

Title lifts Olympics prospect

CAIRNS boxer Kenneth Dalton has his eyes firmly set on representing Australia at the Sydney Olympic Games later this year — and his resolve has never been greater.

Dalton, 22, took his first major step towards realising his dream at the weekend when he took out the Queensland amateur light heavy-weight (81kg) title in emphatic style against Tony Revell from Rockhampton.

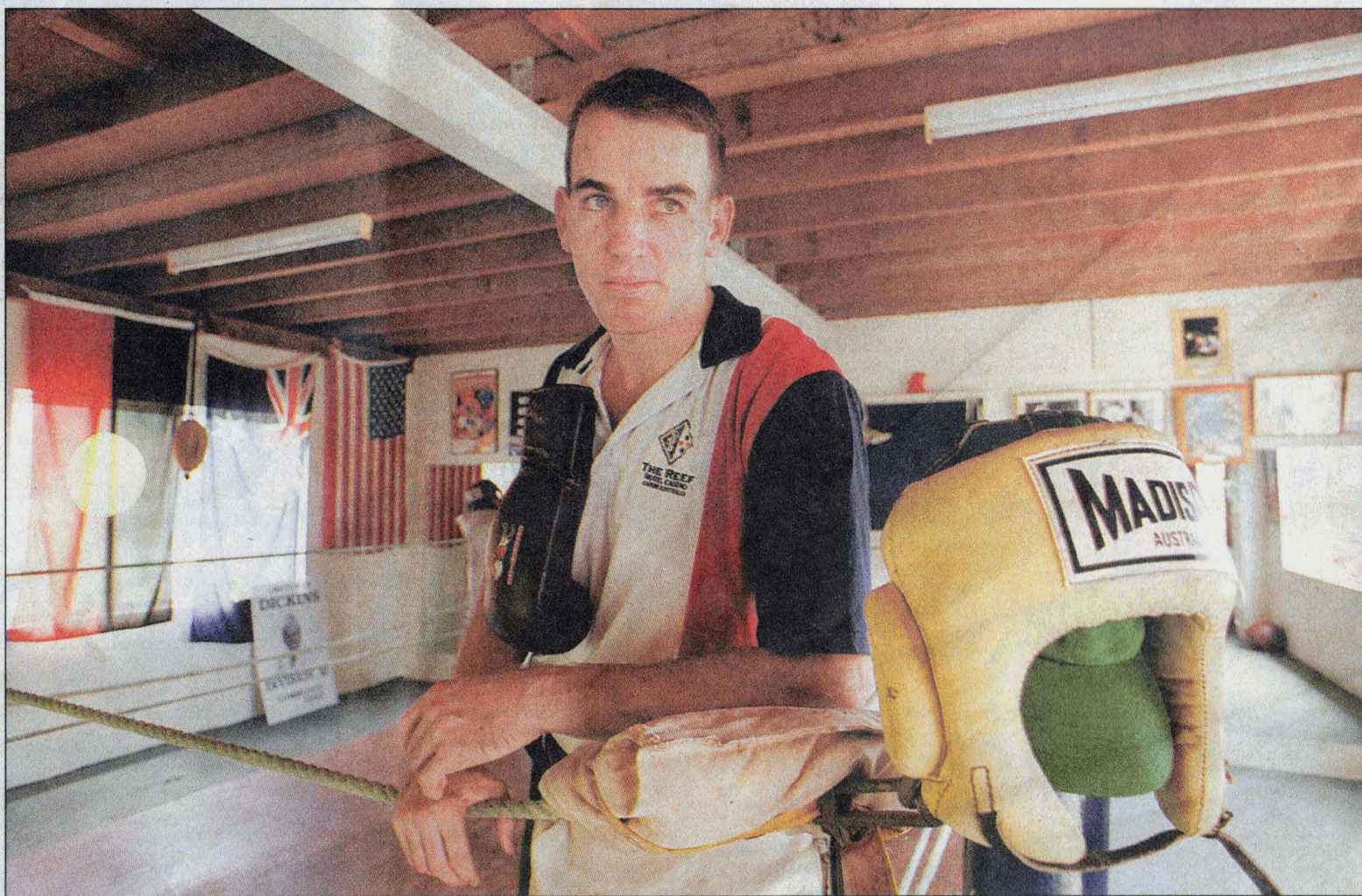
Dalton stopped Revell in the third round after the bout was called a no contest due to the fact the Cairns-based powerhouse was so far in front on points.

On his return to the Far North yesterday, Dalton said he felt as good as he ever had.

“I felt really, really good. I was very strong for my weight, my breathing between rounds was terrific . . . I’m super fit,” he said.

Dalton spent time preparing for the State title on the Gold Coast sparring with two-time former world kickboxing champion Paul Briggs, who himself has turned to boxing.

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FOCUSED: A State title win has Kenneth Dalton keen to compete at the Sydney Olympics. Picture: Robyn Sherwood.