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Ireland utility back Mack Hansen has also tested positive and has been isolated from the rest of the squad.

Iain Henderson and Rob Herring will need scans after picking up knocks at training ahead of the side's first match in New Zealand, against the Maori All Blacks tomorrow.

Miall Scannell has been added to the squad to provide cover. Ireland take on the All Blacks on July 2, 9 and 16 in Auckland, Dunedin and Wellington. Respectively, with another practice game against Maori All Blacks on July 12.

This will be the first tour under head coach Andy Farrell after the pandemic forced the cancellation of a 2020 trip to Australia and last year's proposed visit to Fiji.

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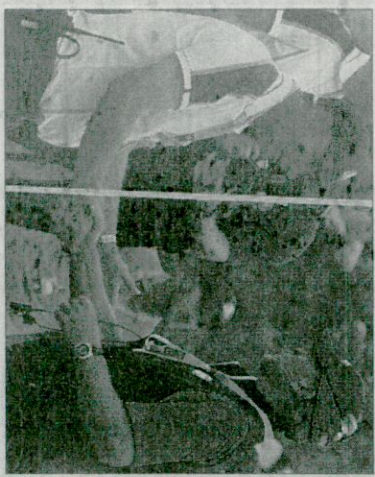
PADRAIG HARRINGTON was delighted to finally gain some revenge on Steve Stricker by holding off last year's victorious Ryder Cup captain to claim the US Senior Open.

The Dubliner was leading by six shots at the turn but had to fend off Stricker and duly delivered with a 30-foot birdie putt and three tough lag putts for par to capture his first senior victory and the €680,000 prize. Harrington, whose Europe side fell to a record 19-9 loss to Stricker's Team USA at Whistling Straits last year, said: "It's tough to lead from the front. It's even tougher when it's Steve Stricker."

"I would have to be Steve Stricker chasing me down. Steve, give me a break, please. He's a tough competitor. Certainly he seems to have one on me over the years. So it's nice to get one back on him this time." Harrington, who never lost the lead at Saucun Valley, closed with a one-over 72 and became the third straight US Senior Open champion to win on his debut.

Stricker, who started the final round eight shots behind, began his run with consecutive birdies to finish the front nine, and he closed with two straight birdies for a 65. That left him one shot behind and Harrington needed only pars to win for the first time on the PGA Tour Champions.

And Stricker said: "After I made birdie at 14 I heard someone say, 'Well, we've got a game now', or something like that. I had a feeling I was getting close. "I was just trying to birdie as many as I could."



ONE FOR THE STRICKER ALBUM . . . Harrington (left) shakes hands with Stricker after Ryder Cup defeat

JUST HOPE HE DOESN'T QUIT

JOE JOYCE is so eager to trash-talk his way into an Anthony Joshua clash, he has hired a speaking coach.

The Putney fighter might be No.1 with the WBO – but as Tyson Fury awaits the winner of Oleksandr Usyk's AJ rematch on August 20, he faces a long wait for his title shot.

Yet after hopefully nailing Christian Hammer to the Wembley Arena canvas this coming Saturday, the next target is an all-English clash with his ex-pal and sparring partner. Joyce, 36, told SunSport: "I've known Joshua for a long time and know he is a good guy and comes from a good place."

"For a long while he looked unbeatable and then it all came crashing down with the Andy Ruiz loss – and that must have been hard to come back from. "He won the rematch on the back foot and looked scared to get hit. He has a lot to prove. "He has never reached out to me. I used to have his number and we'd catch up occasionally."

"But after the Ruiz loss, I tried to send him a nice message and I think he might have changed his number – or thrown the phone in the sea. "I still want to see him fight Fury but I'd also like a chance to fight him, so, hopefully, he doesn't retire before that."

The pair did hundreds of rounds together at their old Team GB base before Joshua, 32, won gold at London 2012 and Joyce claimed silver at Rio 2016. And Joyce also lost to WBA, IBF and WBO heavyweight

By WALLY DOWNES Jr



world champion Usyk in a 2013 amateur bout.

So few people are better placed to predict the outcome of their Saudi Arabian rematch. Joyce only gives his compatriot slim odds of regaining his titles – making their clash more likely as Usyk and Fury decide who is undisputed king.

Joshua ditched mentor Rob McCracken for American Robert Garcia and Joyce said: "AJ has gone a bit odd more recently. "He's a bit of an odd guy – he used to be different. "In sparring sometimes, he used to come toe-to-toe, tache-to-tache and swing bombs. "If I used to be very exciting and I used to really like sparring with him like that. "But, all of a sudden, he started working on his technique and using his footwork, being out of range and stuff. "He switched up his style a little bit and didn't go gung-ho. "Changing your trainer can be hard but it depends on how you are as a person. "If Joshua can absorb all the

new information and tactics then it could be fine.

"But it also can take time to adapt and incorporate into your sparring and fighting. "I really hope he can win the rematch for British fans and for British boxing."

Joshua has a chance. He showed how he can turn it around with the Ruiz rematch when he came in with some different tactics. "He was competitive in the first Usyk fight and he has good power. "So, if he can take it to Usyk like he should have done in that first fight, he has a puncher's chance. "So why is the 6ft 6in granite-chinned Joyce suddenly shooting from the lip? He revealed: "I've got a speaking coach. He gives me some pointers and advice on what to do. "It's just a confidence thing so I have some stuff to practice. "I like to keep my personal life pretty private – I don't feel the need to share too much. "I'm more comfortable and confident and now if I want these really big fights, I have to pull my finger out and do more."

Tickets for Joyce vs Hammer are on sale at ASX.com and Ticketmaster.co.uk from 55p.



DESERT STORM . . . AJ faces Usyk in Saudi



SCHMIDT... rushed in

He's hot Schmidt in SOS

BY CHRIS JAMES

JOE SCHMIDT has been rushed into the All Blacks set-up after Covid-19 caused chaos on the eve of Ireland's tour.

The former Ireland boss was due to start coaching his native New Zealand after the tour but positive tests for head coach Ian Foster as well as assistants John Plumtree and Scott McLeod forced Schmidt into action.

Foster said: "Joe will come in for Tuesday and Thursday's trainings this week and we're really grateful to have his help."

"We've planned for this kind of disruption and we've got back-up plans and people on standby."

"Joe was one of those people we could call on."

"I've got every confidence in our coaching group, and in our senior leaders who are all stepping up in what's a massive test for us."

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HARRI SMILES... Dubliner lifts US Senior Open trophy

Harris' Stricker blocker glory

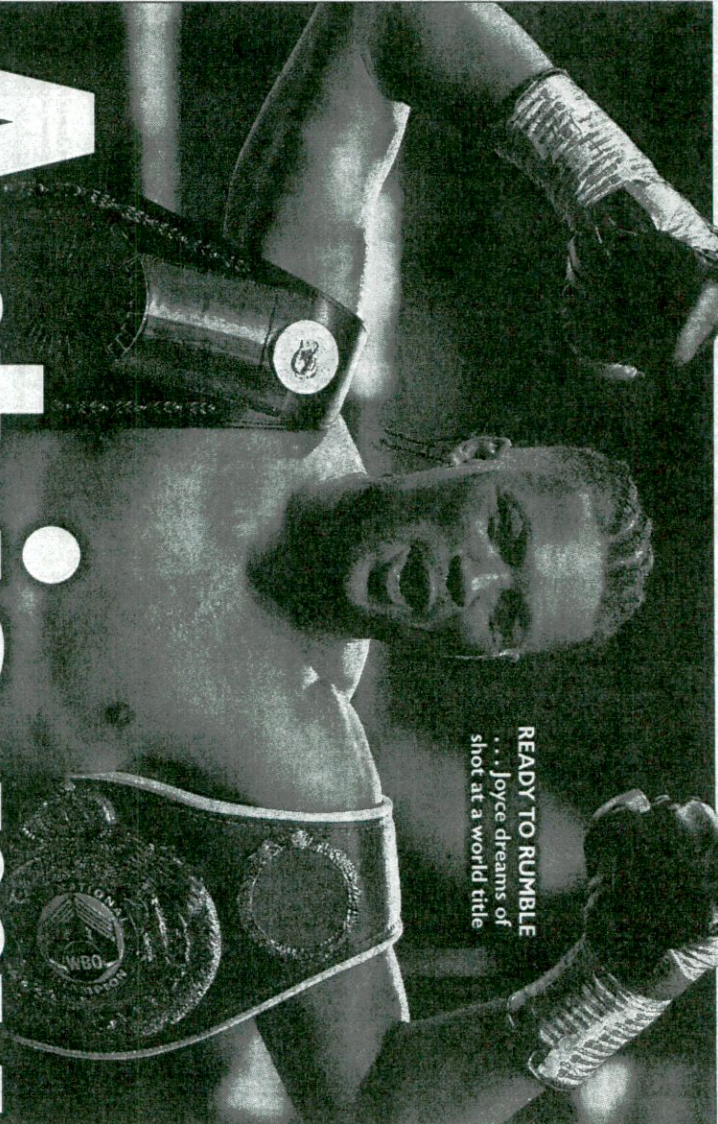
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