

BOXING

CONLAN v WOOD

3 DAYS TO GO

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It's no bother says Roger

GLOVING IT ...
Conlan-celebrates beating TJ Doherty last August and (inset) Roger helps Andy with his glove in 2011

By **KEVIN BYRNE**

WILL Michael Conlan become world champ on Saturday? Roger that!

Coach Adam Booth has already led Irish fighters Andy Lee and Ryan Burnett to title success.

And he will be aiming to make it a hat-trick at the weekend in Nottingham when Conlan challenges WBA featherweight holder Leigh Wood.

Andy's brother Roger, who worked as Booth's assistant when Conlan joined the camp after returning from a spell in Los Angeles, believes there will only be one winner.

Roger joined News Ireland podcast The Rocky Road this week to discuss his time in the States alongside Andy, where he learned his trade under Emanuel Steward.

He also talked about meeting Conlan while working with Booth, and going out on his own as a trainer in his own right.

Roger said: "I was there just when Michael came, so Michael was there for maybe three or four months and then I left.

"I've been in the gym with Michael, he had just come from America and started training, but you can see he's improved a lot now since I first started working with him in the gym to what he is now. He's a completely different fighter."

Wood is coached by new British trainer of the year Ben Davison, who has accused his UK colleagues of being "lazy".

Conlan believes his opponent's corner will be looking to get one over on Booth, who made his name taking David Haye to cruiserweight world title glory and then capturing the WBA heavyweight crown.

For Lee, though, it is the fighters who will decide who wins on the night – and he cannot see past the two-time Olympian.

He added: "I think it's a good fight. Leigh Wood's got power at the weight, he's a strong fighter."

"But I think Michael wins on points. I think he'll have a little too much of everything really."

"And he'll just be a bit too smart to get caught up – or to get caught."

"It'll be a good fight and I'm looking forward to it. The two coaches going against each other, that'll be interesting to see."

On the trainers' influence, Lee does not think Booth will be bothered by any potential rivalry.

He said: "I don't think Adam really cares to be honest with you."

"Adam's not that type of man. He lets his fighters do the talking for him."

"And Adam understands that it's the fighters that deserve all the limelight."

"It's not about the coaches. The coach is a big important thing, obviously, and tactics on the night are very important."

"Obviously you need the best coach

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MURRAY ... helping

Muz war pledge

By **ROB MAUL**

ANDY MURRAY will donate his prize money earnings for the rest of the year to help children affected by Russia's war on Ukraine.

SunSport understands once Murray has fulfilled contractual obligations to long-standing team members, the rest will go to UNICEF to provide medical equipment and supplies for kids over there.

Muzza, 34, said on social media: "Over 7.5million children are at risk with the escalating conflict in Ukraine."

"So I'm working with UNICEF UK to help provide medical supplies and early childhood development kits."

"Children in Ukraine need peace – now."

The Scot is skipping the clay-court season but then plans for a full schedule, including Wimbledon and the US Open.

Father-of-three Murray plays at the Indian Wells Masters in USA this week.

Players will wear ribbons in the yellow and blue colours of Ukraine.

Russian Daniil Medvedev plays his first event as the new world No1 but will not compete under a flag.

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Dublin City Council Marguerite and Edwin O'Hara seek Planning Permission to construct a ground floor kitchen extension to the rear of 58 Iona Villas, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, D09 P8V6 to include alterations to the hip of the existing main roof in order to accommodate access to a new attic room with new rear dormer. To also include the partial conversion of the existing garage space to a utility room, together with all associated site works. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 6 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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you can get but at the end of the day it's the fighters that go in the ring, take the risks, and they have to implement the game-plan and do it.

"Adam's not the one to look for the limelight."

"When Michael wins, he won't be taking all the credit for it. It'll be Michael. He will push Michael forward to take all the credit."

"So I expect Michael to win with his tactics on the night. I don't think there's a better tactician than Adam Booth."

Roger's brother Andy will be a key part of Tyson Fury's team for his WBC world heavyweight title defence against Dillian Whyte at Wembley next month.

Head coach is Sugarhill Steward,

Emanuel's nephew, who Roger also worked with in Detroit.

And Roger is backing his cousin to get the job done at England's national football stadium.

He added: "Hopefully I'll be around the camp, I'll go up to Morecambe and watch him train and help out if they need me."

"But they've got it sorted, Sugarhill is there and Andy is there. They've got plenty of coaches."

"I can't see nothing but Tyson winning. I can see him winning convincingly to be honest with you."

"I think he's levels above Dillian Whyte and he'll prove it on the night."

Roger, who is now based in Swindon, has two fighters in his camp –

unbeaten duo Johnny Ward and Charles Frankham.

For now he is happy with his lot.

He said: "I'll never say no to any more fighters but the problem with adding more fighters is it's just time. You have to give them as much time as possible. I'd rather more quality than quantity."

"If the right type of fighter came around that was looking for my help then yeah."

"But I'm not interested in taking just anyone on to build my stable up where I'm really busy."

"I've got a young family that I don't want to sacrifice time with to be in the gym."

"I've two kids – a boy that's one and a little girl that's four years old. So my hands are full!"