

National belts prominent

TWO Irish title fights are the featured bouts on what is very definitely an attractive supporting bill to tonight's headliner at the National Stadium.

The promoter of the show, Bernard Dunne's manager Brian Peters, is making a conscious effort to revive the largely dormant national championships.

After staging a super-middleweight title fight between Jim Rock and Peter Jackson — won by Rock — on his last Stadium

card three months ago, Peters now offers title bouts at middle and light-welterweight.

The heavier contest is between a couple of Anglo-Irishmen (the same parentage rule as our soccer team applies), Matthew Macklin from Birmingham and Michael Monaghan from Nottingham — and Macklin is a particularly interesting character.

Aside from the fact that he turns 23 today, he happens to be

the son of a Roscommon father and a Tipperary mother.

Not only that but he even hurred with Ballingarry in the County Championships at every age level from Under-12 right up through minor to Under-21.

Potential

The light-welterweight title bout, between Robbie Murray and Peter McDonagh has the potential to be the fight of the night — as does virtually every

contest that Murray, a first cousin of fellow Dub Rock, engages in.


Another highly competitive bout is the show opener, a six round welterweight battle between Darren Melville and Oscar Milkitas.

Melville is a Londoner who now fights out of Belfast, while Milkitas is a London based Lithuanian who dropped a points decision to Francis Barrett on the last Dunne show in February.




PRIMED FOR ACTION: Promoter Brian Peters (third right) with (l-r) Robbie Murray, Matthew Macklin, Bernard Dunne, Ciaran Duffy, and Andrew Murray

Brian Peters Promotions
Presents
PROFESSIONAL BOXING
BERNARD DUNNE
UNBEATEN




Matthew MACKLIN
Tipperary-Birmingham
FIGHTING FOR THE IRISH MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE




Robbie MURRAY
Palmerstown-Dublin
FIGHTING FOR THE IRISH LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT TITLE


Also Featuring
3 RISING STARS



Ciaran
DUFFY
Donegal



Darren
MELVILLE
London-Belfast



Andrew
MURRAY
Cavan

Running order...

6 x 3 rounds, International welterweight contest: Darren Melville (London & Belfast) v Oscar Milkitas (Lithuania).

10 x 3 rounds, vacant Irish light-welterweight championship: Robbie Murray (Dublin) v Peter McDonagh (Galway).

4 x 3 rounds, International middleweight contest: Tommy Tolan (Belfast) v Mikhail Bamballa (Poland).

10 x 3 rounds, vacant Irish middleweight championship: Matthew Macklin (Birmingham & Tipperary) v Michael Monaghan (Nottingham).

10 x 3 rounds, International featherweight contest: Bernard Dunne (Dublin) v Yuri Voronin (Ukraine).

4 x 3 rounds, International light-weight contest: James Gorman (Belfast) v Peter Buckley (Birmingham) — this is what's known as a 'swing bout' and will go on immediately ahead of the main event if time permits (that is, if there are early finishes to one or more of the first four contests). Otherwise it will come after the Dunne-Voronin contest.



■ Murray