

Boxing – Debutant McGregor aims to be patient



Lee McGregor (left) and his opponent weigh-in at Prestonpans. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

Lee McGregor is not used to having a solid meal and going to bed after a weigh-in before a big fight.

But the Edinburgh-based rising star has time to fuel-up and chill ahead of his professional debut on Risk v Reward at The Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston, on Saturday.

He may have fought around the globe as a highly-rated amateur but the former British champion has never experienced the hoopla surrounding a professional weigh-in.

The 20-year-old said: “I’ve always weighed-in on the same day as a fight as an amateur.

“This will be the first time I’ve slept on a full stomach and nerves and excitement could keep me up but I’ll have to get used to it. I can’t see myself getting to sleep too easily.”

“I’ll try my best to keep my mind off it (the fight) and get a good night’s sleep.”

Overall, the bantam felt that the response he received from Lothians fight fans at the weigh-in at packed Prestonpans Community Centre could not have been any better.

McGregor added that he’ll have to get used to occasions like this as he believes there is a lot more to come.

The boxer, who will make his professional debut on TV, added the weigh-in had given him a real buzz ahead of fight night.

And he said; "I can't wait to get in there and show the public what I'm capable of.

"Saturday night is a different stage, a whole new level and I can't wait to get under those lights and perform in front of thousands of people.

"I've been working hard with Shane (McGuigan) in the past six or seven weeks and I've come on bundles and I'm punching a whole lot harder.

"It's not that I've got stronger it is just because my technique is so much better.

"I'm going to go in there (the ring) and do what I do in the gym and I'm sure I will be victorious in a spectacular way.

McGregor admitted he'll have to keep a lid on nervous tension and not go in there looking to finish his opponent off in double-quick time.

He added: "In the past I've been far too eager but I have plenty of time on Saturday to soak things up and show off my skills.

"I'm not going to rush things and that's the plan. Take it easy, be cautious.

"It won't do me any harm to go the distance and I will probably learn more going four rounds."