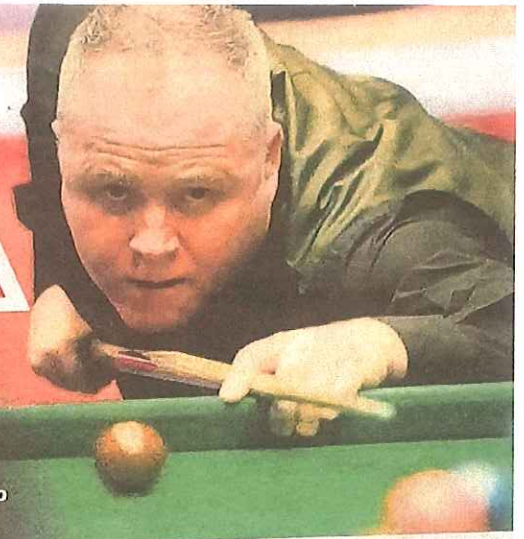


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## Misfiring Higgins out of Masters

John Higgins branded his performance "weak" after a crushing Masters defeat. The Scot suffered a painful 6-3 quarter-final loss to surprise package Ali Carter late on Sunday

night at Ally Pally. The 44-year-old said: "It was a weak performance. I was very poor. I probably dragged Ali down to my level." Misfiring Higgins found himself 4-1 down. But the four-time world

champion sparked into life with a 140 clearance – the tournament's highest break – which will yield him £15,000 if not bettered this week. But Carter soon managed to get over the line.

## TEENAGER DAVID OFF TO LITHUANIA

# BEST OF GB

Wishaw Muay Thai kid set for jump to senior level after great year



**Winner** David Sinclair (left) continued his top form against Paul Morris in Newcastle

### MARK PIRIE

**Wishaw Muay Thai star David Sinclair is gearing up to represent Team GB after a great ending to the decade.**

The 18-year-old rounded off 2019 on a high with a win over experienced foe Paul Morris from Newcastle last month and is set to travel to the Baltic Championships in Lithuania later this month.

Last year the fighter won two bouts and a gold medal with the British squad at the tournament and he will get another chance to earn success as he makes the jump to senior level.

Proud dad Brian was delighted to see his son selected by the Brit coaches again.

He said: "David had a great 2019 and it wouldn't have happened without the support of Guy Ramsay, owner and head coach at The Griphouse in Glasgow, his

coaches at the Gym and the UKMF for selecting him for Team GB.

"David was sent to the IFMA World Championships to gain experience and what an experience it was.

"It's probably the next best thing to competing at the Olympics for an athlete – with a single sport having over 1400 participants from 102 countries.

"His trips to Lithuania and Thailand were helped by support from ClubSport NL and the North

Lanarkshire Educational Trust, his sponsors STAMHA, CBD Bio Labs, Skrann73 catering and the fundraising efforts from his gym."

Brian pointed out that David still required support from locals for the amateur sport. He added: "Taking part in the tournaments is predominantly self-funded and David is hoping to be sponsored by one or more local companies.

"If interested in sponsoring David, please contact me on [brian.sinclair@talktalk.net](mailto:brian.sinclair@talktalk.net)."



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