

Boxer Smith aiming to steal London show

Tyson Fury, Dereck Chisora and Billy-Joe Saunders are all scheduled to appear at the ExCel Arena on November 29 but Harrow Weald boxer Mitchell Smith believes he can be the one to steal the show, writes Frank Smith.

Fury and Chisora are fighting for the right to face Wladimir Klitschko for the WBO world title and the Saunders-Chris Eubank Jr contest for the European belt will also feature on the undercard.

But whilst Smith's as yet undecided opponent will not be of the same calibre as those men, and the WBO European title he is fighting for is significantly less prestigious, the super featherweight is confident he can produce the most impressive performance.

Smith, who is unbeaten in nine fights as a professional, said: "I'm hoping for someone quite tough who will take me a few rounds and have a tear-up because a lot of the people I have fought have either been knocked out or have looked to run which made it difficult to nail them.

"I would be happy with someone who would stand there and even someone who is short and stocky because it would be nice to put on an exciting fight at the ExCel in front of a decent crowd, on a good bill.

"If I can get someone like that then I reckon - well I know if I can get someone to go some rounds with me - then I will steal the show.

"I know I am one of the best fighters in Britain at the moment and I'm young and I'm only getting better. I'm always learning and I know I can steal the show."



Mitchell Smith is excited about featuring on a big name card at the ExCel Arena next month. Picture: ACTION IMAGES

The EBU's version is considered the main European title but victory on November 29 should lift Smith into the top 15 in the world with the WBO.

Smith, the English title holder, is also likely to be an interested observer that night when Gary Sykes and Liam Walsh fight for the British belt as he targets a shot at the crown early next year.

The 21-year-old has supreme confidence and is hopeful of securing the British strap outright before fighting for world honours in two or three years time.

He said: "By 23 or 24 I want to have a world title. I know I can do it. I train hard enough and I've shown I can mix it with the best in sparring and I have come out on top at times so that is the plan."

Anderson fumes after disallowed equaliser

Harrow Borough manager Dave Anderson described his side's disallowed equaliser at Canvey Island as "one of the worst decisions he's seen in 30 years."

The Reds thought they had earned a point on Tuesday night but Marc Charles-Smith's injury time effort was ruled out for offside as Boro lost 1-0.

Anderson said: "It was one of the worst decisions I've seen in 30 years working in football.

"It wasn't even close to being offside and that sort of decision can really affect the season, my career and the club's standings.

"I don't know how linesmen at any level can get that wrong because it was not a hard decision to get right."

He added: "The standard of officials at all levels is a real concern."

The Reds booked their place in the fourth qualifying round of the FA Cup after a 2-1 home win over Waltham Abbey on Saturday.

Boro's reward is a trip to Conference South leaders Basingstoke Town on October 25.

Anderson's side got off to a fast start last weekend as they opened the scoring against Abbey.

Lewis Driver found Charles-Smith and he fired past keeper James May from

the edge of the area.

The visitors almost grabbed an equaliser when Nick Jupp pushed Jason Hallett's effort around the post.

Waltham Abbey made it 1-1 just after the restart when Jupp brought down Ben Hart and Tom Bruno converted the penalty.

But the hosts grabbed the winner when Jake Gilbert released Steve Butterworth and he side-footed the ball home.

Anderson said: "It would have been nice to be 3 or 4-1 up and we were the better side but you are always worried when it's only 2-1.

"As a team we went about it in the right way and it's difficult to pick out an individual."

The Reds travel to bottom Ryman Premier Division side VCD Athletic this weekend.

The manager said: "It is an important game in our season. We beat them recently in the FA Cup and we need to go and do the same thing in the league."

Wealdstone defeated Met Police 4-1 in a friendly last weekend. Joe Turner scored a hat-trick while Jonny Wright completed the scoring.

The Stones resume their league campaign this weekend when they host Basingstoke on Saturday.

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