

Boxing – McGregor in all-Scottish scrap



Rising bantamweight star Lee McGregor will face former Scottish champion Scott Allan over eight-rounds at the SSE Hydro in Glasgow on Saturday, March 3.

The bout is part of the Josh Taylor v Humberto Soto undercard and McGregor – known as Lightning – is anxious to improve on his professional record of two straight wins.

The Edinburgh puncher set the amateur boxing scene alight with his rapid rise up through the ranks.

The former Great Britain senior bantamweight (56kg) champion produced a number of scintillating performances in the unpaid ranks before turning professional under the Cyclone Promotions banner in October last year.

McGregor has since made the perfect start to life in the professional game having notched up two impressive televised stoppage wins.

He now faces a step-up in class against Allan in his first eight round contest.

Former Scottish champion Allan has set his sights on claiming a major scalp but McGregor remains confident and said, “I’m so glad to have this fight signed.

“I made it clear that I wanted to challenge myself quickly as a pro and Scott Allan is a real step up for my third fight.

“March 3 should be a huge night for Scottish boxing and, hopefully, I can showcase my ability to everyone at the SSE Hydro by winning in style.

“Scott has been involved in title fights and has gone the distance plenty of times so this should be a great learning curve.”

Allan is also confident and said: “It feels great to know I’m going to be in a televised fight at such a brilliant venue.

“I know I’m in for a hard night against Lee McGregor but I believe in myself and will train harder than ever before for this fight.

“Lee is a great talent but I have the edge in experience. Hopefully, above all, we can put on a great fight for the fans.”

McGregor’s manager Barry McGuigan is excited and said: “This is a terrific fight for Lee to be involved in so early in his career,

“Scott Allan has been involved in eliminators and title fights and will be hoping to spoil the party on March 3. This should be a great all-Scottish fight and I firmly believe Lee will do the business.”