

Boxing – Simmons looking for title fight



Edinburgh's Alex Arthur (right) with Ricky Burns commentating ringside on the fights at Braehead for Channel 5. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

Edinburgh cruiserweight Stephen Simmons earned a comfortable victory over an awkward opponent as one of the main fights on the Josh Taylor undercard at Braehead.

Lukasz Rusiewicz was disqualified for repeated use of the head and the Scot said he had faced more awkward opponents than that.

Now Simmons is looking for a title fight and he revealed: "I've been back in the gym three weeks and I had two weeks notice for that fight.

"The key for me was the jab. I was happy with that and getting the win.

"I thought I was going to stop him as he was getting really tired. He kept grinding his head into my head but the referee was aware and kept warning him.

"Every time I caught him with a body shot he was holding on and that was like a spar.

"I am looking forward now to getting a shot at a title of some sort in September or October."

Meanwhile, Haddington middleweight Iain Trotter believes he learned a great deal from his points win over Borislav Zankov on the undercard at Braehead.

The full-time professional, who travels to Airdrie daily to train, admitted he made mistakes despite winning 40-37.

Tritter now has four straight wins as a paid fighter to his credit and he said: "I was happy with the win but that was a C or a D performance.

"It was a good learning fight for me and I gave him time to gain his confidence.

"I made silly mistakes but we'll get back to the gym and nullify that and move forward."