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George makes a winning return

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THERE was a successful return to the ring for welterweight Michael George as he recorded a convincing triumph at a show in Huntly.

The Highland Boxing Academy fighter had not had a contest for two-and-a-half years after deciding to take a break from boxing, but he showed no signs of rustiness by comfortably overcoming the challenge of Craig Campbell (Granite City Amateur Boxing Club).

For academy had coach Liam Foy, the decision to come back by George (23) has proven to be the correct one after this encouraging display.

"Michael won the bout by a unanimous points decision, which was tremendous for him," said Foy.

"He started off really well, getting up to a very high tempo, and he managed to keep it going right through until the end of the contest.

"Michael was first to the punch every time and that was great to see as we had asked him to do that beforehand.

"We also wanted him to keep it simple with some straight shots and these were catching his opponent every time he came forward.

"It did get a little bit scrappy in the latter stages and there was a bit of holding, but Michael was doing well to work his way out of these clinches, making sure that when he did so he caught his opponent with some heavy blows.

"It was certainly a good bout for him against what was a tricky fighter.

"This was his first competitive fight in some two-and-a-half years, while prior to this he had only boxed something like three times.

"However, he's decided that he wants to come back and give it another go, so this was a fantastic return to the ring for him.

"I'm really happy for Michael and I've no doubts at all that this victory will have done his confidence the world of good."



Michael George