



Members of Rylane Boxing Club, who are to compete against the NYPD at Rochestown Park Hotel, from left, Daniel Lane, Darren O'Gorman, Seán Óg O'Leary, Ray O'Donoghue and Pat Fitzgibbon

Picture: Eddie O'Hare

BEIJING Olympian John Joe Joyce will be just one of the stars in action at the Rylane boxing club dinner show versus a New York Golden Gloves selection at the Rochestown Park Hotel on Leaside this Saturday night.

The 2008 European Championships bronze medalist nicknamed 'Triple J', Rory O'Donoghue, Daniel Lane, Donal Og O'Leary, Darren O'Gorman and Adam Nolan and some of Cork's and Ireland's finest will be between the ropes seeking to take a bite out of the Big Apple.

Rylane BC coach Dan Lane is predicting the weekend's show will be a sell-out.

Lane, who was working Ireland's corner when they drew 4-4 with England in Aldershot last weekend, also revealed that a Rylane BC selection will box at the Mecca of world boxing next March — Madison Square Garden in New York.

For now however, all their focus is on Saturday night and Lane is forecasting a cracking night's entertainment on Leaside.

"We have a top-class show organised and I'd be confident that we'll get at least 400 seated," said Lane

Meanwhile, the Cork Leagues recommenced last Thursday evening with 15 contests decided at the Glen Boxing club on Leaside.

Making his debut on the night for the newly reformed Fr Horgan's BC was Tommy Hyde, son of Cork based promoter Gary. Hyde junior was in against St Colman's prospect Kelvin Hickey.

'Triple J' will glove up at the New York show

BOXING

By BERNARD O'NEILL

Hyde, despite Hickey's never-say-die-attitude, used his height, reach advantage and boxing skills to win every round of the Boy (1) 44kg duel and record a 10-2 verdict.

Meanwhile, Watergrasshill BC's Alex Gahan and Glen's James Keenan produced an awesome display of boxing at Boy (2) 50kg.

These two have claimed All-Ireland medals in the past.

Keenan stole the first round 3-0 with clean body shots. In the second, Gahan used some straight rights to good advantage to reduce the deficit to 6-4 and looked to be en

route to victory after leveling it at 6-6 in the third

Keenan isn't Irish champion for nothing and the Glen man registered three points in the final 10 seconds of the bout to chalk up a 9-6 win.

Danny Keating, also of the Watergrasshill club, and St Colman's Adam Curly were involved in another battle of the Irish champs at Boy (3) 50kg.

Curley edged 1-0 in front in the second and then took a 4-2 verdict after both corners traded punches at the bell.

The contest of the night award went to Sunnyside and Glen debutants Dylan O'Driscoll and Stephen McCarthy in their first venture into the squared circle at

Boy (1) 27kg.

The lead changed hands numerous times as both prospects gave their all, but at the end of an engrossing contest it was McCarthy's hand that was raised in triumph on a 16-15 decision.

Lorenzo Coyle (Spartan) beat Martin McDonagh (Loughmahon) 10-6 at Youth (1) 60Kg.

Elsewhere at the Glen BC, Loughmahon's Jim Keenan ran out a comfortable points winner over Dylan Broderick (Spartan). Thomas McCarthy (Mayfield) and Shane O'Neill (St Colman's) renewed acquaintances at Boy (2) 31kg with O'Neill taking a decision.

Mitchelstown BC will host their annual tournament this Sunday at the Firgrove Hotel at 8pm.

Blowing hot and cold is what Rooney does

MY neighbour popped his head over the fence last week and refusing to go against our tradition, his initial conversational assault concerned football.

The subject he landed on was Mr Wayne Rooney and his recent troubles at Old Trafford.

There I was, nodding away at whatever he was banging on about when he ventured, "He's lucky he didn't get a hairdryer thrown at him, like Becks!"

Ha, I interjected, "You mean a boot kicked at him."

"No, when he threw the hairdryer at him."

Ah, I thought, he seems to be mixing up the occasion when Alex Ferguson kicked a boot in the dressing room and it hit David Beckham



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in the head and the euphemism used for when he gives a player a b*****ing.

"I think it was a boot," I reiterated.

"No. The hairdryer," he countered.

All that was left to do was shake his hand and admit defeat.

It is difficult to picture Ferguson ever berating the volatile Rooney in a dressing room in the future.

Although it was the Liverpoolian who apologised for his recent behaviour, Fergie is acutely aware that the near future, possibly his final years with United, will be defined by Rooney.

Rooney was voted PFA footballer of the year for his goalscoring feats last season and when 2010 began, with England expected to do well at the World Cup, he was installed as one of the favourites to win the Fifa World Player of the Year, the Ballon D'Or.

Unable to hit a Barn D'or at the World Cup and having not scored since August 28 against West Ham, Rooney has had a miserable start to the new season, even when you ignore his off-the-field troubles.

He has a solitary goal to his name

this season (six behind the leaders Malouda, Tevez and Nolan) and will be out until the start of December.

This is the reason he is 20-1 at Ladbrokes (25-1 on bwin.com) to be leading the chart by the end of the year.

But as sure as you will renege on your new year resolutions, come mid-January, United will be on a surge. And come February, the odds may be much less generous.

Recommendation: Wayne Rooney to be top scorer in Premier League: 25-1 on bwin.com.

Other prices: Drogba (6) 23-10 PaddyPower; Tevez (7) 4-1 Bet365; Bent (6) 11-1 PP; Berbatov (6) extrabet.com; Torres (2) 18-1 PP; Malouda (7) 20-1 Bet365; Nolan (7) 50-1 Boylesports.

Cork sharks take some big scalps on circuit

POOL NEWS

By IVAN GLAVIN

CORK pool players did themselves proud at the IPA Pool Circuit last weekend by beating some big-named players.

Imran Farooq beat the 2007 European Champion and the winner of the previous tournament Stephen Dempsey 6-5.

He then reached the quarter-final, but lost out to Noel O'Sullivan.

The second great win went to Paul Noonan who beat the U21 World Champion Karl O'Donoghue 6-2.

Paul went on to the quarter-final only to be knocked out by Niall McSweeney.

Young Micheal Cosgrave also proved himself by playing some great pool at the early stages of the competition.

He went to meet Barry Hough of Mayo, an Irish international player and he beat him 6-3.

He also then lost his chance to reach the quarter-final by losing to David Columb.

Match of the weekend was the contest between local favourite Paul O'Donoghue against Wexford man, Robert Brady.

It was Robert who won the deciding frame after Paul was very unlucky not to get his reward for trying to pull out a great finish.

Well done to Dave Duggan of Cobh (Connie's Pool team) who reached the U21 final where he lost 6-5.

Now to the Murphy's Pool League results from last Tuesday night's games.

In the B section Brannigan's kept their winning strike going by beating the Blackrock Inn 5-2.

There were wins for Finbarr Wallace, Kevin O'Sullivan, Dave Cremin, Micheal O'Driscoll and James Hickey.

The Harp A won 4-3 at home against the Capwell team.

Allen's won six-one against Roisin Dubh.

They kicked into gear with wins from Michael Cosgrave, Dairen Murphy, Maurice Kelleher, Philip Stockley, Pa Lucey and Barry O'Sullivan.

This win sees them back in the hunt for the semi-final place.

The KLM B got back to winning ways by beating the Lakelands six-one.

In the A section there were wins for Mo Chuisle A over the Beer Garden. Mo's were 4-1 up and looked like taking a big win until the Beer

Garden battled away and grabbed the last two games.

Connie's beat the Mo Chuisle B team 4-3 with wins from Roady Caughlan, Eamon Dolan, Imran Farooq and Brain Lawlor.

Quinlan's Bar got back to winning ways by defeating the Three Horse Shoes 6-1.

The Red-Cove beat KLM A 4-3.

Wins came from Christy Meehan, Vince Noonan, Liam Googin and Dave Larkin.

KLM's wins came from Noel Rea, Colin Hackett and Gordan Cooney.