

Robbie's on the comeback trail

Unbeaten Edinburgh boxer Robbie Graham, 28, is aiming to re-enter the ring in the New Year on a double mission.

Firstly, the former Scottish professional welterweight champion wants to honour the memory of a late, much lamented, fan in his family.

And he also wants to prove that succumbing temporarily to mental health issues does not mean throwing in the towel on dreams of further sporting glory.

Robbie said: "It's been a difficult year with a death in the family and some struggles with anxiety and depression.

"But, helped by visits to the gym every day and training at Meadowbank Sports Centre, I am ready to fight to reclaim the title I voluntarily gave up in March after beating Andrew Smart (Elgin).

"When my auntie, Helen Callan, sadly passed away I was devastated as she was my biggest supporter and things just got the better of me for a while.

"But my mindset is that I'm ready to go again and as well as honouring Helen's memory I want to inspire others who have been down the same road as me."

To that end Robbie, who works as both a delivery driver and chef, has a "gentleman's agreement" with the promoter that he

will fight the winner of Alfie Poole (Clydebank) and Ben Barlett (Dingwall) who meet in Aberdeen on 25 November to decide who lifts the title he vacated.

“I still feel that title belongs to me and want to prove it. I’d love, if possible, for that fight to be in Edinburgh.

“In looking to be an inspiration for anyone who is struggling my intention is to return with a bang and add to a pro record showing five wins from five including a knock-out” adds Robbie who says his mettle and determination can be gauged by overcoming a broken rib early on as well as an opponent last time out.





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