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Pickle Joyce called me the other day. "Hey Houli, come on over to the Daley Center at noon, the mayor will be there with Andy Lee and Tommy Z... boxing... kids... park district... Irish Olympian... big-time trainer... blah blah blah!"

Whoa, I said, you're startin' to sound like Tuna, slow down. Who's Andy Lee?

"Andy Lee? He's the... ah look him up... and meet me at the Daley Center around noon."

So I jump on the web and find a lot of info on Andy Lee, hopefully the future middleweight champion of the world. I find a video on YouTube of Andy knocking out former WBA world champion Carl Daniels in the third round in Madison Square Garden the night before St. Patrick's Day. Andy's a lad from Ireland and he drops this guy Daniels in the third round with what looks like a right hook to the chin. Zammo, right on the button and the guy's lights go out instantly. Andy struts to his corner before Daniels even hits the canvas, the latest victim of Limerick lightning.

Jake "The Raging Bull" LaMotta was sitting ringside and said, "That Irish kid's got class. That was a peach of a punch. I thought the lights went out on Broadway."

Andy Lee is what Brando cried he coulda been, "a contender!"

I get to the Daley Center and there's a ring set up with kids from the Chicago Park District

duking it out in front of the Picasso. Pickle waves me over and introduces me to Andy. I shake the same hand that pulled the plug on Daniels.

What brings you to Chicago Andy?

"I'm here today to support the young boxers and come out and watch the event and enjoy the boxing. This is where it all starts, at this level ya know for these young boxers. This is where the dream starts for them and this is where it started for me, so I can relate to these guys," Andy says with a brogue thicker than Finnegan's corned beef.

Is this your first time meeting Mike Joyce? (AKA Pickle)

"Yeah, this is my first time meetin' Mike, he's a bit of a character. I come to Chicago often... people involved in my management are based here in Chicago-Perry Mandra, Steve Libman, Dicky Parillo, and Chris Kelly, good Irishman."

Andy is managed and trained by legendary boxing trainer Emanuel Steward. Steward has trained over two dozen world champions, including Tommy "Hit Man" Hearn, Sugar Ray Leonard, Julio Cesar Chavez, Oscar De La



From L to R - Tommy Z, Pickle Joyce and Andy Lee

Hoya, Evander Holyfield, Leon Spinks, Eddie Mustafa Muhammad and Aaron Pryor. Looks like Andy is in good company.

Watch for Andy Lee to make his Chicago debut on October 2nd at Bourbon Street in Merionette Park. Chicago's Irish community should turn out and support this son of Erin; he could be the next middleweight champion of the world.

I left Andy and Pickle brought me over to Notre Dame football team captain and no slouch in the boxing world himself, Tommy Zbikowski. I saw Tommy fight at the Garden last summer with a contingent of Fightin' Irish fans. He knocked some bum out in 30 seconds and then we all went out and partied in Manhattan.

Tommy Z has set up a foundation with the dough he made from that fight. The Chicago Park District was going to charge an entrance fee for each fighter this year but Tommy stepped in and picked up the tab for every kid in Chicago to get into the ring. Tom says, "A lot of these kids, it's hard for them to scrape that amount of money together to pay gym dues, so I'm just trying to help out so they don't have to do that."

He's a class guy.

Then the Mayor showed up and unveiled the logo for the World Boxing Championship, which will take place October 23rd through November 3rd at the UIC Pavilion. "This fall, Chicago will become the boxing capital of the world," Daley said. "It will be the biggest global sporting event in Chicago since the World Cup in 1994. It will be watched around the world, and it will add to Chicago's reputation as a great city for international sports."

Andy Lee turned pro and is ten and O, Chicago will be the home for the World Boxing Championships, and Pickle Joyce has officially gone global!