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MacPhee looking for second Scottish success

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DONALD MacPhee is looking to add a second Scottish title to his collection when he competes at the Amateur Boxing Scotland's Intermediate Championships in Motherwell tomorrow.

The Highland Boxing Academy member won a Scottish Novice title last year, but now the light welterweight is looking to make another step up in class.

Academy head coach Liam Foy knows that MacPhee (23) will face a difficult challenge, but is hopeful his only fighter at the event can triumph once more on the national stage.

"It's a massive competition for Donald," said Foy. "He's in a highly-competitive weight category, but it would be great if he could come home with a second Scottish title.

"Donald will be our only boxer at the championships. We had hoped to take both Darren Ravenhill and Liam Miller, but they are injured, so Donald has been left to fly the flag."

Another of the academy's boxers facing a crucial period in the ring is bantamweight Graeme Munro.

The 24-year-old, who acts as Macphee's sparring partner in training, is busy stepping up his preparations ahead of next month's Scottish Senior Open prelims.

"Graeme is our only open class boxer, so he's been gearing up for this for a while now and we're just waiting to see if he'll have to box at the prelims in February," said Foy.

