

BULLETIN – COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

10<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Regrettably, 2014 starts as 2013 ended with a number of postponed or cancelled Championships. At LIGHTHEAVYWEIGHT Courtney Fry failed to meet the very important BBB of C check weight requirements and was withdrawn, leaving Queensberry Promotions insufficient time to find a suitable opponent for Enzo Maccarinelli for their 7<sup>th</sup> December date, a problem they also faced at WELTERWEIGHT when Ghanaian challenger Joseph Lamptey was not granted a UK Entry Visa to enable him to challenge Frankie Gavin on their 21<sup>st</sup> December date.

The first scheduled Commonwealth Championship for 2014 at LIGHTWELTERWEIGHT in Glasgow on 20<sup>th</sup> January is now also postponed, Champion Willie Limond having sustained an injury. Injuries have also led to the postponement of scheduled Championships at LIGHTMIDDLEWEIGHT, LIGHTWEIGHT and SUPERFEATHERWEIGHT.

On a brighter note, congratulations are due to STUART HALL who becomes the latest former Commonwealth Champion to win a meaningful 'big four' World Championship when he captured the vacant IBF Bantamweight Title on 21<sup>st</sup> December in Leeds, outpointing South Africa's Vusi Malinga. Like so many before him, winning the Commonwealth Championship gave him the international breakthrough necessary to obtain a World ranking. Further, we look forward to mandatory contender LUCAS BROWNE of Australia challenging for our vacant Heavyweight Title once negotiations are finalized with an approved challenger, and a date and venue confirmed.

Finally, we can look forward to the following -

FORTHCOMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUPERFLYWEIGHT (Official Eliminator, subject to Ghana Boxing Authority clearance)

YAQUB KAREEM (Nigeria) v EMMANUEL QUARTEY (Ghana)

25<sup>th</sup> January 2014. Accra. Landmark Promotions.

CRUISERWEIGHT (Vacant Title)

TONY CONQUEST (England) v DANIEL AMMANN (Australia)

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2014. York Hall, Bethnal Green. Queensberry Promotions

FLYWEIGHT (Mandatory defence)

KEVIN SATCHELL (Champion, England) v ISAAC QUAYE (Ghana)

1<sup>st</sup> March 2014. Liverpool. Queensberry Promotions.

SUPERFEATHERWEIGHT (Mandatory defence)

LIAM WALSH (Champion, England) v GARY SYKES (England)

12<sup>th</sup> April 2014. London. Queensberry Promotions.

RESULT

BANTAMWEIGHT (Vacant Title)

MARTIN WARD (England) 8st 6lb W PTS 12 119/109, 120/108, 119/109 GABRIEL ODOI LARYEA (Ghana) 8st 3 1/2lb

7<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Centre for Sports, Newcastle. Promoter Mark Clauzel.

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