

## Talented kickboxer, 14, dies after collapsing during national title fight competition



***Kickboxer champion, Scott, pictured with his proud, supportive parents, holding some of his many trophies.***

Scott Marsden died on Monday 13th March 2017 after he collapsed at a national kick boxing title bout on Saturday. Many witnesses have described the incident as an “extremely unfortunate event” as Scott did not show any signs of illness, therefore suggesting there was no need to stop the fight. During the fight, Scott collapsed, fortunately, the referee stepped in front of Scott to protect him, breaking his fall, before he could hit the canvas. Immediately after he was laid down and put into the recovery position, he was rushed to hospital but later died there on Monday.

It is still unknown how he died, whether having a blow to the body or face or because he was ill. No material evidence has suggested that any of these accusations are true or not but many have said that, “it shows how dangerous this sport can be” and that the council of the sport should put more safety measures in. “The incident is not being treated as suspicious and enquiries are being carried out into the circumstances for a report to the Coroner.” Said a police officer at 11:38 yesterday morning.

Many heart-warming messages have been sent out to the Marsdens and their friends and a fundraising appeal has been set up for the family with endless tributes to Scott.

“No amount of money can take away what this family are feeling, but no family should ever have to cater for coping with the loss of a 14 year old boy, with his whole life ahead of him.”

Friend, Charlotte Rowlett, said that Scott died at Leeds General Infirmary yesterday “surrounded by his family and people who love him.”

Scott’s aunt, Jackie Marsden, 46, said on Tuesday that the whole family had been through a hellish weekend and that her husband was unable to speak as he was sleeping because of the frantic few days that brought such devastation.

This event has brought many questions to the way kickboxing is portrayed with youths, and the dangers they face while fighting. Upcoming arguments are being made to not only the kickboxing in the martial arts college in Leeds, but all kickboxing colleges and gyms around the country and how the dangers of fighting can affect young people; both physically and mentally. Enzo Maccarinelli, a former world boxing organisation champion, payed a tribute to Scott via twitter: “thoughts and prayers go to his family” while also putting “every fighter takes risks.”



**Enzo Maccarinelli**   
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Scott marsden has passed away after a kickboxing bout on sat he was 14 thoughts and prayers go to his family 🙏 every fighter takes risks

*(Credit: twitter)*

Friends of Scott continue to send messages to his family and comment on his social media accounts with heart-warming messages. Staff, of Scott’s old school, and members of the community remain supporting everyone who have been badly hit by the tragedy.

Scott Marsden was a 14 year old boy with a great sporting career ahead of him but an unanticipated and fatal incident changed this and left his family and friends without a son, a brother, a grandson, a cousin, a nephew and a friend.

~ By Hebe