

Video: Haskins – Burnett weigh in video

Weights from Belfast

SAN DIEGO (JUNE 9, 2017) -Weights for Saturday's IBF Bantamweight title bout between champion Lee Haskins and undefeated challenger Ryan Burnett that will be shown LIVE ON AWE-A Wealth of Entertainment at 3 PM ET / 12 Noon PT

12 x 3 mins IBF Bantamweight World Championship @ 8st 6lbs
LEE HASKINS 117.3 lbs v RYAN BURNETT 117.3 lbs

10 x 3 mins vacant IBF Eastern/Western Europe Lightweight Championship
PAUL HYLAND Jr 134 lbs v ADAM DINGS DALE 134 lbs

6 x 3 mins Cruiserweight Contest
MIKE PEREZ 198 lbs v VIKTOR BISCAK (N/A)

10 x 3 mins vacant WBA International Super-Featherweight Championship
JAMES TENNYSON 129 lbs v RYAN DOYLE 129 lbs

6 x 3 mins Super-Bantamweight contest
SEAN MCGOLDRICK 120 lbs v RICKY STARKEY 122 lbs

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BURNETT: I WANT TO EMULATE FRAMPTON IN BELFAST

SAN DIEGO (JUNE 8, 2017) – Ryan Burnett says he can follow in Carl Frampton's footsteps and become a huge star in Belfast as he challenges Lee Haskins for the IBF World Bantamweight title at the SSE Arena Belfast on Saturday, LIVE on AWE- A Wealth of

Entertainment at 3 PM ET / 12 PM Noon PT.

Burnett tackles his first World title fights in his first fight on home-turf in nearly three years, while the Bristolian puts his crown on the line for the third time.

If Burnett can rip the IBF crown from Haskins, he'll become the latest World champion from Belfast, following in the footsteps of Carl Frampton. 'The Jackal' also made the red belt his first World title in the Titanic Quarter back in September 2014, and Burnett hopes that Saturday is the first step on emulating the former two-weight World champion.

"People keep saying that I am the second coming of Carl Frampton – that's a big statement," said Burnett. "I do believe that I can emulate his success and be a big hit in Belfast. I've drawn a lot of inspiration from Carl and seeing a Belfast lad become a World champion.

"He's taken the steps that I am taking now and seeing the level that he's got to and what he's achieved – and what he can still achieve – is massive. He's done so much for boxing in Belfast, and I want to have the same impact."

Burnett's clash with Haskins is part of a huge night of action in Belfast where Paul Hyland Jr faces Adam Dingsdale for his first pro title with the IBF European Lightweight strap on the line.

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HASKINS SAILING INTO STORMY WATERS IN BELFAST

SAN DIEGO (JUNE 7, 2017) -Lee Haskins gets over his first major hurdle in defending his IBF Bantamweight title against Ryan Burnett in Belfast on Saturday – by taking the ferry today due to his fear of flying.

Haskins puts his crown on the line for the third time at the SSE Arena Belfast, live on AWE—A A Wealth of Entertainment at 3 PM ET / 12 PM Noon PT and the Bristolian knows he's in for a hostile reception as he tries to hand Burnett his first pro defeat in front of the passionate Belfast fans.

'Playboy' says that the hometown support won't be a problem as it's nothing he hasn't experienced before – but knows the fight will be far from plain sailing against the unbeaten hometown star.

"I'm not the greatest on planes so we chose to get the ferry over," said Haskins. "My family and I decided to go a bit earlier and make more of a trip about it.

"It's not too far so it gives me and the kids a bit of time to catch-up and it's something different, rather than just jumping off a plane straight into the hotel. Now we get to have a little detour and have a little adventure.

"It's going to be a hostile crowd but truthfully it doesn't bother me. I've boxed away time and time again so I know what's coming. I've boxed in Monaco, Belgium and Morocco and in plenty of backyards in the UK. It doesn't bother me, a ring is a ring.

"I hope the Belfast fans don't give me too much of a hard time! I'm really looking forward to fighting in front of such a knowledgeable crowd and of course to my own fans, I'm always grateful for your continued backing.

"I am very excited – I'm more excited for this one than I have been for a long, long time. I'm happy and content going into this fight and I'm looking forward to visiting Belfast."

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BURNETT: ADAM BOOTH HAS THE PLAN TO BEAT HASKINS

SAN DIEGO- (June 5, 2017)-Ryan Burnett believes he has the perfect man in his corner in Adam Booth to get the gameplan right to take the IBF World Bantamweight title from Lee Haskins when they clash at the SSE Arena Belfast on Saturday June 10, live on AWE—A Wealth of Entertainment at 3 PM ET / 12 PM ET

Burnett faces the Bristol ace in his first World title shot and it's a welcome return to his hometown after over three and a half years on the road.

Burnett's last outing in Belfast in November 2014 was his first fight with Booth and the pair have moved seamlessly to 16-0 and on the brink of World glory as their partnership has blossomed in Booth's Surrey gym.

Booth has been in the corner for many World title fights with David Haye and Burnett feels that having those expertise behind him can be the difference.

"Adam believes I am ready for it and he's a man who has been there and done it," said Burnett. "Adam knows how to put a game plan together to beat a southpaw, and I have every faith in Adam. If I am calm, relaxed and I deliver what Adam tells me to do on the night, I'll win that belt.

"I'm always learning with every fight and every day in the gym with Adam. People were saying a year ago that I was ready for a World title shot so that must mean I am even better placed for it now. Adam makes the decisions of what the right move is for me.

“Adam has given me intelligence on what I actually have to do. All the skills are there, but he’s teaching me how to control it. That’s what we work on every day – understanding what you have to do and how you have to do it.

“I needed to sit back, peel away the layers and understand what I am doing. Adam’s work speaks for itself. He’s been in the sport for a long time and he’s a well-respected coach. I’ve come to the gym willing to listen and learn because I know that Adam has so much knowledge to give, so if Adam says jump, I say how high.”

Burnett challenges Haskins on a huge night of action in Belfast where Paul Hyland Jr faces Adam Dingsdale for his first pro title, with the IBF European Lightweight strap on the line.

An exciting undercard features a the Cruiserweight debut of Mike Perez, Ian Tims and Luke Watkins meeting for the Irish Cruiserweight title and local favourites James Tennyson, Paddy Gallagher, Matthew Wilton, Feargal McCrory and Tyrone McCullagh.

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Lee Haskins defends IBF Bantamweight title against undefeated Ryan Burnett on Saturday, June 10th, LIVE on AWE.

SAN DIEGO- Bantamweight world champion Lee Haskins will attempt to protect his IBF title for a third fight, this time against undefeated Ryan Burnett, Saturday, June 10th, LIVE on AWE- A Wealth of Entertainment.

The main event will be preceded by a full afternoon of boxing from the Odyssey Arena in Belfast, Ireland beginning at 3 pm EST/12 pm PST.

“This fight continues our strong series of championship boxing in 2017,” said AWE CEO Robert Herring, Sr. “The fight will be a tremendous battle between a classy world champion taking on

a hungry, undefeated challenger.”

The 33 year-old world champion, Haskins, is a 14 year professional who won his first 15 fights. After suffering his first loss to future world title challenger Tshifiwa Munyai, Haskins went on to win 11 of his next 12 bouts. His winning streak included wins over current WBA Bantamweight champion Jamie McDonnell (8-1-1), Ross Burkinshaw (6-1-2) as well as wins over Don Broadhurst (11-0), Trent Broadbent (3-0), Ryan Farrag (4-0) and Broadhurst (11-2) again to win the Prizefighter Tournament.

Haskins continued his success with victories over former IBF Bantamweight champion Stuart Hall (12-1-1), Martin Ward (16-1), former world title challenger Jason Booth, Luke Wilton (15-3-1), Willy Velazquez (17-3-1), Omar Lamiri (17-3-1) before winning the IBF Interm Bantamweight title with a 6th round stoppage over Ryosuke Iwasa (19-1).

Haskins defended the IBF Bantamweight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over Ivan Morales (29-1). In his last bout, he once again defeated Hall (20-4-2) with 12-round unanimous decision on December 10, 2016 in London.

“It’s going to be a pleasure to box in Belfast in front of the great fans there,” said Haskins. “I’ve watched a lot of Ryan and always thought he’s a great talent. He and Adam are going to be more than ready.

“I am getting older but this is why we want fights like this – taking on young hungry fighters to show the world that I can rock it with the best and carry on being a World champion.”

“I think we have similar styles so it could be a game of chess. Adam has a lot of tricks up his sleeve so it’ll be a really interesting fight.”

“I’ve watched a lot of the big fights up here and the way that the fans here get behind their man is amazing, it’s something

I think we miss in England. I think by the end of the night they'll appreciate my ability."

Burnett will look to become a world champion in front of his hometown fans in Belfast.

Burnett, who is ranked number-12 by the IBF is 25 years-old and is a 4-year professional.

Burnett earned the opportunity with wins over Sergio Perez (4-1), Booth, Anthony Setoul (21-4), Cesar Ramirez (12-2), Ryan Farrag (16-2), and his bout when he won an eight-round decision over Joseafat Reyes on February 25th in Hull, England.

"I always dreamed of headlining in Belfast and now I have the opportunity to do it for a world title – I'm so excited," said Burnett.

"Home advantage is going to be massive. I've been in the opposite corner when I fought Ryan Farrag in Liverpool and experienced that side of it. I got a little taste of it when I was on the undercard when Carl Frampton boxed Scott Quigg, when I came out everyone went crazy."

"That felt like a home show! It gives you that extra spring in your step, I can only imagine what it's going to be like in front of my home fans in Belfast. I can't wait."

"Lee Haskins has been about, he's been in the game a long time so he's probably been in this situation before. But the Belfast crowd are proper, they are very passionate for their fighter and will be making plenty of noise on the night for me."

"I'm only 16-0, 25 years old. I'm still new to this level. But this is definitely the right fight for me at this stage of my career. I know I'm capable of stepping up."

"Lee is very good, skilful. But I know he hasn't fought anyone

like me before and what I bring to the table. It'll be interesting to see how he handles it."

"The Faragg fight was one of my tougher tests, I fought the best Faragg. Adam Booth very happy with how I dealt with it. Looking back, it was a good learning fight for me."

"Haskins vs. Hall was a close fight, I thought Haskins just edged it. It showed a lot of Lee's character. Boxing under pressure. It wasn't his best performance. Stuart Hall came with so much tenacity but I believe the right man won on the night."

"I boxed a southpaw earlier this year in Hull and we'll have plenty of southpaw sparring in the gym. We've already been sparring quite a bit to get me in the correct rhythm so I don't think the stance will bother me much."

"Adam Booth has been teaching me stuff that I didn't even know existed! I thought I knew boxing, but when I went with Adam I quickly realized I didn't know much at all. It's been just over two years since I've been working with him. He's taken away my bad habits and bringing me round to being a World class fighter."

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