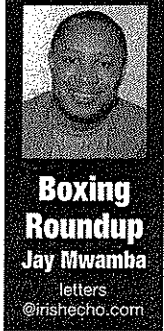


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Lee wins handily in packed 61,000-arena

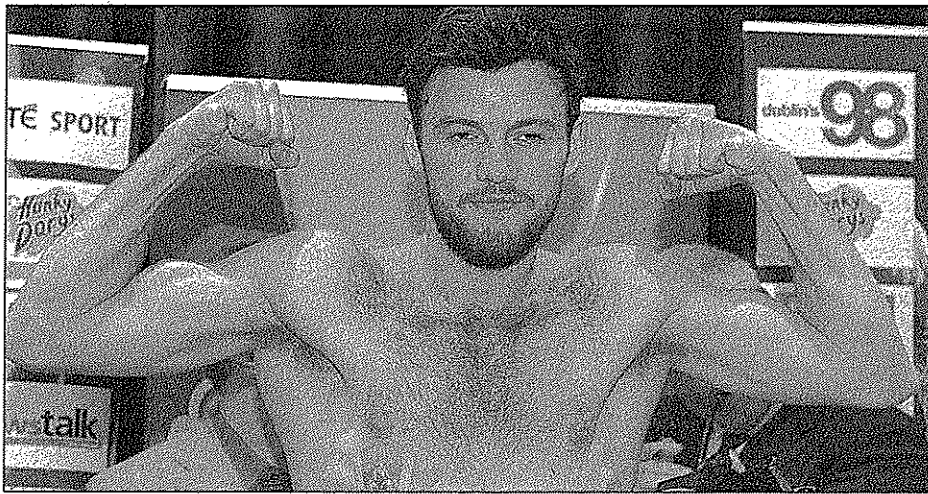
His stock back on the rise, Andy Lee cruised to an impressive six round points decision over Olegs Fedotovs in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, last Saturday.



The Limerick southpaw, who's slowly reestablishing his credentials as a world middleweight title contender, won his third straight bout after last year's setback against Brian Vera.

Lee dominated Fedotovs from the opening bell before a massive 61,000 capacity crowd at the Veltins-Arena and dropped the Latvian with a hard left hand in the last stanza.

He swept all six rounds on two of the judges card [60-51, 60-53] and five on the third card [59-55] while



Limerick's Andy Lee sparred with his heavyweight champion stablemate Vladimir Klitschko ahead of their fights in Germany.

improving his ledger to 18-1 [13 KOs]. The durable Fedotovs fell to 10-5 [6 KOs].

The match was on the undercard of Lee stablemate Waldimir Klitschko's successful heavyweight title defense

against Russian southpaw Ruslan Chagaev.

Lee had spent the weekend leading into the show sparring with the giant 6-foot-six Klitschko and it showed.

He landed sharp, quick punches on Fedotovs who in contrast swung widely, trying to lure the Irishman into a brawl.

However, Lee wouldn't buy it and when he spied openings, rocked his man with rattling shots.

He was very pleased with his performance and told RTE Sport: "I'm really delighted to win, this was my 19th fight in my career and I see the victory as another building block in moving forward in my career and obtaining experience."

"I hope to get a fight in July or August in the States and keep myself busy, but [right now] I am going to relish and enjoy the win and feeling of success," he said.

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Once is not enough for racing Irish

Once was hardly enough for several Irish denizens of the thoroughbred industry last week. Multiple wins were the order of the week, with Cathal Lynch bagging three victories over the weekend.

The Derry native saddled Thousandkissesdeep to win the sixth race at Philadelphia Park on Saturday. The 5-year-old mare, owned by Five Wolf Stable and Kildare Stable, has had a habit of getting winded late against allowance company, so she profited from the speed-favoring sloppy track she stepped over, as well as the descent into the claiming ranks. She won by little more than a length under Roberto Alvarado, Jr., and paid \$8.80 to win.

Likewise, Earl Daniels and George Scotland's Elector has had a tendency to develop a heavy foot in the late going, but the gelding closed under Alvarado in Sunday's second race at Philly Park to defeat condition claimers running for \$15,000 tags by one length, with Alvarado again in the saddle. Elector paid \$5.00 to win and helped clinch a \$26.40 Lynch daily double, led off by Ocean One, ridden by Fergal Lynch, in the first race.

Cathal Lynch also found a winning spot for Kildare Stable's Lead Time at Monmouth Park in Sunday's third race, a claiming sprint at the \$12,500 level. The mare rallied under Joe Bravo to pay \$9.40 to win.

Derek Ryan also worked out a Monmouth-Philly combo, starting with Liam Benson's homebred Made of This, which broke its maiden for a \$12,500 claiming tag in the ninth race at Philly on Saturday. The seventh lifetime start proved the charm as Pierre Hernandez Ortega guided the 3-year-old

gelding around the two turns over the slop to an easy 12-length romp. The winner returned \$8.20 to win.

Soon thereafter, Parting Glass Stable's Sentimentl Concert won the 10th race at the Jersey shore oval. The filly took a dive down the claiming scale to the \$7,500 level, where she tracked the pacesetters and then rallied under Victor Santiago to cruise home by five lengths. She paid \$13.00 to win.

Co. Kildare native John Good has had Dana's Bell in form for most of this year and kept the ball rolling by shipping the 4-year-old filly from Arlington to Iowa's Prairie Meadows, where she and jockey Joel Campbell wired a field of second-level allowance sprinters in the ninth race last Tuesday. That was the third win in five attempts this year for Dana's Bell, which paid \$10.60 to win.

Good then returned to Arlington in time to saddle Rattling Gypsy, which he owns with Ronat Kelly, for Thursday's second race. The 2-year-old first-time starter went right for the lead under Inez Karlsson in this maiden sprint at the \$40,000 claiming level and never looked back, winning by almost six lengths. The filly returned \$7.80 to win.

Fergus Galvin's Archmani got the good stuff again at Churchill Downs last Thursday; he got another sloppy track, just like the one he won on two weeks prior. The Eddie Kenneally trainee made it two in a row when he circled the field under Corey Lanerie to take this non-winners of three career races claiming race at the \$15,000 level by two lengths. Archmani, a 4-year-old Kentucky-bred filly,

spent her 2- and 3-year-old seasons running in Ireland for Ger Lyons, where she won once in 17 tries, with her best efforts coming over Dundalk's poly-track. She paid \$5.60 as the choice in Louisville.

The Churchill strip was still water-logged three days later,

when Kerneally sent Stone Farm's King Bo Bo out for his third career start. The 3-year-old gelding led the entire trip under Julien Leparoux to clear by four lengths at the wire in this maiden claimer at the \$15,000 plateau. King Bo Bo returned \$9.00 to win.

Jimmy Corrigan won the race before that, taking Churchill's second on Sunday with Jeffrey Stoddard's Spokalu. The 4-year-old gelding had done little for Corrigan since shipping east from Emerald Downs last fall, but the wet track and a plunge to the \$7,500 condition claiming zone had a healthy effect on Spokalu, which was ridden by Jesus Castanon and paid \$5.40 to win.

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over," McDowell said on Monday. "But that wasn't quite what I had in mind, last round 74. Left some putts out there, missed a few fairways on the back. Looking back, obviously I've been ruining some chances. Had a chance to win this tournament."

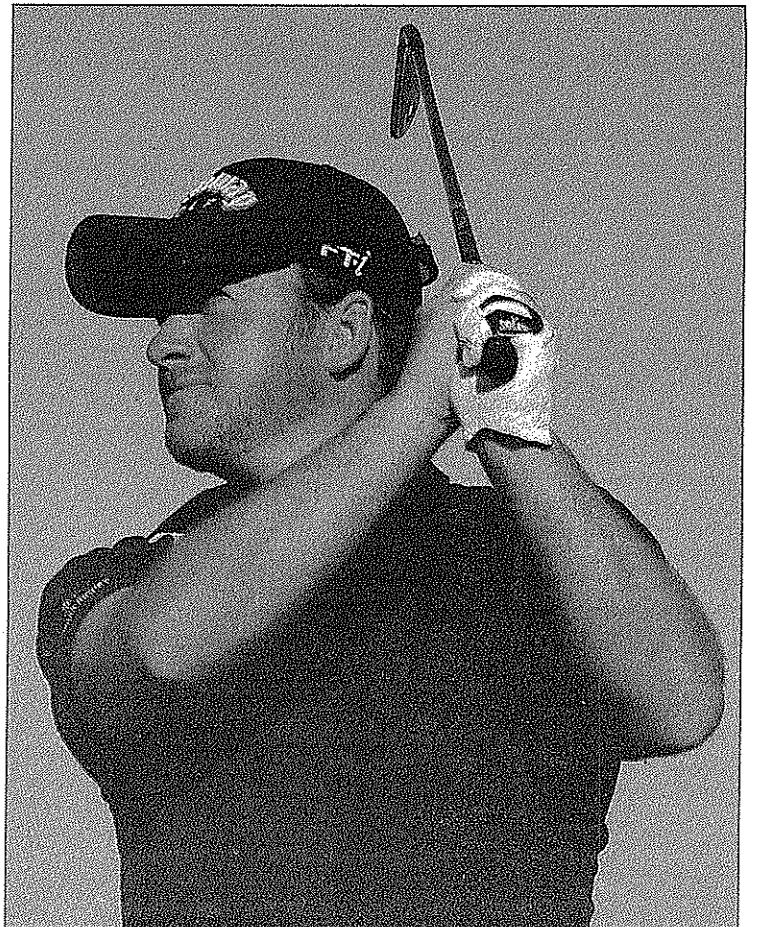
Although McDowell putted well - his average of 1.65 putts per green compares well to Glover's 1.61 - he noted an inconsistency in the speeds of the greens that perplexed him on Monday.

"Some of the greens are better than others," McDowell said. "That was affecting the speed of them a lot and I felt like I lost my speed around the turn today. I really felt kind of defensive on the greens. I left a couple short."

Still, McDowell realizes that maybe his day is not far off.

"You know, the more times you put yourself in the mix, the more experience you can gain from that, and you can kind of learn from that experience and sort of analyze the weaknesses in your game," McDowell said. "Work on those and come back. I want to win majors very soon in my career, and I'm slowly becoming the kind of player I want to become."

Padraig Harrington has been



Graeme McDowell.

there before and now is in a new, unwelcome, place, trying to figure out what has gone wrong. He missed the cut by eight strokes, shooting consecutive rounds of 76 while playing

with Tiger Woods and Angel Cabrera.

Darren Clarke also had a trying time, carding rounds of 74 and 76, to bring about an early exit.