

It's Hall of Fame time!

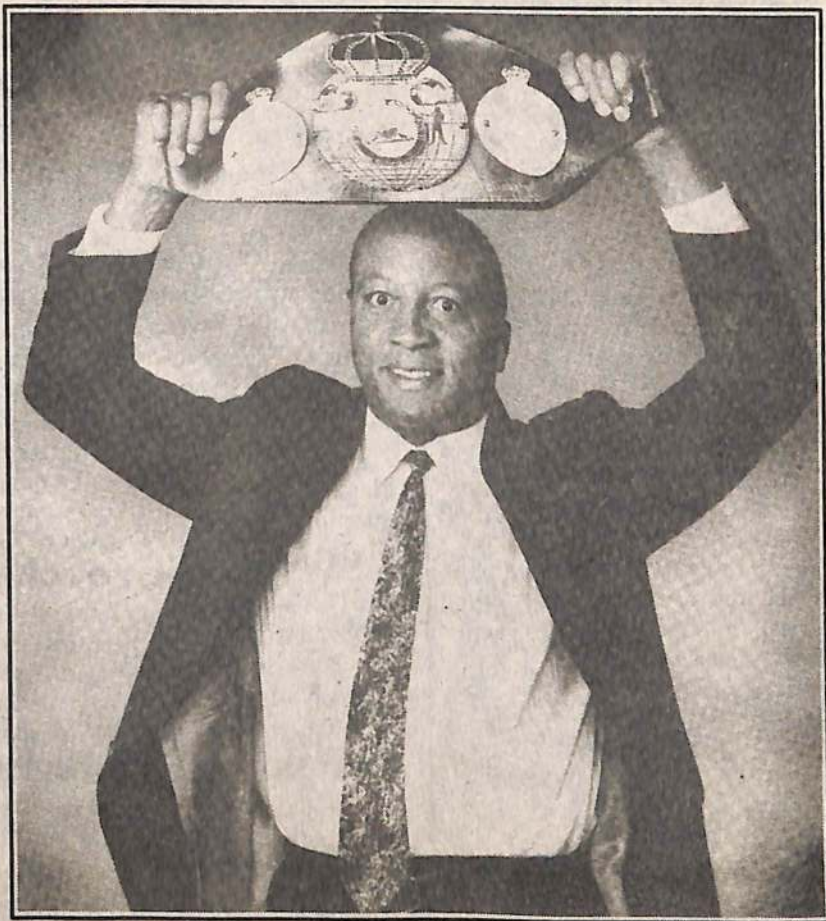
Former heavyweight champion James "Bonecrusher" Smith will be among the celebrities periodically signing autographs at the Hall of Fame Museum throughout the June 6-9 Boxing Hall of Fame Induction Weekend.

The Hall of Fame Museum and surrounding grounds serves as the focal point of the weekend. There will be three days of "Ringside Lectures" by various boxing greats, refreshment stands will be available the entire weekend, entertainment by the Stan Colella Orchestra and many other activities happening on the grounds.

Smith won the WBA heavyweight title via TKO over Tim Witherspoon in 1986. Smith has fought some of the toughest heavyweights in the division, including "Razor" Ruddock, Frank Bruno, Michael Moorer, Mike Tyson, Greg Page, Tony Tubbs, and Larry Hughes among others.

Admission to the Hall of Fame Museum is \$4 and events on the grounds are free.

Other champions attending the Hall of Fame Weekend include, Alexis Arguello, Carmen Basilio, Jose Torres, Joey Maxim, Gerry Cooney, Aaron Pryor and Livingston Bramble.



James "Bonecrusher" Smith

Arguello to attend boxing card show

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Former three-time champion and 1992 Hall of Fame inductee Alexis Arguello will attend the All-Boxing Card Show sponsored by Baker Gallery On June 8 in the Canastota High School Gymnasium. The card show is a part of this year's Boxing Hall of Fame Weekend.

Arguello was a versatile fighter who won world titles at featherweight, super featherweight and lightweight, said Hall of Fame Director, Ed Brophy. In 88 total bouts he scored 66 KOs and lost only eight. Arguello holds victories over Hall of Famer Ruben Olivares, as well as other notables such as Alfredo Escalera, Bobby Chacon and Ray Mancini.

The All-Boxing Card Show will feature over 80 tables of boxing memorabilia for sale or trade. It is the largest all-boxing card show in the world, Brophy said. Arguello, along with other celebrities, will be signing autographs periodically throughout the day at the card show. The show runs from 10 a.m. to 5



Alexis Arguello

p.m. An admission charge will be required.

Over 25 boxing champions will be on hand June 6-9 to honor the newest class of inductees, including Aaron Pryor, Emanuel Steward, Joe Brown and Wilfred Benitez. Other events include a Banquet of Champions Dinner, golf tournament and parade.

For more information, please call the Hall of Fame at 697-7095.

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Billy Backus



Carmen Basilio

Basilio and Backus welcome fellow champions

Canastota native champions Carmen Basilio and Billy Backus will be on hand during this year's Boxing Hall of Fame Weekend to welcome fellow boxing greats to Canastota.

Basilio and Backus, who put Canastota on the boxing map in the 1950s through the 1970s, will help greet fellow champions to the small village for the three-day, 20-event weekend themed, "Where Fantasy Becomes Reality."

Both Basilio and Backus will be playing in the Golf Tournament of Champions on Saturday, June 8, as well as attending all other scheduled events.

Basilio twice won the welter-

weight title, first in 1955 and again in 1956. He moved to the middle-weight division and beat Ray Robinson for the crown in 1957. Backus defeated Jose Napoles for the world welterweight title in 1970 and remained a top 10 contender for 10 years, fighting in Paris, Berlin, and Australia.

Fellow boxing greats to be in Canastota for the June 6-9 weekend include, Bob Foster, Emile Griffith, Aaron Pryor, Gene Fullmer and Alexis Arguello among others.

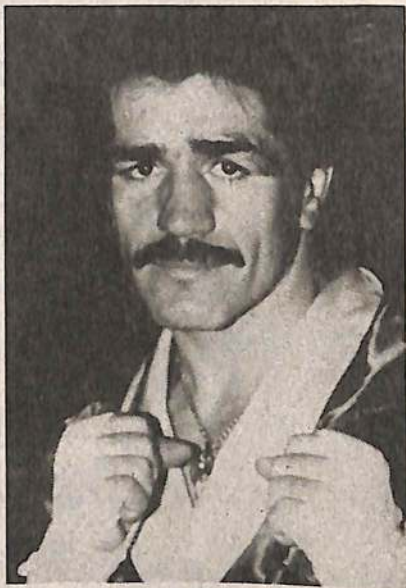
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Antuofermo to be here

6/5/96
Former middleweight champion Vito Antuofermo has joined the lineup of over 25 boxing celebrities scheduled to be in Canastota for this year's Hall of Fame Weekend, June 6-9.

Antuofermo will be attending the Fame and Fortune Celebrity Boxing Night at the Turning Stone Casino, Friday, June 7 at 7:30. The boxing night will feature amateur bouts along with a workout by female boxing champion Christy Martin, and an exhibition pitting current WBO middleweight champion Lonnie Bradley against former middleweight champion and Hall of Fame Gene Fullmer. Casino gaming will also be available.

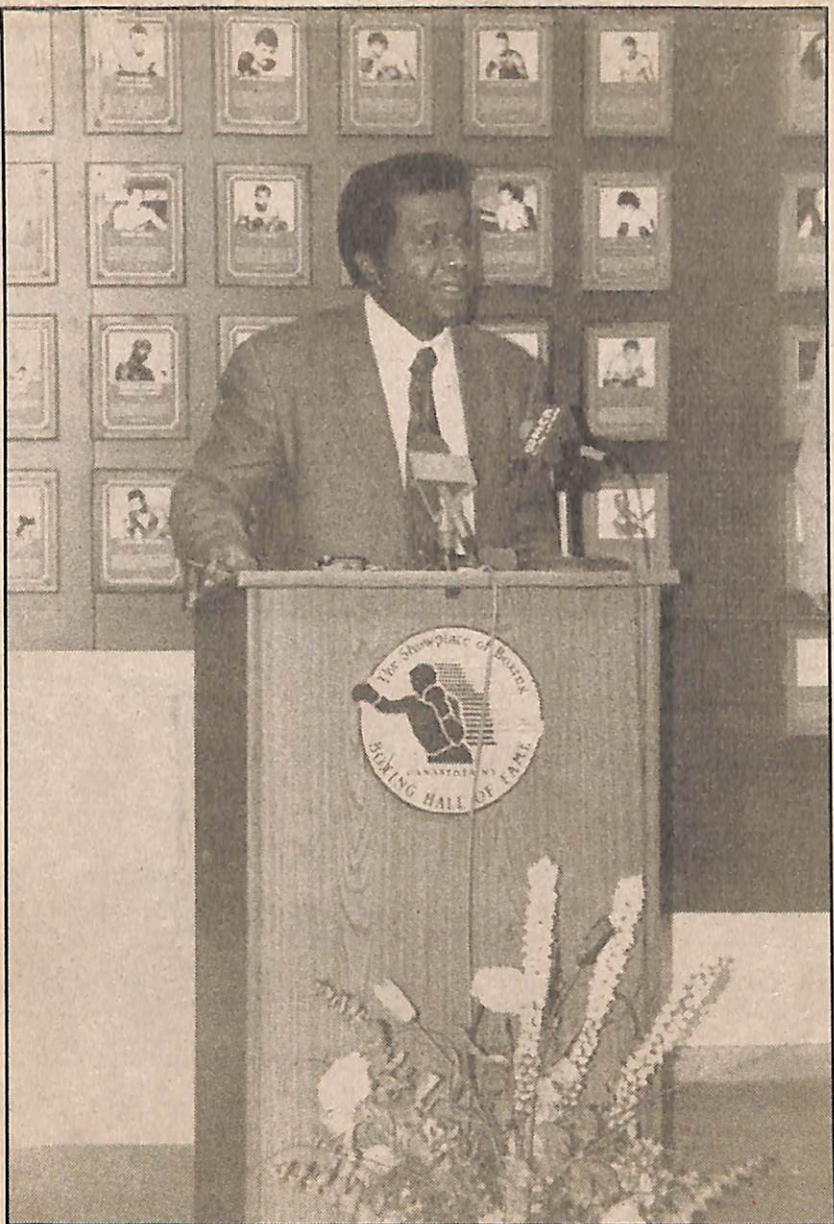
Antuofermo won the world middleweight title by 15 round decision over Hugo Corro in 1979. A tough, aggressive fighter, Antuofermo is remembered for his two confrontations with "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler. Their first bout in 1979 ended in a draw and a rematch two years later saw Hagler win via fifth round TKO. Antuofermo concluded his career with a 50-7-2 (21 KOs) record.



Vito Antuofermo

Antuofermo, along with the other boxing greats, is expected to attend all other weekend activities, including the Breakfast of Champions, the Banquet of Champions, the Parade and the Golf Tournament of Champions.

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Emanuel Steward