

Patrick Hyland Looks To Eclipse John Duddy

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POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. (July 29, 2012) - Undefeated featherweight prospect **Patrick "The Punisher" Hyland**

is on the brink of establishing an Irish boxing record for the most consecutive victories starting a professional career.

Dublin-native Hyland (26-0, 12 KOs), now living in Marlboro (NY), shoots for his 27th Irish record-setting win in a row on Wednesday night, August 8, headlining an outdoor show, presented by Pretty Girl Promotions, at Sahlen Stadium in Rochester, New York.

Hyland takes on hard-hitting Dominican **Carlos "El Flaco" Fulgencio** (19-7-1, 12 KOs) in the 10-round main event.

Promoted by Final Round Promotions/Team Snooki Boxing, Hyland tied the record of 26, set by **"Ireland's" John Duddy** in 2009, with his devastating fourth-round stoppage of **Frankie Archuleta** (27-9-1) this past May in Poughkeepsie.

"This will be a fantastic achievement and I'll always be remembered in Irish boxing history when people see my record," Hyland said. "I'd really like to top it off with a world title. As a fighter, I'm thinking that I need 10 strong weeks of training and I'd be ready to fight anybody in the world, but I realize my management team is preparing me for a world title shot and it takes time. They've kept me very busy. This is my third fight this year and I hope to be fighting again in September or October. I work hard in the gym every day, especially on my defense, and you never really stop learning in this game. I watch big fights and all of the different styles to plan how I'd plan to beat each style.

"I'm excited about fighting in Rochester because there are a lot of Irish families there and it's not too far for my friends to get to from Poughkeepsie. My opponent is a stand-up fighter with 12 knockouts in 19 fights. He has a good counter-right that I have to look out for."

The fast rising, 28-year-old Hyland is the reigning World Boxing Federation ("WBF") featherweight champion, who is rated No. 4 by the North American Boxing Organization

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("NABO"), as well as No. 5 by the North American Boxing Federation (NABF) and United States Boxing Association (USBA).

"We at Final Round Promotions/Team Snookie Boxing are excited and proud of the possibility that Patrick will set a new Irish boxing record for 27 consecutive wins without a loss to start his professional career," Final Round Promotions/Team Snookie Boxing Vice President Mike Pascale added. "Patrick has the heart and mind of a champion. His work ethic and preparation for any fight is incredible. There is no doubt that Patrick is a force to deal with in the featherweight division and it will not be long before he fights for a major world title.

"So, I say to any promoters of featherweight champions, bring it on, if you're willing to take the risk."

Here's a closer look at the longest natural Irish-born boxers' streaks to start their respective pro careers:

1. (tie) 26, John Duddy, 2003-09

Patrick Hyland, 2004-Present

3. 25, Johnny Caldwell, 1958-61

4. 20, Wayne McCullough, 1993-96

5. 17, Jimmy McClarin, 1923-24

6. 16, Stevie Collins, 1986-89

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7. 15, Andy Lee, 2006-08