

Boxing – McGregor can't wait for pro debut



Flashback to Josh Taylor's last fight in Glasgow with Alex Arthur (right) and Ricky Burns (left) live on TV from ringside. Picture Nigel Duncan Media

Rising star Lee McGregor can't wait to get into the ring on Saturday in his professional boxing debut.

The former amateur star is on the undercard at Risk v Reward at The Royal Highland Centre at Ingliston.

And the new Cyclone recruit is brimming with confidence. Cyclone boss Barry McGuigan, the Hall of Famer and former WBA World featherweight champion, believes McGregor can become a huge Scottish star.

The Irishman said: "I heard that there was a very good kid coming through (the amateur ranks) that was doing great things.

"I love Lee's attacking style and the fact that he attacks with intelligence. I believe Lee can become a world champion."

The 20-year old is now based in Wandsworth, London, at the McGuigan Gym under coach Shane McGuigan, one of Barry's sons.

And he's training alongside WBA world super middleweight champion George Groves, WBC silver super lightweight champion Josh Taylor, and rising stars Chantelle Cameron and Chris Billam-Smith.

Big-punching McGregor has been setting the amateur boxing scene alight with his rapid rise up through the ranks.

The Great Britain Senior bantamweight (56kg) champion has produced a number of scintillating performances in the unpaid ranks.

Those performances caught the eye of McGuigan and McGregor said: "It's a massive platform for me to showcase my skills, and hopefully I can give the public a little taste of what's to come over the next few years.

"I'm loving every minute, and I plan on soaking in everything during this fight week."

East Lothian fighter Josh Taylor headlines the bill in a contest against Mexican star Miguel Vazquez.

Undefeated Taylor steps onto the world stage when he takes on Mexico's former long-reigning IBF world lightweight champion.

It's Taylor's biggest test to date as a professional.

The huge bill also sees Edinburgh's undefeated IB0 Inter-Continental super lightweight champion Jason Easton defend his belt against unbeaten Czech champion Josef Zahradnik.

Fellow undefeated Cyclone stablemate Martin Bakole boxes in his first title fight against Belgium's undefeated Ali Baghouz for the vacant IB0 Continental heavyweight championship.

Northampton's unbeaten prospect Chantelle Cameron continues her rapid rise when she squares off against Mexico's Edith Ramos for the vacant IB0 Inter-Continental super featherweight title in just her fourth contest as a professional.

Cyclone's exciting cruiserweight prospect Chris Billam-Smith faces Czech road warrior Jan Hrazdira in a four-round contest.

There are a host of other local talent featuring including Haddington's popular middleweight Iain Trotter, who boxes Poland's Leopold Krzeszewski in a four-round contest,

Glasgow's unbeaten Craig MacIntyre, who faces the Czech Republic's experienced Michal Vosyka over four-rounds at welterweight.

Uddingston's unbeaten WBC Youth Silver super welterweight champ Michael McGurk takes on Poland's Filip Rzadek in a six-round contest, while former amateur star Aston Brown boxes the Czech Republic's Martin Kabrhel in a four-round middleweight contest.