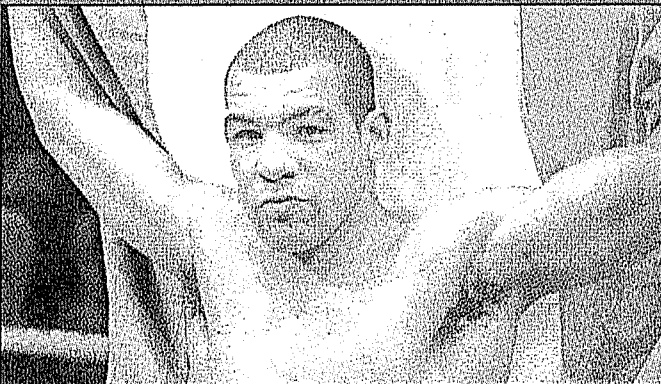




Katie Taylor retained her world title last month in Ningbo City, China.



Light flyweight Paddy Barnes won Olympic bronze in Beijing in August.



Olympic bronze medalist Darren Sutherland got his pro-career off to a winning start on Dec. 18.



The day after Sutherland's victory, silver medalist Ken Egan announced that he would be staying in the amateur ranks to focus on winning gold in London in 2012.

Boxing

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Dublin light welterweight Jamie Kavanagh added a silver medal while light heavyweight Thomas McCarthy and welterweight David Joyce both picked up bronze as Ireland placed fourth out of 68 nations in Mexico. The U.S. finished fifth.

Moylett, who's 18, is now an early Irish medal hope for the next Olympics. A boxer since age six, he has a bright future ahead of him.

So does Katie Taylor, the multi-talented Bray native who's arguably regarded as the world's top female amateur pugilist.

The 22-year-old Taylor, a soccer star as well with some 40 caps for Ireland at different levels, retained her world lightweight title at the 5th AIBA Women's Championships in China last month. She also won the "Boxer of the Tournament" award.

And what exactly was the secret behind Ireland's emergence as an amateur boxing power these past 12 months? Most credit the Irish Amateur Boxing Association's [IABA] High Performance Program. It's evidently become a conveyor belt for talent such as Egan, Moylett, Taylor and other prospects.

Egan acknowledges that it's made him a better fighter.

"I've learned so much through the High Performance [unit] over the past five years," he said. "Through the [program] I've gotten better, much better, and I have to hold that to my coaches Billy [Walsh] and Gary [Keegan], who set up the whole thing, too."

'Fighting Irishmen' to show in Tyrone

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The Ulster American Folk Park in County Tyrone is the next stop for the popular "Fighting Irishmen" boxing exhibit after a three-year run in the United States.

Featuring memorabilia, artifacts and other items from the likes of Dan Donnelly, Barry McGuigan, Gene Tunney, Billy Conn and John Duddy the exhibit will be on view there from May 29 through Nov. 29.

According to Jim Houlihan, the brains behind the project who's served as curator, the forthcoming exhibit will place special emphasis on the 2008 Irish Olympic boxing squad that won three medals in Beijing last summer. It will also focus on the current crop of exciting young professionals emerging in Ireland and those campaigning overseas.

Like in previous exhibits, the most unique item on show remains the mummified right arm of bare-knuckle legend Dan

Donnelly. The arm will again be on display thanks to owner Josephine Byrne.

"The Fighting Irishmen" exhibit has enjoyed extraordinary success since opening at the Irish Arts Center in Manhattan in fall 2006. It has been the subject of a feature documentary by the BBC, which aired in Northern Ireland during the holiday season of 2006. It was the highest rated program in that time slot in the history of the BBC Northern Ireland.

The exhibit was featured at the South Street Seaport Museum in New York as the main attraction in 2007 and was most recently featured at the John J. Burns library at Boston College in Massachusetts.

"At each venue, the exhibit attracted widespread media coverage from TV, radio and print media," said Houlihan. "We expect the same interest in 2009, when the exhibit opens in Ulster."

EPL Standings

Team	P	Pts	(GD)
Liverpool	20	45	(+22)
Chelsea	20	42	(+31)
Man Utd	18	38	(+19)
Arsenal	20	35	(+10)
Aston Villa	19	35	(+10)
Everton	20	32	(+2)
Wigan	19	28	(+3)
Hull	19	27	(-8)
Fulham	19	26	(+4)
West Ham	20	25	(-4)
Bolton	20	23	(-6)
Portsmouth	20	23	(-12)
Man City	20	22	(+8)
Newcastle	20	22	(-6)
Sunderland	20	22	(-8)
Tottenham	20	20	(-5)
Middlesbr	20	20	(-12)
Stoke	20	20	(-15)
Blackburn	20	18	(-14)
West Brom	20	18	(-19)

Cavan Gaelic Football & Social Club of New York

40th Annual Dinner Dance

Saturday, January 10, 2009

Riccardo's by the Bridge

21-01 24th Ave., Astoria, NY 11102

Guest of Honor: Tom Cahill

Senior Player of the Year: Brendan O'Reilly

Junior Player of the Year: Gerry Fitzpatrick

Ladies Player of the Year: Emma Clarke

Music by: Mary G. and the Shamrocks

Followed by: DJ Kev

Cocktail Hour: 8:00-9:00 P.M. • Tickets: \$80 Each
Journal Ads: Gold \$200 • Full Page \$100 • Half Page \$70

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The New York GAA wishes all of our members, clubs and supporters a Happy 2009.

New York Senior Football Team Management - Expressions of interest should be forwarded to the Secretary by January 6.

Upcoming dates:

Rules Convention

Feb. 8 • 2 p.m. at Riverdale Steakhouse.

Motions to be submitted by regular meeting on Jan. 22.

Annual Banquet

March 1, 2009 at Antun's. Guest of Honor: Tom Nugent.

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