

# ST. MARTIN BOXING

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### 54th year of continuous service to Rochester youth

Got some participation in Buffalo and Syracuse, then washed out of the Puerto Rican Fest. Things are getting brighter ahead with bouts in Ithaca 8/10, Niagara Falls 8/17, and the NY State Fair 8/30.

HELP: St. Martin is always looking for interested volunteers to serve in various areas including assistant coaching, transportation, ring and venue set up and take down, publicity, an fund raising, etc. And we are constantly reviewing our all volunteer community project since its inception in 1969. The only requirement is that persons must be interested in helping youth through service and as a positive influence.

7/20: BUFFALO CLUB: THE IRISH JACKIE DONNOLLY INVITATIONAL: Two St. Martin boxers traveled. Beautiful setting under tents. Fantastic hospitality as usual. A morning pre bout meal and more after. Only one St. Martin boxer went to the post. 65Brenden Davis met laja Wade of the famed Detroit Kronk Gym. They battled on even terms in the first and Brendon's slick boxing seemed to earn him the second. In a hard shootout third, Wade caught Brendon on the ropes and the ref halted the bout with seconds remaining. An inspiring effort nevertheless. The other St. Martin boxer, 147Paris Davis (no relation); pulled out due to some lacerations suffered a few days earlier that required brief hospitalization. Jackey Donnelly was a long time coach of in Buffalo's First Ward Babcock Boys Club. He used St. Martin's ring on several occasions and he was a great colleague with St. Martin.

7.27: SYRACUSE ATHLETIC AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER: This event followed a USA Boxing mandated six hour training for judges and referees. Don Simkin and Cynthia Hopkins Bliss attended Testing follows. St. Martin got only one boxer on the eleven bout card. Officials and coaches are regularly trained and tested to help keep boxing's injury rate very low. A world wide study of injury rates found boxing a bit safer than volleyball. Injury rates were the highest in American Football. 65Brenden Davis took on Upstate Boxing Club's Gavin McDermott, battled him well, but tired in the third and lost via retirement. Too much slugging, not enough boxing. 147Paris Davis(no relation) failed to show up for the show. The local club borrowed St. Martin's gloves. Good weather traveling except for being somewhat heavy traffic.

8/2: PUERTO RICAN FESTIVAL BOXING: The outdoor show was koed by threat of electrical storms and rain. Waited until noon on Friday and more rain and thunderstorms were predicted and the cancelation calls had to begin. Takes a lot of people to make a show run. And stop. Lots of work and no results. This was to be the first show at the Festival since 2017. Festival promoter Orlando Ortiz thinks we can get a similar show in the future. At any rate our sanction can be carried over to another show and we still have the awards for another time.

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Long time St. Martin President Frank Guelli's son Pete Guelli was recently hired as Chief Operating Officer of the Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabres. He had similar jobs previously with the Charlotte Hornet Basketball team and then the New York Giants Football Team. It could be argued Pete got his beginning with this type of business when he helped put on two boxing shows for St. Martin and his father at Locust Hill Country Club where Frank presided. It was a humble beginning as he had to put up the ring and other show necessities, including things like emptying spit buckets and cleaning and sweeping the area. We think he'll do fine.



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