

## **Gray trounces Clarke**

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A capacity crowd flocked to the Halifax Metro Center last Tuesday evening to witness the much anticipated re-match between Clyde Grey and the new Commonwealth Champion, Haligonian Chris Clarke.

The previous meeting between the two occurred last August, and ended with Clarke capturing the title from Grey by way of a technical knockout. The bout was a spectacular one. At least half a dozen times the hard punching 32 year old Grey staggered Clarke with right hand leads, only to have him fight back more tenaciously than ever. In the end the youth and courage of Clarke prevailed as a cut which he opened over Grey's right eye in the early rounds, and which would later require fourteen stitches to close, caused the doctor in attendance to stop the match.

The stakes for the rematch were higher than in the initial encounter. In addition to the Commonwealth title, Grey placed his Canadian title on the line in a winner take all proposition.

Insiders fingered Grey as the favorite, pointing to his experience, having fought for the World's title three times. and the fact that he usually fights better the second time around. However there were a couple of big "ifs", such as the condition of the scar tissue around Grey's eyes, and whether or not the 32 year old Grey could put away the "tough as nails" Clarke who is 10 years his junior.

The general consensus was that the longer the fight went the less it was to Grey's advantage. If it lasted the full fifteen rounds, Clarke's youth and Grey's tendency to cut would certainly be telling factors.

As it turned out, this was a pretty accurate prediction, as the fight would only go 10 rounds with the referee raising Grey's arm at the end. The bout was at least as

good, and in some ways better than the first one. Rather than being a toe to toe slugfest with the fighters throwing bombs with both hands, this fight was a study in boxing skill and ring strategy

It began rather tenatively with Clarke pursuing the fleeting Grey around the ring, both fighters very much aware of each others capabilities.

Up until the fourth round the action was characterized by Clarke's left jab and uppercut, which was his best scoring punch, and some sharp counter punching by Grey.

The momentum and style of the fight changed after the fourth round as Clark began to take the fight to Grey

The sixth was his best round as his punches were able to penetrate Grey's defense. A wicked left from Clarke opened a cut over Grey's right eye. The round ended with Clarke pouring it on as Grey tried to protect his vulnerable eye.

Prior to the relay Susan

the 200 m. freestyle and 200

For the first time ever the

Dalhousie Women's Swim

Axettes in AUAA competition. The victory came for Dal in

the final Women's event, the 4

X 100 freestyle with Susan

Acadia swimmer at the finish.

The Tigers went in to the final race with a narrow lead of

In the seventh round the momentum again changed. Grey's cut seemed to jolt him out of his defensive posture. He mounted a much more aggressive attack, as the right which had been such an important factor in fight one began to land with increasing frequency.

Ninth round action looked like an excerpt from their first fight, as both fighters stood toe to toe and punched away. Grey's punches seemed to be the more effective and with about a minute to go he rocked Clarke with a hard combinam. butterfly and 800 and 400 m. freestyle while Janie Flynn upset first year Acadia star Kathleen McKaskill in the 200 individual medley. Krista Daley meanwhile was wasting no time either as she won the 100 m. freestyle. Important place performances came from Lorraine Booth, who recorded a lifetime best in the 400 m. freestyle and by butterflyer Kathy MacDonald.

In the men's division Brian Jesop, Tom Schiebelhut and Arthur Rennie each claimed double wins. The men shut out their competition in winning all eleven events, posting a 76-19 win over Acadia and 82-13 victory over Mount Allison.

Next weekend the Tigers host their second Annual AUAA Invitational Swimming and Diving meet. Events start at 7:00 p.m., Saturday and continue on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., and all the action takes place at the Dalplex pool.

tion beginning and ending with lefts. However, Clarke

fought back effectively utilizing his jab to get him out of trouble.

The tenth round began where the previous round had left off. But by now the more powerful punching of Grey had begun to take its toll. About halfway through the round Grey crashed a right off Clarke's jaw which signalled the beginning of the end.

Sensing he was hurt, Grey used a hard combination to put the young Clarke on his back for the first time in his professional career. He was able to make it to his feet, but Grey would put him down twice more before the referee stopped the fight at 2:49 of the round, leaving Grey the un-

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