



BOXING FOR A CAUSE

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The **IFS White Collar Boxing** event showed that punching someone in the face may not necessarily always be a bad thing

A SELL-OUT CROWD OF 1,000 WITNESSED an adrenalin filled night complete with power packed punches at the International Financial Services (IFS) White Collar Boxing event. Held on 24 April, 2009, at the Suntec City Convention Centre, the event brought together 16 boxers without any prior boxing experience, from the banking, brokering, media, property and technology industries, in a bid to raise money for charity.

THE EVENT

Opening the night was a bout between Robin James and Kane Bennett. Bennett wooed the crowd with slick boxing moves, and subsequently punched his way to victory against opponent, James. Sections of the crowd expecting a mere boxing exhibition, were in for a treat since the event provided a couple of dramatic moments. The towel was thrown in for two fights, namely the bouts between Sebastian Reullier and Ruairi

Hatchell, as well as, Nicholas Heaney and Sam Fewtrell. Besides forcing his opponent's corner into throwing the towel, Fewtrell had the distinction of being awarded "Boxer of the Night" for dishing out lightning quick straight punches to the unfortunate Heaney. Other winners of the night included Julian Andriesz, Toby Dodd, Vatche Mundigian and Paul Henaghan.

THE CAUSE

Singapore's fifth edition of the IFS White Collar Boxing event achieved the main aim of organiser, Vanda Promotions and title sponsor, IFS : to raise funds for the less fortunate. A cheque of \$112,000 was presented to Dr. James Gologly, the Chief Executive Officer of the Children's Surgical Unit in Cambodia, in order to help thousands of children with surgeries. Additionally, more money was raised from auctioning exclusive sports memorabilia such as a signed tennis racquet by world number one tennis player, Rafael Nadal. 

