

# ST. MARTIN BOXING

The month's activity Syracuse

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## NEWS

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Puerto Rican Festival, Oswego New York State Fair.

### 56th year of continuous service to Rochester youth

7/26: SYRACUSE ATHLETIC & EDUCATIONAL CENTER: St. Martin suffered probably its worse day and most of it was self inflicted. Four were offered pre bout matches. Brenden Davis had a family reunion and couldn't go. Paris Davis couldn't be located to go. Cesar Echevarstti traveled, but disappeared before his bout with Olumide Satim.. This left 62James Hollister to battle an Oswego boxer who was too heavy for James to actually compete. They battled in a nonscored action. James did well in his effort. Heavy traffic going but it moved well. St. Martin contributed gloves for the show.

8/2: PUERTO RICAN FESTIVAL: PARCEL 5: St. Martin had three bouts offered, but only one went ringward on a nineteen bout card. 74Brendan Davis duked it out with his frequent opponent King Cook of Oswego. Brendan gave up some weight, but turned in a strong effort before being on the short side of a 2-1 split decision. Brendan's movement was excellent to avoid the strong onrushing Cook and he was effective with his jab and counterpunching. 62James Hollister's bout fell through due to a weight and age differential. 156Paris Davis no showed for the trip.

This is the same Puerto Rican Festival St. Martin ran starting in the 1970s with Festival Leader Mr. Martinez, then leader Eda Perez, and an event with current leader Orlando Ortiz. Last year's show had to be canceled due to the Weather Bureau's warning of electrical storms during the day. The cancelation cost us a considerable financial loss. We offered to run this year's event with a letter to Mr. Ortiz 3/25/25, but about a month before this year's event we heard that another individual was heading it and we ceased our efforts. Then we tried to put on an Ontario Beach event instead of the festival, but the request for the show would have had to have been made for the event 45 days in advance of the proposed date, or past the summer season. We need to plan far ahead for a summer outdoor show next year. Past locations of the festival boxing were at the Edgerton Park in the northwest part of the city, a venue on the east side of the river on downtown on a site now occupied by a huge hotel, then a couple years at the Civic Center between the Police and Court buildings, then for several years at the Red Wings Stadium parking lot, and now at Parcel 5.

The festival had numerous Puerto Rican food offerings, other sale items, and, of course, lots of music. The festival was blessed with great weather this year.

8/16: OSWEGO BOXING CLUB: Two St. Martin boxers traveled, but got no competitive bouts. Therefore, due to their experience, they were placed in non-competitive non-scored bouts versus Oswego boxers. 65James Hollister was matched with and 75Brenden Davis with . The two had fun with many of their Oswego friends. A stop at McDonalds also helped further blunt any disappointment. It was a nice scenic drive over Route 104 both ways.

8/30 NEW YORK STATE FAIR: Two traveled. 70Brenden Davis' opponent no showed. 65James Hollister boxed Hremg of but lost. Paris Davis was scheduled, no showed due to work. The usual parking challenge and huge crowds. We were again positioned in the court across from the Colosseum where the horse show was being held. Teams of horses, some were

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even teams of six, came by before competing. St. Martin furnished the boxing gloves for the competition. James Hollister's mother and sister traveled home with us.



**FROM THE PAST: Tony Unitas with former light-heavyweight champ  
Joey Maxim**

**Tony invited us to many of his Toronto shows over the years...**