



WILLIAM HACKMER

FLY WEIGHT 1979-1985

“LIL’ RED”

William Hackmer was born on Aug. 21, 1965 in Lockport, N.Y. to parents Carl and Marylou. He lived on the north side of town with his seven siblings and at the tender age of three months, he began training as part of a professional acrobat troupe that would go on to tour various regions of Canada and the Northeastern United States. Under the careful auspices of his father, Billy honed his athletic skills through the daily practice of single arm handstands, pyramids and other death-defying feats found in the acrobat’s arsenal.

As he got older, the criminal lifestyle began to take hold and, before he knew it, he was in a boys’ home following a few ill-advised decisions. It’s wasn’t long after his brother rescued him from the streets that Billy found his calling and in the winter of 1979, he started training under Robby D’Angelo at D’Angelo’s Boxing Club.

In less than a month, he strapped on the gloves and entered the ring to begin what would be an illustrious amateur career. After winning both the Western New York and East Coast Jr. Olympic titles, he placed 3rd in the 1981 National Jr. Olympics after losing to Roy Muniz by decision.

Over the next six years, Hackmer won three New York State (NYS) Golden Gloves titles, a National Police Athletic League (PAL) Championship, a gold medal at the Empire State Games and competed on the USA team in international competition.

Throughout his career, Hackmer fought many top-ranked amateur opponents such as Joe King, Todd Hickman and future professional Super Bantamweight champion Jesse Benavides. Due to career mismanagement, he was never able to experience the glory of turning pro and retired from the ring in 1985.

A naturally fierce competitor, he continued his athletic prowess by winning both the NYS and Northeast powerlifting championships. With boxing in his blood, he returned to the ring once again to train young fighters at Hackmer’s Gym in Lockport.

Tonight Ring 44 of The National Veteran Boxers Association is proud to induct William Hackmer into the 2010 Buffalo Boxing Hall of Fame.