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14th YEAR OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE TO ROCHESTER YOUTH

Disappointments in getting bouts of late. No St. Martin boxers got on shows in Greece, NY, or in two Buffalo shows: Forbes Theatre and The Bombsquad on Leroy Avenue. The long Silver Glove season has ended. A tremendous amount of time and effort goes into organizing and running both the New York State and Region 1 Tournaments, then the organizing for the National Tournament. Organizing starts in September and ends in February. St. Martin is in charge of the state tournaments in New Jersey, Connecticut, and Rhode Island (includes all the rest of New England). Region 1 finished high among the eight regions. We're waiting for the final standings.

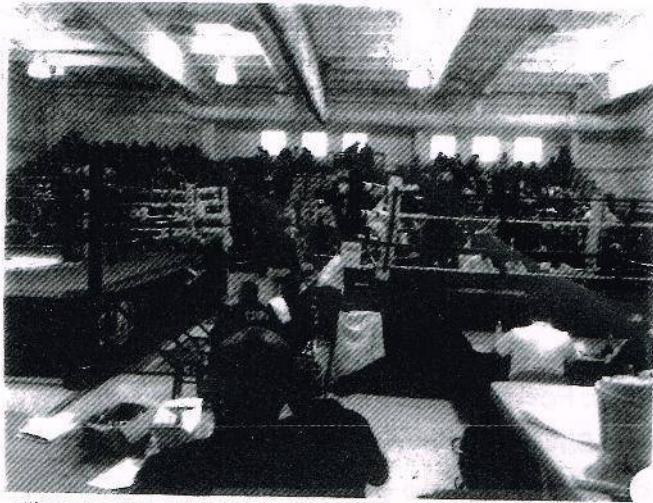
1/16 & 17: REGION 1 SILVER GLOVES: ARBOR HILL COMMUNITY CENTER: ALBANY, N.Y.: St. Martin sponsored and teamed with the City of Albany for the two day event pitting state Silver Gloves champions from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and New England for the right to compete in February's National Silver Gloves in Independence,

A tremendous turn out and huge crowd in this large facility. Two rings were necessary and provided by the City of Albany. A total of 57 bouts. Rochester teams from Jackson Center, Future, and St. Martin competed. Veteran Albany coach Jerrick Jones organized things from Albany.

St. Martins advanced (9/10)90Sebastian Clinton. Jackson Center advanced Tristan Wilson-Brito, Marcus Rodriquez, Fynest Cummings, and Karon Haskell.

1/31-2/3: STONEY CREEK & CONFERENCE CENTER: 57th NATIONAL SILVER GLOVES: INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI: The Region 1 champions, led by St. Martin Regional Director, competed against champions from the other seven regions in the 57th annual event and St. Martin's 41st participation. St. Martin has two very inexperienced eligibles. But they had too little experience to compete on the national level and were not entered.

The outlook for upcoming bouts looks good: Golden Gloves in Buffalo startin 2/24. 3/9 Watertown. 3/16 Albany. 3/30 Albany. 4/27 Niagara Falls. 6/15 Albany.



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Arbor Hill Community Center at Jerrick Jones

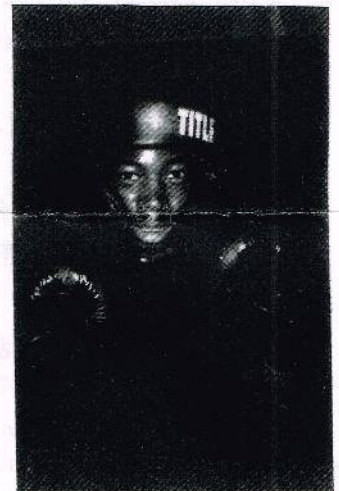


Two Rings at the Regional

Arbor Hill in Albany



Captain Chris Williams & Noah Banks



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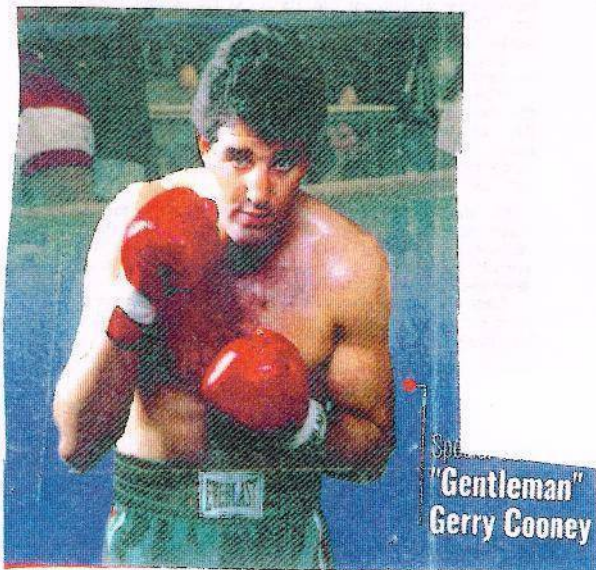
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We continue to have problems getting enough competition for our boxers. We've been having from about ten to seventeen kids at practice each day. Upcoming are quite a number of shows - two more Golden Glove dates, 4/13 Future Boxing here in Rochester, 5/11 Niagara Falls, 6/8 Ithaca, and 6/22 Baden Street in Rochester.

GOLDEN GLOVES: SENECA ONE: BUFFALO: St. Martin had a terrible start. 156Chris Williams injured his neck while lifting weights and had to withdraw. 165Paris Davis missed the ride and was eliminated. He was at a cousin's house and didn't tell us. With two of the club's best and experienced eliminated, SuperheavyweightCharles Hayes battled Buffalo's Chris Thompson and dropped a decision. He seemed to win the first round and the second was no better than even, but the huge Thompson had worn down Charles much. The third was all Thompson. 156Dieon Badger had no opponent and advanced. This venue is new and beautiful. The usual huge Golden Glove crowd.

BATTLE OF THE BADGES 4: JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE: WATERTOWN. Fifteen bouts with the biggest crowd ever in Watertown. The show benefitted the police and fire dog program and included bouts of police against firemen. Only one of three St. Martin boxers got on the card. 60Brendon Davis excelled in his first bout ever. He outboxed tough onrushing Pagnette. He made Pagnette often miss and countered with jabs and right hands. A very impressive initial effort. Disappointed were Paris Davis and Java Reeves who had pre-made bouts fall through. Rain and wind both going and coming home..

Guest boxing celebrity was former heavyweight contender Gerry Cooney. He was very friendly with kids and gave them autographed pictures.



Brandon Davis

St. Martin has a long history. We will include an occasional bit of history in newsletters. Here's an article on our first ever show 4/30/70.

Cliff Carpenter

St. Martin's Sluggers

THE CEILING LIGHTS WENT OUT, leaving only spotlights. A small American flag flew overhead. The audience, about 98 per cent Negro and Puerto Rican, sang the Star Spangled Banner with gusto.

Then the bell rang, and beneath a sign reading "Love One Another," two demi-tasse size battlers wearing boxing gloves almost half their size, came to the center of the ring and set out earnestly to flatten each other. The audience of nearly 200 mothers and fathers, cousins and aunts, playmates and passersby, roared encouragement or doubled up laughing at the ferocious roundhouse swings that missed opponents by a foot or more.

THIS WAS LAUNCHED, the other evening, the newest adventure of the free-wheeling, do-it-yourself St. Martin de Porres neighborhood center.

And what a launching. It had style. Like Madison Square Garden. Fighters wore white or yellow robes, on the backs of which were sewn the names of such contributors as Tobin's, Solomon's Hardware, Mike's Market, Kroll's and the Colbert Kitchens. There were real fighters' stools, sneakers (some in flaming red), mouthpieces, buckets of water, and a genuine, adult, practicing light-heavy-weight prize-fighter, Jim Brown, to help with arrangements. Brown, full-time maintenance man at the center at 575 Clinton Ave. N., came up from the streets and talks the language of the streets. He is loved and respected by the 300-300 kids who pour into the center daily.

Each bout began with Brown bellowing "... in this corner wearing blue trunks, etc." and ended with tiny Mrs. Margaret Muchard, the center's director, who doesn't weight 90 pounds soaking wet, climbing into the ring and draping medals around the sweating necks of winners and losers.

I HAD NO INTENTION of naming any one fighter at the expense of the others, but the morning-after tale of 9-year-old Mark O'Neil must be told. He phoned his school principal and said, "I've got things to do and I want to be excused this morning." When the principal demanded to know why, Mark replied, "Well, I won my fight last night!" A very intuitive principal gave him the morning off, meanwhile praying it wouldn't be a precedent.

While the fighters were fighting, the mothers were making and selling refreshments in the tidy big kitchen of the one-story brick and concrete center, and the fathers were judging the bouts. This is part of the technique of total family involvement at the non-sectarian center, which celebrates its seventh birthday this month.

WHY A FIGHT NIGHT? ... it's a fair question to put to Mrs. Muchard, whose unflagging drive to "do" for her fellow mortals led to the creation of the center.

"Because here they can be taught to win graciously, and to lose courageously and fairly ... and in losing they can be taught that their lives are a succession of struggles, and another one will come along next month ... so if they don't win this time, another time is coming."

Mrs. Muchard is one of but three paid executives of this center, an astonishing adventure in mutual help in a section which is indeed tragically rundown. Operating on the simple philosophy that people can't love each other until they get to know each other, and bankrolled entirely by private donations, she has inspired establishment of everything from cooking classes to a drum corps, from sewing to day care, from counseling to ... well, to fight nights.

THE FEELING, THE VALUE, the life style of the St. Martin de Porres Center is told best in incidents and anecdotes.



TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM: We've transported youth to practices and out of town shows for many years. Underprivileged kids need this transportation to participate. We are again facing the reality that our old faithful van is aging badly and needs replacing. Far over a hundred thousand hard city miles. It's had to be towed several times recently and repair costs are mounting. Due to the van's condition we have to seek private car transportation to out of town shows. This limits the number of kids traveling. Any suggestions are appreciated.

The cab driver who took me there decided to follow me inside to see what it was like. He did so just in time to see Mrs. Donald (Nance) Simkin, a volunteer worker and a Quaker, bend over to kiss two children.

"Now I like that," said the cab driver to her. "You kissed a black child and a white child."

"Why not?" said the slender, trim Mrs. Simkin. "I'm a Cherokee Indian." She is, this warm-hearted wife of a Family Court probation officer who also spends his spare time at the center. And she added: "When the children hear it they can hardly believe it and then they love it. They call me redfoot and I call them blackfoot."

ST. MARTIN DE PORES, living from hand to mouth, always desperately in need of volunteers, is having its birthday this month and moving ahead with supreme confidence that everything will come out all right. We urge everybody to go down there the next fight night, or anytime.

There it is to see, what a lot of effort and a lot of love can do in a very bad section of town. You might come out with a lump in your throat and joy in your heart.

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St. Martin competed in two shows and involved in another for the month. A show coming up at Buffalo's Bombsquad Boxing Club May 25.

4/13: FUTURE BOXING CLUB: Rochester: It's located out on Buffalo Road. Thirteen bouts. St. Martin got three of four on the show against formidable opponents with all negative results. 60Brendon Davis took on much larger Daniel Gonzalez (Jackson Center)(used to be called Baden Street), fought valiantly, but Coach Ortiz realized the size and strength differential and retired him after the first round. 145John Rondon returned to the ring wars and filled in for St. Martin's absent Chris Williams and fought a tremendous bout. He failed to get a majority of the judges votes and lost an arguable decision. 165Jave Reeves took on an unknown Mike Rivera (Future) and retired in round two. Paris Davis was disappointed as he had no opponent for a second recent week in a row. His opponent appeared, but didn't have the required yearly physical. Good sized crowd and it was nice to not have to have a long travel to a local "away" bout.

5/4: JACKSON CENTER: Was a one bout box off from the Buffalo Golden Gloves due the large number of boxers in the 147 open class. It required an extra day as boxers may only compete once each day. Competing were Rochester Nasty Knuckles' Corey Brooks and Oswego's Andre Mendez. Mendez won a split decision and qualified to compete in the National Gloves in Detroit later this month. St. Martin contributed stools, a bell, scale, and defibrillator for the effort. St. Martin coaches/officials Genaro Ortiz and Don Simkin provided two of the three judges. Western New York Sports and Orthopedic's Dr. Matt Schmitt was the volunteer doctor.

5/11: CASAL'S FIGHTING ARTS GYM: NIAGARA FALLS: Two St. Martin boxers made the trip and fought tough Niagara Falls opponents. 60Brendon Davis opposed Quincy McFarland and lost an arguable 2-1 decision in a good bout. 147Paris Davis fought the main event on the 14 bout card show and lost a decision. It was his first bout since December after several disappointments. He needed the action. A usual full house for promoter Ray Casal who provided good post bout pizza for us.



St. Martin meeting with Mayor Ryan. Mayor Ryan established a working relationship and contract with the city. Stephen May was the first mayor to back St. Martin. The contracts were followed by Mayors William Johnson, Robert Duffy, Carlos Carbarlada, and Thomas Richards. See St. Martin President Frank Guelli, left bottom, Atty. Dick Morris Morris top left, Mayor Ryan, center, St. Martin Director Margaret Muchard at the former St. Martin de Porres Center, right of Mayor Ryan, Sheriff Bill Lombard, upper right.

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.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.

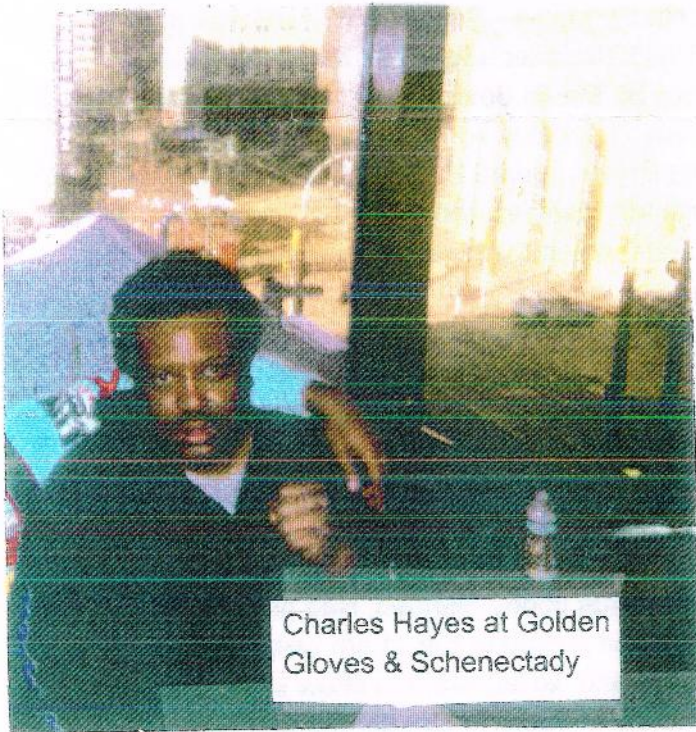
5/25: BOMBSQUAD BOXING BUFFALO: The show was poorly planned. Had prematched bouts scheduled for Paris Davis and Brendon Davis and arrived at the 11 am weigh in for a 2 pm start. At 2:40pm we were told we had no matches and we left with the show still not started. We were able to phone Rochester relatives 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

Over...

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



Sox recipients