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Andrews aims for Beijing

IT was a case of "two out three ain't bad" for local boxers at the South East Queensland Amateur Boxing Championships at the Beenleigh Arena.

Boxing Shop head coach Gareth Williams, *pictured*, said AIS Aboriginal scholarship holder, Adrian An-



draws, was outstanding in the final bout of the evening. "Adrian had a basic game plan of landing 10 jabs in the first round and he executed it perfectly," he said.

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Andrews was full of praise for his coach.

"Gareth gave me a plan that was easy to work to and, together with Huia Hikaiti who is our mental coach, I now believe that I will compete in the 2008 Olympic Games which has been a goal of mine for

years," he said.

In the first fight of the night AJ Barrs, in only his second fight, took his more experienced opponent to the final bell only to be narrowly outpointed in a great display.

"AJ boxed really well," Williams said.

"He jabbed well against a taller opponent, which is always difficult."

The next bout was James Whitbourne against Sam Leone from the Kurbingui Boxing Club.

"Jimmy boxed very cleverly and was rarely hit during the fight," Williams

said. "We started cautious because we know Sam is a very good and well seasoned boxer and then in the last round we changed our game plan to an all-out attack."

The Boxing Shop will be out in combat again this weekend at the Queensland Lions Soccer Club.