

# ST. MARTIN BOXING

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

Three competitions for the month - Ithaca, Niagara Falls, and Syracuse. June 12, 2025

#### 5/3: GREATER ITHACA ACTIVITY CENTER:

Two St. Martin boxers competed on a nine bout jam packed standing room only crowd. A rivalry between two Ithaca Clubs ( Chet Cashman GIAC and Black Irish) and some Cornell student factions swelled the attendance. 178Cesar Echevarra made his amateur boxing debut outpointing Jordan Sieverling(GIAC) with some sound basic boxing skills. 70Brendon Davis' luck went elsewhere when opposed by old nemesis Gaven McDermott(Upstate Boxing). He began vomiting after the first round and Referee Armando Munoz ended the bout. Brendon's had this problem before. Have to lengthen more the eat/competition time in the future. A driver side window that wouldn't close made the trip a bit cool, but rain was minimal. Shirts stuffed around the window helped also. A part has been ordered to eliminate the problem for the next trip. It's always a nice scenic trip to Ithaca traveling the forty miles down the east side length of Cayuga Lake. Grape vineyards are all along the lake. Three Rochester Future Club boxers participated: Future Jordan Bracy def Liam Cooper(GIAC), Diego Colon(Upstate) def DeaShawn Heath(Future), & Colon Gaskin(Future) def William MacLeod(Cashman).

#### 5/24: CASAL'S BOXING CLUB, NIAGARA FALLS:

The usual sellout crowd. Three St. Martin boxers traveled. It was a most difficult effort. Two got on the nine bout card.

60James Hollister- got ruled out as his opponent's weight was too heavy. Both of the other two lost, lost. 180Caesar Echevarria took on more experienced Nik Smith, a Rochesterian attending Niagara University and training at Casals. Caesar showed some good skills, but lost to the more experienced foe. 70Brendon Davis tried to avenge two losses to Danny Gonzalez of Baden Street now renamed Jackson Center in Rochester. He lost, however, to the bigger and tough Gonzalez. Arrival at Casals was delayed as an elderly lady ran a stoplight in Lockport and damaged our car. We had to stay to obtain a police report before getting to The Falls. After the bouts we lost our car keys and had to have my son bring another set of keys from Rochester. Got home around 2:00 am. Further, 160Paris Davis was a late scratch as he couldn't get off his new job. A very trying day to say the least.

#### 6/7: GROUND ZERO BOXING CLUB: DESTINY MALL: SYRACUSE:

Three St. Martin boxers made the trip held in the biggest mall in NY State north of NY City. Unfortunately, 70Brenden Davis' opponent from Oswego weighed too heavy for their bout to be approved, but they did a three round exhibition called a developmental. 62James Hollister made his second ever a winning effort versus Oswego's Jordan Algarin- 3-0 - with jabbing setting up some combinations. He won a beautiful belt for his efforts. In a major bout on the

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card, 160Paris Davis opposed hometown Option Zero's Ezra Branch. In a bout that could have gone either way, the judges gave the local Syracuse opponent a 2-1 decision. Good driving both ways, but the traffic was heavy on the Thruway. As you probably know, an MD or Do is required to examine for boxers to be allowed to compete. This time, however, an elderly man in the audience suffered a serious medical condition and was treated by the ringside doctor until medics arrived to transport him to a hospital. A big participation from Rochester clubs as Jackson, Future, and Nasty Knuckles participated.

AGAIN, the NATIONAL SILVER GLOVES ASSOCIATION has again awarded the STATE and REGIONAL SILVER GLOVES to St. Martin. The State Tournament will be in Rochester in early December and the Regionals will be in Oswego in early January, The Regionals consist of winners of state tournaments from New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island and, of course, New York. The Rhode Island tournament also includes entries from Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. We would much appreciate financial help by commercial or individual sponsors.



"I never had any troubles. There were a lot of people here from the South. People like me could mix with them easily . . . And people in the North are friendly when they to know you . . . I've always been friendly, a good mixer. I never been mistreated."

— Rocky Simmons

**ROCKY SIMMONS:** When the St. Martin Boxing Club started in 1969, Rocky was an influential supporter. He was Court Deputy for Judge Caroline Branch, He'd been a player in the black Negro League. He was a great organizer, organizing a girls softball league and a boys baseball league. He also ran the "Mr. Wonderful" club on West Main known for his talent contests. He took talent from these contests to New York for performances. I was a probation officer when St. Martin began and he was an enthusiastic supporter. He spread the news locally and afar, helping us to gain a reputation and opening opportunities.