



# ALAN "Pony Boy" KEMP

## MIDDLEWEIGHT

1972-1975

Young Alan started boxing at the age of nine, when his father Al – a former fighter and noted trainer – brought him to the gym to teach him how to defend himself from local bullies. “What made the next formative years so wonderful was that I got to spend so much time with my father. We were best buddies and spent untold hours together at Singer’s Gym, or on the baseball field, or at the movies. What I didn’t know then was that I wasn’t only training for boxing – I was training for life.” Kemp was a prodigy in the sport. Winner of 45 of 52 amateur bouts, Kemp won three Golden Gloves titles, was runner-up in another and competed in two National Golden Gloves tournaments, all while juggling a job and his courses at Canisius College. Then, as a pro, it was the long hair that earned the charismatic young man from Buffalo the nickname “Pony Boy”. In March of 1972, the popular local hero, who gained mainstream notoriety for his long

pony tail, turned pro at Buffalo’s Memorial Auditorium with an 81 second knockout of Jimmy Jenkins. Kemp went on to compile a 12-0 record with 11 knockouts before retiring after back-to-back defeats to former National Amateur Champion Morris Jordan and Olympic Gold Medal Winner and future world title challenger Ronnie Harris.

But throughout it all, when the bell rang, Alan Kemp’s fists would always steal the show, earning him three Golden Gloves titles and 12 professional wins during the middleweight division’s Golden Age in the 1970’s.

“It is quite an honor for me to join such a distinguished array of boxers in the Buffalo Boxing Hall of Fame,” said Kemp. “As a boy, I remember well the outstanding talent and dedication of many of them as I watched their careers flourish; Joey Giambra, Bobby Scanlon, Jackie Donnelly and others made a deep impression on me that I still carry today. These were men who were committed to excellence and fought with style and panache.”

Currently teaching our sport in Orange County, California, Alan maintains that “As a boxing coach, I strive to bring some of the same passion and dedication to the sport that my father did so generously.” Kemp may have moved out west, but he’s still Buffalo to his core, and it’s the hard-nosed attitude and values he picked up in New York that remain with him to this day, making his induction into the Buffalo Boxing Hall of Fame even more meaningful to him.

Tonight, Ring # 44 is proud to induct Alan Kemp into the 2011 Buffalo Boxing Hall of Fame.

### 1975

09-09 Ronnie Harris..... Montreal, CA .... L TKO 4  
05-03 Morris Jordan ..... Erie..... L PTS 8

### 1974

03-13 Ramon Flores ..... Las Vegas..... W KO 8

### 1973

09-24 Vince Neratka ..... Binghamton ..... W TKO 2  
07-23 Delino Thomas ..... Cheektowaga ..... W KO 4  
06-18 Ted Hamilton ..... Cheektowaga ..... W KO 6  
05-14 Joey Blair ..... Buffalo..... W KO 6  
04-16 Joey Blair ..... Buffalo..... W UD 6  
03-27 Jim Owens..... Buffalo..... W KO 5

### 1972

12-08 Jerry Caballero ..... Syracuse..... W TKO 2  
09-23 Herb Walker..... Syracuse..... W TKO 3  
06-17 Johnny Hagens ..... Buffalo..... W TKO 2  
04-24 Dave Alicia ..... Buffalo..... W KO 2  
03-27 Jimmy Jenkins..... Buffalo..... W TKO 1