

Fight night packs a punch

BRANDON'S TOP TALENT BOXES CLEVER AT LAST SHOW OF 2019

BOXING

BRANDON'S in-the-ring talents boxed clever on their club's final show of 2019 - winning 12 of the 13 competitive contests on the bill, writes TONY HODGSON.

The sell-out promotion - staged at Brandon Sports Centre - came close to being called off due a bug affecting the Durham club's fighters.

However, they recovered to produce healthy performances in the ring - talented prospect John Dixon leading the way.

Maturing with every contest, he claimed a deserved decision against Braydon Close and was named the night's best junior boxer.

There were also solid wins for Euan Oakes, Jackson Smurthwaite, Kurtis Bone, Clarke Lennon, Alfie Murphy, Jordan Fletcher and Jack Coglán, while Ellis Jones dropped a tight split decision.

Brandon head coach Alex Oliver said: "Jordan won on points in a tough bout which could have gone either way.

"Jack was elevated to top the bill and ground out a well-deserved win to take bout of the night."

Four skills bouts were also on the programme with Brandon's Bobby Stephenson, Jack Armstrong, Harvey Smith and Charlie Jones showing their potential.

Grace Kenny was due to be in action - but her opponent pulled out on the morning of the show.

The night's special guest was award-win-



Some of Brandon Boxing Club's winners from the club's final show of 2019 with club coaches - including head coach Alex Oliver (centre)

ning author Jamie Boyle and officials from England Boxing took charge of the proceedings.

Oliver added: "We had a sell-out crowd and the place was bouncing.

"The crowd cheered each fighter regardless of which corner they were in.

"We raised funds in the auction for Group 25, who take disabled and disadvantaged children to Lourdes, and for our friend Lisa Allison who is recovering at home after suffering from a stroke in the summer."

Brandon Boxing Club's Jack Coglán (right) has his hand raised after his victory which was voted bout of the night



Brandon BC's John Dixon (right) celebrates a deserved decision against Braydon Close and was named the night's best junior boxer



Action (and right) from the shows skills bouts



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