

Philbin confident of Celtic title success



Some of the fighters on the Capital Collision bill. Tommy Philbin is second from the left. Picture Nigel Duncan Media

Tommy Philbin puts his unbeaten nine-fight record on the line when he goes into the ring at Meadowbank in early October.

The Kirkliston-based puncher is in form having knocked out his last three opponents, two of them – Carl Wild and Chris Dutton – at Meadowbank and a third, Kelvin Young, at The Lagoon in Paisley.

But he will be tested this time in his clash against in-form Rhys Pagan with the vacant Celtic super-middleweight title at stake.

Pagan from Sanquhar won the vacant Scottish super-middleweight title by beating Brian Forsyth on March at Meadowbank in his last outing.

And he is confident he can win another title when he squares-up to 24-year-old Philbin.

Pagan has won 14 of his 17 fights, three inside the distance and the all-Scottish clash over ten rounds is one of the mouth-watering matches on the Capital Collision bill in Edinburgh on Friday, October 6.

Tickets are on sale now and Philbin believes this will be an explosive contest.

The 27-year-old said: "I've stopped my last three opponents all at light-heavyweight and I've now moved down to super-middle which is half a stone lighter.

"I'm going to be strong and I'll be ready."

Philbin, who is 5ft 11in, was on the same bill as Pagan, who is 6ft tall, when the boxer from Dumfries and Galloway won the

Scottish title.

And the West Lothian-based fighter said: "This is a big fight for a title and victory would put my name up there and move me up the rankings.

"I always bring excitement to the ring and I always come to fight and put on a good performance.

"My prediction for the night is a Philbin win."