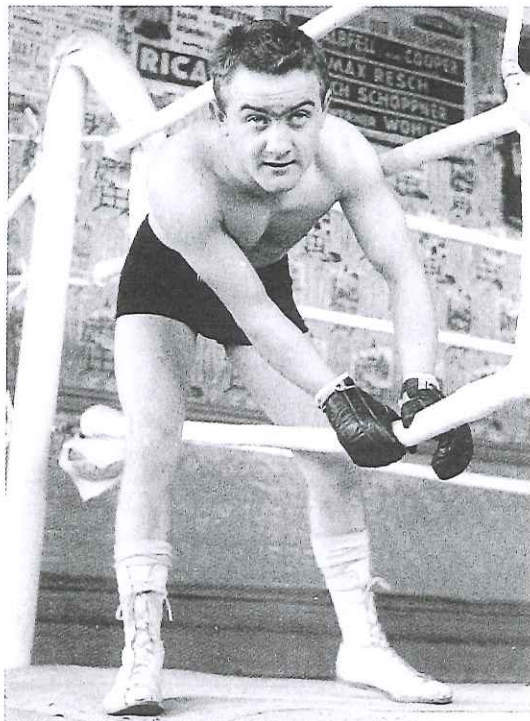
IT is with deep regret and sadness that I learned of the passing of a great champion and lovely person in Johnny Caldwell. I had the privilege to manage him after he lost his world title to Eder Jofre.

About a year had elapsed since he lost his title when he contacted me but I was unsure he really wanted to continue boxing, as he had announced his retirement. So I left it a month and he contacted me again and told me if I wasn't interested he would seek another manager. It was then I knew he wanted to continue, so I signed him.

We won the British title and our association was as good as you could get. He was a great family man and a devout Catholic. When he came to London to fight he stayed at my home and I had to take him to church for the 10am mass every day. He never missed it.

He told me many times – and I regrettably agreed – that he wished I had managed him from the time he first turned professional. He had so much class and was such a remarkable talent. But he made so very little money from his career and a better professional it would be difficult to find.

Of all the boxers I have managed – and there have been many – none knew their bodies like Johnny. He could tell to the day when he needed to reduce his gym work or sparring or to change his food intake so that he came in and was strong at the weight.



**TOP TRAINER:**  
In terms of conditioning, Caldwell was ahead of his time

He needed to be strong as he had such a crowd-pleasing, perpetual motion style. If he was not strong he would have been quickly found out.

God Bless you, John. I am proud and privileged to have been both your manager and your friend. Rest in peace.

Please pass on my respects and condolences to all his family I know he

loved so dearly.

**Burt McCarthy, Andorra**

\*McCarthy told us he hadn't seen Caldwell in 20 years. Burt, who has been living in sunny Andorra for over 10 years, said he remains in touch with some of his ex-fighters like Pat Dwyer, Bobby Arthur, Errol Christie and Andy Straughn.

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Off the mark

I WAS amazed by Simon Euan-Smith's report on the outcome of the fight between Ashley Theophane and Mark Douglas. I felt Mark gave a good spirited effort that belies his record of only six fights. However, Ashley was in control and boxed well within himself, as one would expect of a talented fighter who has beaten a former world champion in DeMarcus Corley.

I feel Douglas has a bright future and wish him well. As for Ashley, he is overdue a meaningful fight. I wonder why he has not been nominated to fight one of the top tenners in Britain.

Still enjoying my Friday *Boxing News* read.

Cassius Campbell, London NW5

\*We would imagine that Theophane being based partly in the US and his stated intention to aim for world titles both contribute to his not being nominated at British level.

Classic battle

SAD to hear of the death of former world bantamweight champion Johnny Caldwell.

I witnessed his first fight against Alphonse Halimi, when he won the 'world' title (Euro version). But the fight of his I remember most was his highly-charged affair against fellow-Belfastman Freddie Gilroy at the King's Hall.

What a fight. It was one of the best between the little men I can recall in a long time. Rest in peace, champ.

Harry Doherty, Gillingham

Photo search

DOES anyone know where I can purchase black/white 8x10 photos of Emile Griffith, Gene Fullmer, Carmen Basilio, Vito Antuofermo, and Marvin Hagler?

I read the letter from John H Stracey regarding Kenny Bayless. I met both in Canastota and they were a pleasure to talk to.

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## BN On email...

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## It worked for me

I AM WRITING in response to reader Scott Burns regarding White Collar boxing. I am a life-long boxing fan with my father and grandfather being fighters, but chose football as my sport and although I trained and sparred at a local club occasionally, I never had a competitive bout.

This was one of my biggest regrets in life and even though I gained my coaching badge with the ABA and helped to run an amateur club it never really filled the void.

I then heard about White Collar boxing and after contacting them and attending the Real Fight Club, I had my first bout at York Hall, Bethnal Green. My dream had come true – unbelievable as by this time I was 50.

I have now had about 16 fights, all

well-matched and overseen by doctors and the experience has changed my life. As well as still competing, I am now coaching boxers in conjunction with Alan Lacey to help guys like me achieve the amazing experience that I have had. Go for it Scott!

Mark Lisk, Windsor, Berkshire

## Anyone know Larry?

DO any BN readers remember the late great Larry Gains? Larry was the champion of the British Empire in the 1930s and fought some of the world greats like Primo Carnera and knocked out Max Schmeling.

Larry was a black Canadian boxer who moved to England to box in the 1920s and lived for many years in Leicester. He also owned a small

boxing gym in Wallington, Surrey. His wife Lisa later moved to Cologne, Germany. Larry died there in 1983. He was considered a true gentleman of the fight game.

We're researching a television documentary on 1920s and '30s boxing and want to speak with anyone who may have known Larry personally and anyone who may have had contact with, or still does have contact with, any of his children: Betty, Anne, Harold or Jack or his wife Lisa.

If you knew Larry in any capacity please do get in touch with us. Any information or support is confidential and you are under no obligation to appear on screen!

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# Amateurs

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## Kenny stays on track for Milan

Thomas Myler on how Ireland's Olympic silver medallist came through the Worlds box-offs

BEIJING Olympics silver medallist **Kenneth Egan** is on track for a place on Ireland's team for the Worlds in Milan from September 1-12.

Winner of a record seven Irish light-heavy titles after previously holding two middle championships, Egan was never in any trouble in the finals of the Irish ABA's Open Senior competition. He scored a third-round win over fellow-Dubliners **Darren Cruise** at the National Stadium.

Cruise was trailing 6-1 after the opening round and 15-1 after the second before the Crumlin boxer's corner wisely retired their man.

"I got him with some good body shots," said Egan. "Everything is coming together nicely now for the Worlds and I'm happy with myself. There's a multi-nations coming up in France on August 18 and I'll be there."

The stylish Neilstown southpaw, considered the best light-heavy in the 98-year history of the Irish ABA, has a remarkable record of never having lost to a home opponent in just over 10 years.

In a repeat of the Irish Seniors final in February, Dublin light-welter **Philip Sutcliffe** had a decisive 21-6 win over Athy's **John Joe Joyce**, a three-time national champion.

Beijing Olympian Joyce was simply overpowered by the promising Sutcliffe, 19, a son of the same-name former two-time European bronze medallist and three-weights Irish champion in the 1970s.

In another duplicate of a final, Wicklow's European bronze medallist and former national champion **Ross Hickey** reversed February's result with a 4-3 win over Athy lightweight **Eric Donovan**.

Hickey came from a 1-0 deficit in the opening round before gradually moving 2-1 ahead after two to take a close, if deserved decision.

Two Beijing Olympians received

walkovers: Belfast light-fly bronze medallist **Paddy Barnes** and Cavan bantam **John Joe Nevin**.

Dublin flyweight **Conor Ahern**, who failed to regain the national title in February, came back as a winner with an impressive 12-4 decision over Belfast's **Ruairi Dalton**.

Ahern began well with sharp combinations from both gloves and built up a 5-0 lead after the first round, stretching it to 7-2 after the second.

"I knew I had to start fast and collect the points, and I did that," he said. "I was very happy with my performance."

The Irish ABA used the competition as a guide to selecting the team for the Worlds.

RESULTS: 48: **PADDY BARNES** (Holy Family, Belfast) w/o.

51 (4): Semi-finals: **CONOR AHERN** (Baldoyle) outpd Danny Coughlan (St

Anne's) 15-3, **Ruairi Dalton** (Holy Trinity) outpd Declan Geraghty (Dublin Docklands) 14-11. Final: **AHERN** outpd Dalton 12-4.

54: **JOHN JOE NEVIN** (Cavan) w/o.

57 (3): Semi-final: **TYRONE**

**McCULLAGH** (Illes GG) outpd David

Oliver Joyce (St Michael's Athy) 7-5.

Final: **McCULLAGH** outpd Sean Kilroy (Holy Family, Drogheda) 7-0.

60: Quarter-finals: **ROSS HICKEY**

(Grangecon, Wicklow) w/o Ciaran Bates

(St Mary's, Dublin). Semi-finals: Eric

Donovan (St Michael's Athy) outpd

Raymond Moylett (St Anne's) 10-9,

**HICKEY** stpd Robert Gorman

(Balbracken) 2nd. Final: **HICKEY** outpd

Donovan 4-3.

64 (4): Semi-finals: **John Joe Joyce** (St

Michael's Athy) outpd John Murray

(Gorey) 10-6, **PHILIP SUTCLIFFE**

(Crumlin) stpd Matt Connery

(Springhill) 1st. Final: **SUTCLIFFE** outpd

Joyce 21-6.

69 (8): Quarter-finals: **Graham Hogan**

(Crumlin) outpd Shane Murtagh

(Crumlin) 5-3, **Adam Nolan** (Bray,

Wicklow/Garda) stpd Fergal Redmond

(Arklow) 3rd injury, **Tom Blaney**

(Westside) outpd Rory O'Donoghue

(Riverstown) 9-2, **ROY SHEAHAN** (St

Michael's, Athy) outpd Niall Murray

(Gorey) 6-6/13-13/5-0 judges. Semi-

finals: **Nolan** outpd Hogan 7-0,

**SHEAHAN** stpd Blaney 3rd. Final: **SHEAHAN** outpd Nolan 6-6/4-1 judges.

75 (6): Quarter-finals: **Stephen O'Reilly** (Twintowns, Donegal) outpd Stuart Edgeworth (Edenmore) 16-3, **Luke Keeler** (St Matthews) outpd Eamon O'Kane (Immaculata) 2-2/5-5/4-1 judges. Semi-finals: **DAVID JOYCE** (St Michael's Athy) outpd Jimmy Sweeney (St Josephs) 9-3, O'Reilly outpd Keeler 5-1. Final: **JOYCE** outpd O'Reilly 7-4.

81 (6): Quarter-finals: **Denis Hogan** (Grangecon) stpd Richard Beel (St Michael's New Ross) 3rd, **KEN EGAN** (Neilstown) outpd Brendan Fitzpatrick (West Finglas) 12-6. Semi-finals: **Darren Cruise** (Crumlin) outpd Tom Roohan (St Josephs) 11-2, **EGAN** outpd Hogan 12-1. Final: **EGAN** bt Cruise rtd 3rd.

91 (5): Quarter-final: **CON SHEEHAN** (Clonmel, Tipperary) outpd Tom Sheehan (St Michael's Athy) 9-2. Semi-finals: **Conal Carmichael** (Holy Trinity, Belfast) stpd Mike McDonagh (Olympic) 3rd, **C. SHEEHAN** outpd Danny Tourish (Twintowns) 9-0. Final: **C. SHEEHAN** outpd Carmichael 11-4.

91& (4): Semi-finals: **Chris Devanney** (St Josephs, Derry) outpd Martin Sweeney (Dunboyne) 6-1, **CATHAL McMONAGLE** (Holy Trinity, Belfast) outpd Gareth Smith (Crumlin) 10-4. Final: **McMONAGLE** outpd Devanney 12-2.



HAPPY: Ireland's top amateur boxer Kenneth Egan feels his preparations for the Worlds are coming along nicely

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