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53 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE TO ROCHESTER YOUTH

4/29: ANNIVERSARY SHOW: MONTGOMERY REVIVAL VII:

Huge crowd turnout. Big participation from local clubs - Future, Baden Street, Lyft, Nasty Knuckles, host St. Martin and elsewhere - Utica, Geneva, Buffalo, St. Catherines, Ontario, Dunkirk, Bath, Ithaca. Thirteen bouts. St. Martin couldn't crack the winning column however. 95Abdika Bere battled Zah'mir Dillard (Baden) well, but lost a decision to his older foe. 156Chris Williams lost a close decision to Utica's Roman Leonchyk. 80Amayzann Deesbuilock lost a small war with Dunkirk's Anais Rodriquez. Other results: Michael Rivera(Baden) dec Nikita Lamakin(Utica). Maison Cummings(Elmira) dec Siul Rodriquez(Dunkirk). Douglas Kuzande(St. Catherines) dec Dylan Maisanne(Lyft) in a major bout of the afternoon. Divine Gramling(Lyft) def Christian Palamino(Nasty Knuckles). Jalil Johnson(Lyft) dec Leo Harben(GIAC). Walberto DeJesus(Dunkirk) dec Austin Butler(Bath). Louis Sanchez(Future) dec Manny Edgardo(Geneva). Braxton Williams(Future) dec Joseph Torres(Utica). Rochester Police Officer Laruez attended and gave out medals to participants. His friendly nature was greatly appreciated by all. Western Sports and Ortho supplied the pre bout physicals and attended as the ringside physician. Buffalo's Regina Williams sang the Canadian and U.S. National anthems. When the PA System didn't arrive, Armando Munoz hollered out introductions for all bouts. Hope he didn't get a sore throat. The show was the anniversary of the first St. Martin show 4/30/70 at the old St. Martin de Porres Center on North Clinton Avenue.

We need to be rooting for Kieshawn Stone and other locals who left for the National Golden Gloves in Philadelphia 5/4.

St. Martin's original boxing bouts took place at the St. Martin de Porres Center on North Clinton Avenue. The center, torn down with the huge urban renewal in 1973, lead to the next bouts being at the newly opened South Avenue Center. Next were bouts at Avenue D, and then to the North Street Center.

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New York State Tournaments were held for several years at the ballroom at Edgerton Park. For two years bouts were held at U Prep Charter School. When U Prep moved its location, we were briefly at Baden Street, but lengthy reconstruction ended this location. Two summers, lacking a facility, we practiced out of doors at parks. We briefly stayed and payed at a commercial place. Other competition sites at several locations - a number of bouts at Ontario Park beach and one on the grass for numerous Day Camps; the Main Games on East Main Street and across from the Police Department; the 3 on 3 Basketball competitions on Main Street; the Puerto Rican Festivals from the 1970s thru 2017; a couple outdoor shows at Baden Street; bouts at the Elba Street and Plymouth/Exchange Block Parties; the Rochester Club; Masonic Temple; Elks Club on South Avenue; the Afro-American Club on Hudson Avenue; The Main Street Armory; The Locust Hill Country Club; Use of the ring all over the state at sites too many to mention.

The National Silver Gloves asked us to run the Region 1 Silver Gloves, comprising all of the Northeast state tournaments, when the National Silver Gloves went from a tournament of states to regions. Regional 1 tournaments were held in Saratoga, Oneonta, Elmira, Utica, Rochester, and Watertown. We are considering Albany as our next stop. We try to find locations as central as possible.

Upcoming: 5/8 - 12 National Golden Gloves in Philadelphia; 5/19 Buffalo; 6/3 Lockport.

