

Third Golden Gloves title for Cairns champ

CAIRNS boxing champ Kenneth Dalton has notched his third straight light heavyweight Golden Gloves title with victory at Nambour on the weekend.

Dalton, 21, combatted the after effects of the 'flu to outpoint Juarne Dowling, of Nerang, in the Golden Gloves final to complete his hat-trick.

The win was a welcome hit-out for Dalton who had competed since the Oceania Games when he collected silver in New Zealand in April.

It was another accolade for Dalton who had already claimed a State title gold and national title silver in 1997.

Dalton will now prepare for the Queensland team's tour of Tasmania in which they will take on the State's best boxing talent on July 18.

The Cairns youngster admitted three Golden Gloves titles had been his goal — but now he wants more.

"That was one goal I wanted to achieve. Now I want five in a row," Dalton said.

"I didn't know if I could get three because I had only just come back from a bad 'flu that really knocked me around before the fight.



DALTON: Beat 'flu and Golden Gloves opponent.

"I felt weak from that and because I'm a light heavyweight we are one of the last fights to be held so I didn't get into the ring until 12.30am.

"But I was happy with the result. This puts me in good stead for the Tasmanian tour and hopefully some overseas bouts that could be coming up."