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Miller wins in Aberdeen

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THE wins just keep coming for Highland Boxing Academy as they aim to finish the year with a flourish.

Following on from Graeme Munro's victory at a show organised by Elgin Amateur Boxing Club, Liam Miller emerged triumphant from an event that was hosted by the Kincorth club in Aberdeen.

Taking on Nathan McDade, of Nether Lochaber, in a middleweight contest, Miller (22) won by a unanimous points decision — a result that bodes well for his chances when contesting the Scottish Amateur Boxing Intermediate Championships in April next year.

"Liam has had a brilliant season so far," said academy head coach Liam Foy. "He reached the final of the North District and the semi-finals of the Scottish Novice, so he's always been there or thereabouts.

"He already has plenty of wins under his belt and this was another deserved one. He dominated the fight from start to finish and it was no real surprise that he won on a unanimous points decision.

"The way he moves around the ring is really stylish and there's no doubt that with each fight he takes then he grows in confidence.

"He continually caught his opponent with several overhand shots and left hooks to the body, which caused some severe punishment.

"Overall, it was a great way to finish the year for Liam, who will now look forward to the Intermediate Championships in April next year."

Josh Jack also made his debut for the academy at the same event, but it was not to be the winning start for the 15-year-old.

He started well enough and was in control after a promising first round, but he tired and this led to him going down to a defeat against host club boxer Neil Johnston.

"Josh dominated proceedings in the first round," said Foy. "He landed a few heavy shots and was well ahead on points.

"However, his fitness started to wane about halfway through the second round and he soon found himself falling behind.

"But from what I saw of Josh, I was really chuffed with. He has all the skills and he hits hard. All he needs now is to work on his cardio and I'm sure he'll be winning soon.

"He's got some hard work in front of him, but I'm confident he will be ready for the Schoolboy Championships come February next year."

Another boxer from the academy, Cameron Mackay, also had a bout scheduled for the show at Kincorth, but it had to be cancelled after his opponent pulled out.

Next up for the club is a trip to Dundee this weekend with light heavyweights James McKeachie, who is making his debut, and Mitchell Dalton due to compete alongside light welterweight James Dearie.

"We want to finish the year on a high," said Foy. "The boys have done enough training for this show and they are all certainly good enough to win."

Liam Miller celebrates his win alongside Highland Boxing Academy head coach Liam Foy (left) and assistant coach Gus Maclean

