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## George continues good form

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MICHAEL George's penultimate fight before the Scottish Novice Championships in October could not have went any better as the Highland Boxing Academy member triumphed with a majority decision.

Taking part in a show at Fraserburgh, organised by Kincorth Amateur Boxing Club, George took on home favourite Aaron Logan in a welterweight contest.

Having won his debut bout for the academy, the 23-year-old was looking to maintain his unbeaten record for Highland and he did just that with another encouraging performance.

"Although Aaron threw a lot more shots than Michael did, it was Michael who landed the far cleaner and harder shots throughout this contest," said academy head coach Liam Foy.

"Also, Michael has a really good defence and this makes him very hard to hit for opponents.

"There's no doubt that, at times, Aaron made it tricky for Michael, but he showed his class in the latter stages of the fight by landing some really good shots.

"Michael was certainly the more consistent of the two boxers when it came to landing his punches and this helped him gain the win by virtue of a majority decision.

"It's Michael's second win since he joined the academy and it's great to see the progress that he's making. He will now fight at our own show in September before going to the Scottish Novice Championships."

Foy also had the chance to run the rule over four of his younger boxers, both at the show in Fraserburgh and at event in Elgin.

Kieran Swanson, Andy Craig and Alex Birks all impressed, but the outstanding display came from Joe Cuthbert who won an award for the best boxer on the first half of the card at Elgin.

"This was a great opportunity for our youngsters to get some experience inside the ring," said Foy. "You can do all the sparring and training that you want, but it's totally different in the ring, so it was good to give them a chance to do that and they all acquitted themselves really well. I was proud of them."

