

ST. MARTIN BOXING

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54th year of continuous service to Rochester youth

.St. MARTIN AGAIN JOINS IN WITH PUERTO RICAN FESTIVAL: Festival director Orlando Ortiz has again scheduled boxing at the festival with St. Martin - SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, at THE PARCEL 5, East Main Street, Rochester, AT NOON under a tent. St. Martin has a long interest and history with the festival. Of course, our St. Martin Boxing Club is named for the first Latin black saint - Saint Martin de Porres of the poor. In looking back at old records, at the 1984 festival leader, Domingo Martinez, invited us to the Brown Square Puerto Rican Festival site for boxing under a Maple tree. After more shows with Mr. Martinez, the festival changed leadership and moved along the Genesee River approximately where the library is now and the show was canceled due to failure to have mats arrive.

Action resumed under the outstanding leadership of Eda Perez. Bouts were held at the Civic Center Plaza 2004-2006, then to the Frontier Field parking lot 2007-2017. St. Martin didn't do a 2018 show and then came Covid and no boxing has occurred since covid until now. We're starting publicity and lining up teams. Tell folks to come to a good show, lots of music, and great food.

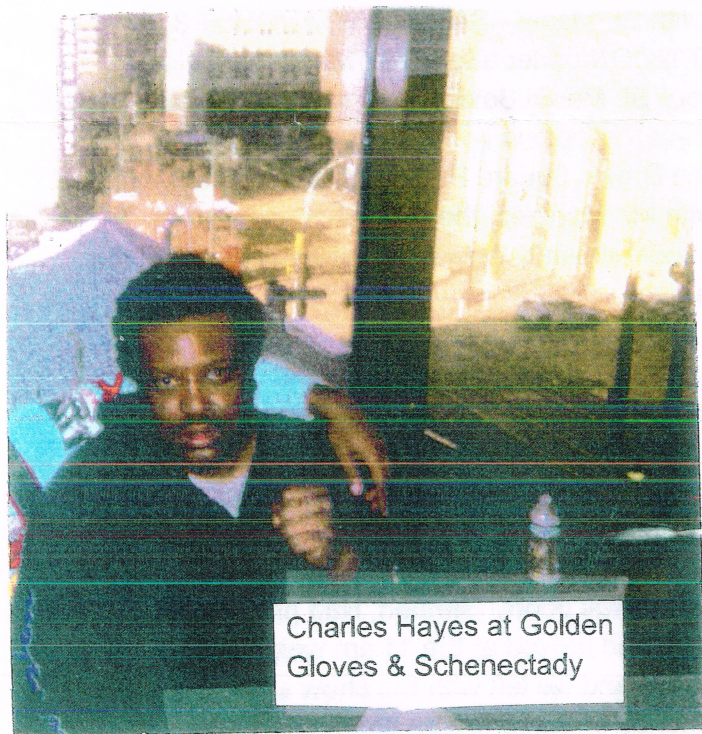
5/25: BOMBSQUAD BOXING BUFFALO: The show was poorly planned. Had prematched bouts scheduled for Paris Davis and Brendon Davis and arrived at the 11 am weigh in for a 2 pm start. At 2:40pm we were told we had no matches and we left with the show still not started. We were able to phone Rochester relatives and friends en route to turn around and return home. Long day - nothing accomplished except a stop at McDonalds for some burgers. Others, including a team from Oswego, got no bouts but a long trip for nothing. Also it appeared there were too many clubs invited so many youth and teams were disappointed.

5/31: FINLAND vs NIAGARA: RIVERWORKS: BUFFALO: Young club coach/promoter Tom Neff brought one of the most outstanding events to the area in recent history when he brought outstanding Irish boxers to oppose Niagara opponents at the beautiful Riverworks. Thirteen team bouts in all with the Irish taking an 8-5 win and taking home a beautiful team trophy. Good sized crowd. No St. Martin boxers were selected for the Niagara team which mostly consisted of western club boxers. Two Rochester area boxers from the Jackson Center did well. 126Tryvon Williams took a 2-1 decision over Gary McCornie(Ireland). 128Finest Cummings was outpointed by Jamie Graham(Ireland) in a good effort. St. Martin's only contribution was one official. The first outdoor bout of the year was held outside under a big canopy roof and the setting became increasingly cool. Buffalo Irish gave big support from individuals, organizations, and businesses sponsoring.

6/8: FROG ALLEY: SCHENECTADY: A bit chilly outdoor show with the big crowd viewing from

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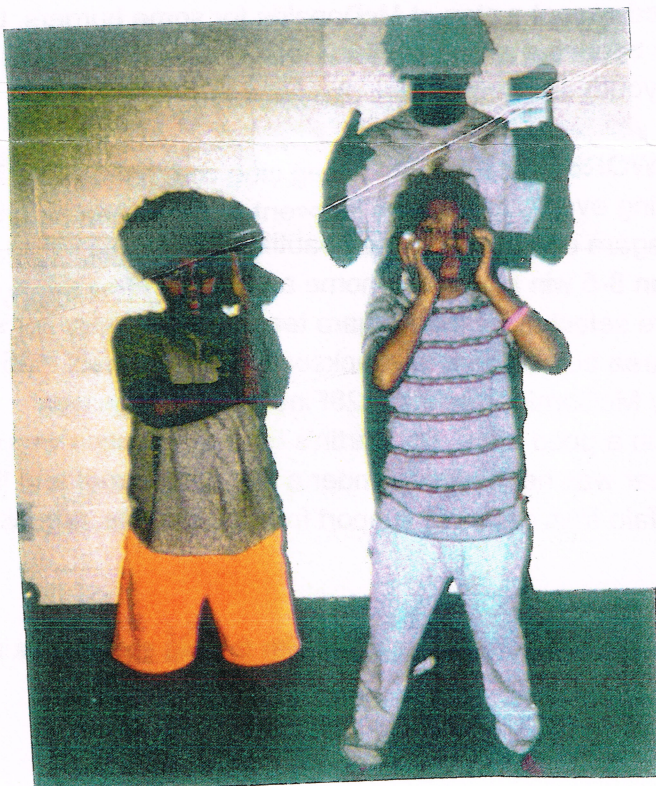
the ground and the building's upper deck mezzanine. St. Martin got one on the ten bout program. Superheavy Charles Hayes took on Connecticut's Marquette Freeman. Charles got good experience in a learning session, but Freeman got the decision win. A good Rick Sweeny run production with bands performing post boxing action.. Rain was never out of the question, but held off. Had light rain traveling to Syracuse, but dry after going and returning home.



Charles Hayes at Golden
Gloves & Schenectady



Jacki Kennicutt
Schenectady coach



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