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Munro victory at Elgin show

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GRAEME Munro gave his hopes of victory at next year's Scottish Open a boost with success at a show organised by Elgin Amateur Boxing Club.

Despite having less than 24 hours to prepare for the fight after another boxer pulled out the day before, bantamweight Munro (24), a member of Highland Boxing Academy, put in a determined showing to overcome Daniel Fairweather, of Lochee ABC, 15-5 on points.

It was yet another notable triumph for the fledgling Inverness club, who almost completed a double on the night only for Cameron Mackay (20) to come off second best in a close decision from the judges in his light welterweight fight with Elgin ABC's John-George Nicoll.

"Graeme hardly had any notice, but he's fighting fit just now and there was no way he was going to turn this bout down," said academy head coach Liam Foy.

"It was not a brilliant fight, although that was mainly down to the fact that Graeme's opponent, who was a good foot or so taller than him, kept trying to tie him up whenever he got close.

"However, Graeme showed good discipline to keep going and despite his opponents having more of a go in the third round, Graeme won it on a unanimous points decision.

"Overall, I think it was a good fight for him to take and now we want to get a few more in preparation for the Scottish Open, which takes place in February next year.

"Unfortunately, we couldn't make it two wins with Cameron Mackay losing, but he was very unfortunate.

"I felt that Cameron dominated the first two rounds and was definitely up on points. He did take a fall in the third round, but that was only because his opponent knew he needed to try and get a knockout.

"In the end, only one out of the three judges scored the bout in favour of Cameron, which was disappointing, but I'm sure he'll be all the better for this fight."

Meanwhile, Mackay, Liam Miller and Josh Jack, who is making his competitive debut for the academy, were all due to be competing at a show in Aberdeen last night.

A victorious Graeme Munro celebrates his success alongside Highland Boxing Academy head coach Liam Foy (left) and assistant coach Derek Duncan.

