

Nosebleeds knock Dalton

CAIRNS boxer Kenneth Dalton will miss next month's Golden Gloves Championships to undergo a nose operation.

Dalton successfully defended his Arafura Games light-heavyweight gold medal in Darwin on Friday night with a unanimous points decision against Indonesian Wahyu Sytieip.

Earlier in the week, Dalton put two standing eight-counts on Australian champion Jeff Erichsen on his way to claiming a points verdict.

But Dalton's trainer, Gavan James, said his charge had been plagued by nosebleeds during the tournament.

"We controlled it in the corner but it doesn't look good to the referee,"

James said. "He needs to have an operation to have it cauterised.

"We want to get it right before the September State titles in Brisbane.

"He's going to miss the Golden Gloves but we're not real concerned because he's already won three of those."

Dalton went the full four rounds with Sytieip, keeping the little-known Indonesian at a distance with his superior reach.

"He (Sytieip) was a lot shorter but could bang a bit," James said.

"I told Ken to keep outside, which he did.

"He landed a good body shot halfway through the third round and the Indonesian never looked the same after that."