

Sport

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 sportsman 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 hiccups 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 Sports-woman 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 Tseitseimou Disabled Sportswoman of the Year 2009

Carlos "CK" Kambaekua



Paulus 'Hitman' Moses, WBA Lightweight champion

Sports Journalist of the Year.

Boxing

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

Moses has successfully made his first title defence against another Japanese contender Takehiro

Shimada in Windhoek on July 25.

Paulus "Hitman" Moses, WBA Lightweight champion tied the knot on 28 August. The marriage ceremony will take place at the Congregation of Endola in Ohangwena Region, only 16 kilometers from Oshakati.

Ali Nuumbembe was crowned the new WBO Africa welterweight champion.

Bethuel "Tyson" Uushona



Paulus "The Rock" Ambunda WBO bantamweight champion

added another belt in his filing cabinet after winning the vacant Interim WBO Africa welterweight title as he defeated Coline 'The King' Mayisela from South Africa on unanimous point decision.

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 19wins and 7 loses.

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 downed his opponent Lwazi Mzolisi (11f 8w 3L), from the neighbouring South Africa, twice in the first round and eventually finished him off by a knockout in the 1st minute 8 seconds of the second round.

The Namibian crowd puller and knockout maestro in the six rounds Welterweight category Sacky "Izinyoka" Shikukutu got a shocking knockout in the 2nd

minute 5 seconds of the first round by his South African challenger Norman Tshisakhawe.

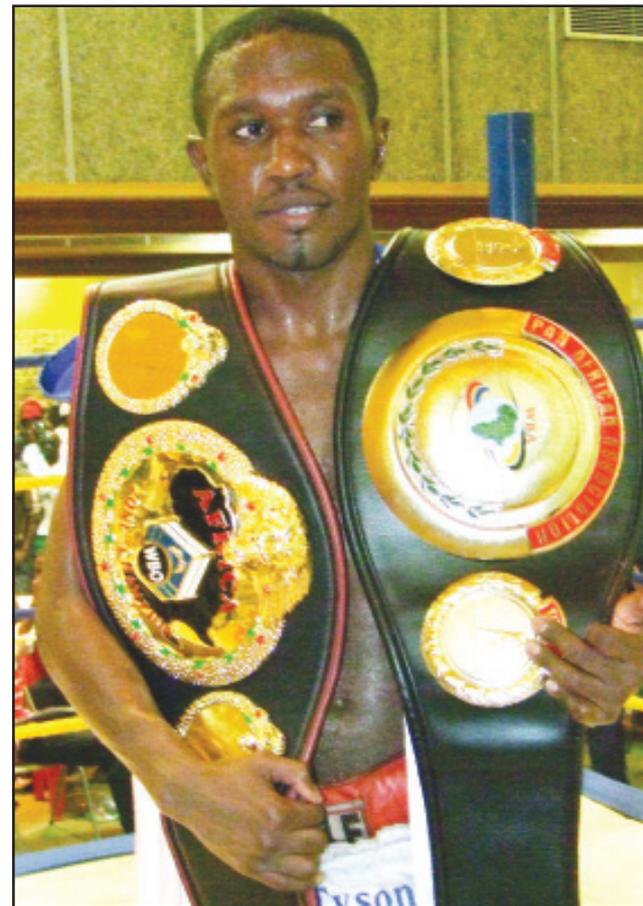
Martin Haikali became the new champion WBO Africa Lightweight champion after he dethroned Jatoorora 'Sting' Tjingaveta by TKO in the sixth round.

Namibia Premier League (NPL) Interim Chairman, Johnny Johnson Doeseb, aka JJD was unopposed as candidate for the position of NPL chairman. His term of office stretches for the next three years.

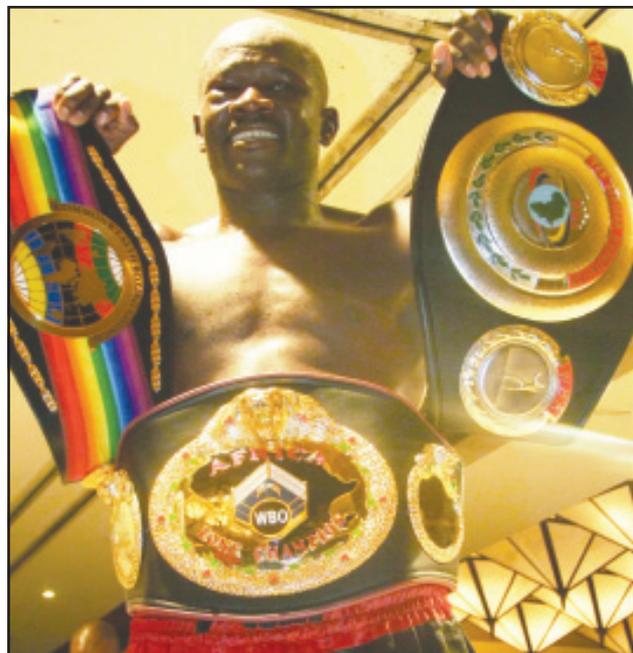
JJD was inaugurated as substantive NPL chairman after acting in the position for a couple of months following the resignation of Hendrick Davids a businessman and owner of Orlando Pirates (Namibia).

Launch of SWAPO Party internet

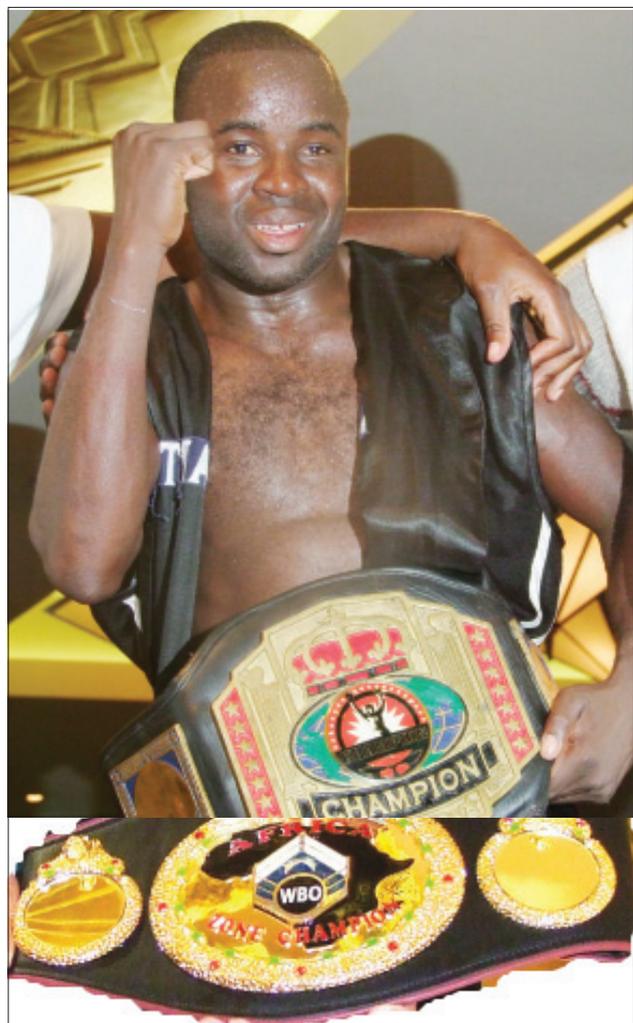
SWAPO Party Secretary General comrade Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana launched the ruling party's internet. Anyone can browse Namibia Today Sport at www.swapoparty.org.



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Ali Nuumbembe WBO Africa welterweight champion.



Martin Haikali WBO Africa Lightweight champion

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 those 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 have been received (the figures do not include the participating member associations allocated ticket sales).

"In comparison with the previous editions of the Fifa World Cups, 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 watch a match, but also their spot in South African history", added Danny Jordaan, Chief Executive Officer of the 2010 Fifa World Cup Organising Committee South Africa. Applications for individual match tickets or Team-Specific Series can be made via www.FIFA.com/2010.

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.

In total about one million 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 selection draw on February 1.