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# Price makes good ground

## Southpaw on way up

HARRY Price took up boxing later than your average fighter, but this 19-year-old is making up for lost time.

The southpaw had a go at the sport just four years ago as "something to do" with his mates and is now travelling the world for tournaments.

Price, already a three-time Queensland champion, just finished competing in the Pavlyukov Memorial International Youth Boxing Tournament in Russia.

He was knocked out of the round-robin competition early, but the opportunity to fight and spar with the best countries in the world is invaluable for a young Australian fighter's exposure.

His mum Nicole said Price was disappointed with the result, but wasn't coming home empty-handed.

"He lost in a split decision

against a Russian - he didn't want to go up against a strong country like Russia so early," she said.

"He would have liked to have gone further, but it meant he could spend the rest of the time sparring all the other countries and he really liked that.

"As an Australian you just don't get that quality of competition."

His coach Luke Sheehan said it was always going to be difficult for Price to mix it with the best in the world, but he had total faith in his student.

"He's started late. Most boxers start when they're 10 or 11, but he's now at their level," Sheehan said.

"Harry's at about 40 fights whereas most boxers overseas are at 150 and he goes up against them.

"He's a very intelligent person and an intelligent fighter. He doesn't just look to smash them, he'll just readjust. He has quick



**BIG HITTER:** Harry Price is making a late start with coach Luke Sheehan.

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hands and a lot of good little tricks."

Now he has sights set on

qualifying for the 2020 Commonwealth Games in Durban, South Africa and

Sheehan thinks he's got what it takes.

"There's a million

amazing things to say about Harry. He's a good inspiration," he said.