2009 – Explosive sport year

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DUBAI, UNITED EMIRATES – It is once again that time of the year when sport writers take account on the achievements scored by the zealous local sportspersons and women of the land of the braves (Namibia).

It’s no doubt that the boxing discipline amongst the 54-sport codes in Namibia has done a tremendous job in representing Namibia on the international stage and winning honours.

A bit of everything
The 2009 MTC/NSC sports awards was one of the most successful gala events ever with little hicups here and there but there is still room for improvements. These were the winners:

WBA Lightweight champion Paulus “Hitman” Moses: Sportsman of the Year (Boxing)

Nestor Tobias scooped the Coach of the Year (Boxing)

Heletje van Staden Sportswoman of the Year (Mountain Bike Riding)

Sem Shilimela Junior Sportsman of the Year (Wrestling)

Daniela Lindemeyer Junior Sportswoman of the Year (Swimming)

Reginald Benade Disabled Sportsman of the Year 2009

Rosemary Tuteiseimun Dis- abled Sportswoman of the Year 2009

Carlos “CK” Kambaekua

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Paulus ‘Hitman’ Moses, WBA Lightweight champion

Shimada in Windhoek on July 25. Paulus ‘Hitman’ Moses, WBA Lightweight champion beat the the knot on 28 August. The marriage ceremony will take place at the Congregation of Endola in Ohangwena Region, only 16 kilometers from Oshakati. All Naunambembe was crowned the new WBO Africa welterweight champion.

Bethuel ‘Tyson’ Uushona

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The World Boxing Association (WBA) lightweight champion Paulus ‘Hitman’ Moses opened the 2009 with a historic win when he dethroned the then WBA champion Yuaake Kohori of Japan in Tokyo on January 3.

Moses has successfully made his first title defence against another Japanese contender Takehiro Shikukutu in the 1st minute 8 seconds of the first round. Two judges scored 118-110 while the other scored 117-119 in favour of Uushona. He has improved his record to 19 fight 19 wins. Mayisela went back home with a damaged record that now stands as 26 fights 19 wins and 7 losses.

The local ‘little giant’ Paulus “The Rock” Ambunda a disciplined army officer of the Namibia Defence Force (NDF) became the bantamweight WBO champion after he dethroned his opponent Lwazi Mnisi (11f 8w 3L), from the neighbouring South Africa, twice in the first round and eventually finished him off by a knock out in the 1 minute 8 seconds of the second round.

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500 000 tickets requested so far

The third ticketing sales phase for the 2010 Fifa World Cup has seen the number of tickets applied for hit the 500 000 mark within the first 10 days.

More than 380,000 of these tickets were requested by South African residents (77 percent) of the total applications. 114,237 tickets applied for came from the rest of the world. At the moment, USA leads the list of foreign countries for this sales phase with 22,942 tickets, followed by the UK (20,232), Mexico (7,981), Germany (7,697), Australia (6,277) and Brazil (4,760).

In total applications from 166 countries, the latest ticket applications figures are impressive, comments Horst Schmidt, chairman of the Fifa Ticketing Sub-Committee.

“The number of domestic applications has increased significantly. By buying a ticket, South Africans buy not only a seat to the World Cup, but they also support the development of football in South Africa history”, added Danny Jordan, Chief Executive Officer of the 2010 Fifa World Cup Organising Committee South Africa. Applications for individual match tickets or Teams-Specific Se- ries can be made online via the Fifa.com site.

South African residents have an option to apply for tickets at First National Bank branches across the country.

The current third Ticket Sales Phase will run until January 22. Fans will be able to purchase tickets for all 64 matches and categories are made available in the third sales phase – including a limited number for the opening match and the final.

Please note, all applications within the sales phase will be treated equally.

In an event of over-subscribed matches or (price) categories, there will be an electronic random se- lection draw on February 1.