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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **Ballina boxers win gold medals at International Multi Nation Boxing tournament.**

**Cahan Hallinan** a member of the Ballina Boxing Club and competing as a member of the Celtic Boxing Team taking part in the Odivelas Box Cup in Lisbon, Portugal last weekend won the gold medal in the 69kg. category.

Hallinan boxed three fights over the weekend to win a tournament gold medal.

In the quarterfinal he was matched against Armilson Tavaré the Cape Verde Island national champion and won on a split decision. Progressing to the semi-final, Cahan gained a unanimous decision over his Portuguese opponent Nuno Monteiro.

In the final the Ballina boxer showed great skill and powerful aggression resulting in the referee stopping the fight in the second round to save the Portuguese champion Mattia Lucchesi from further punishment. Hallinan returned home on Monday to a tumultuous welcome in his hometown in west Sligo.

A second Irish boxer, also a member of the Ballina Boxing Club, **Frankie Cleary**, also took home a gold medal when he knocked out the Swiss National Elite Champion in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. round of the 60kg class final.

**Jordan Muldoon** from Ballina brought home a bronze medal in the 52 kg under 22 years of age category.

The three boxers were accompanied by their coach Joe Lavelle who said that their participation was part of their preparation for the Irish National Elite championships that are due to take place in Dublin in January and February next.

Overall 300 boxers from twenty nations participated in the tournament.

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