

By **Warren Peese**, our 'sports Jocks always lose' Correspondent



In a shock move, Treasury Minister and LibDem pin up ginger rodent, Danny Alexander, has challenged Alex Salmond to a square go.

The shock move came yesterday after Mr Alexander realised that, with Lib Dem support sinking lower than third-class accommodation in the Titanic, it would be impossible to hold on to his seat at Westminster in any form of democratic vote.

If accepted, it will mean that the normal democratic process is suspended for the Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch & Strathspey seat, and that a *winner takes all* prize fight at the local Highland Boxing Academy will decide the outcome.

Speaking of the challenge Mr Salmond stated: "I don't normally wish any harm to down and outs, but on this occasion I'll be glad to make an exception and pound some economic sense into Osborne's little creature."

Mr Alexander's only possible advantage is that, as a result of his close 'association' with the Westminster leadership, he is now considered a Southpaw.

Lib Dem strategists were optimistic that the bout will be more favourable for them than an election noting: "If we go to a vote we will get less than 6% of the vote. We're confident that in a prize fight situation, Salmond's age and health will slow him enough that Danny can get 7% of the points - a clear improvement on where we are at present."

"We can only hope that Salmond gets a cold, or maybe stubs his toe getting out the bath before the big event."

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