

# Namibia Today Sport

## The Sting on the warpath

By Kayele M. Kambombo

**WINDHOEK** - Jatoorora 'Sting' Tjingaveta current WBO Africa Lightweight champion will have to defend his title for the second time after he knocked out his compatriot Paulus Kapia just 109 days ago.

Irvin Buhlalu (32-24-7-1) from South Africa is challenging Tjingaveta (14-12-2) for the WBO Africa title.

The fight will be staged at the Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino on November 21 as the main bout.

Tjingaveta expressed his readiness for the fight and vowed to retain his title. "This belt will remain in Namibia. I have train very hard for this fight", he boasted.

There are several undercards bouts are on the cards, including the sparring-cum-exhibition fight



Jatoorora 'Sting' Tjingaveta WBO Africa Lightweight champion

of Paulus 'Hitman' Moses who will take on five boxers in the uninterrupted 12 round bouts of three min-

utes each.

The sparring partners will include the substantive WBO Af-

rica welterweight champion and the newly crowned Interim WBO Africa welterweight holder Ali Nuumbembe and Tyson Uushona respectively. There are other two sparring partners from South Africa and another from Namibia who will need to be identified in due course

by the promoter Nestor Tobias.

Other undercards will see Vikapita 'Beast Master' Merero exchanging blows against Ben Moakamela from South Africa for non-title bout under the Light heavyweight category over six rounds, followed by Martin Haikali of Namibia versus Daniel Botman in the lightweight six round non-title fights.

Jason 'Taks' Naule will tussle it out against his compatriot Daniel

"Open Fire" Kashela in the welterweight division over six rounds. Namibia's Abmerk Shidjuu vie for a non-title bout against the South African national Ronald Parks in the Flyweight division over six rounds.

Immanuel "Prince Imms" Naindjala takes on Mathews Kaandala. The two Namibian nationals will skin each other in a four rounds Bantamweight class.

## Hitman's second title defence slated for USA

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**WINDHOEK** - The World Boxing Association (WBA) lightweight champion Paulus 'Hitman' Moses is paired with Mexican challenger Marco Antonio Barrera at the end of December this year in the United States of America (USA).

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. It is that time again to close the same year with his second title defence against the Mexican with two surnames: Barrera and/or Tapia. This time around the boxing feast will take place in Los Angeles in the USA. Don King is promoting the fight.

Hitman, the champion and the Top Ranked Latin American pugilist cognomen Baby-faced Assassin will clash towards the end of December. The exact date is still to be announced by the Don King Promotion.

Born 35 years ago in Mexico City, Barrera is a seven time world champion in three different weight classes. He is a former world champion at WBO Super Bantamweight, IBO/WBC Featherweight, WBC Super Featherweight and IBF Junior Lightweight divisions. He is



WBA Lightweight champion Paulus 'Hitman' Moses

ranked the 43<sup>rd</sup> on ESPN's 50 Greatest Boxers of All Time and is currently promoted by Don King.

Barrera is known to throw a lot of punches, harder punches, and impressive combinations have signed a five year contract on August 26, 2008 with promoter Don King.

On paper Barrera has an impressive record in his boxing career. He has a professional record of 72 fights with 65 wins out of which 43 are knockouts, seven loses and one no contest.

The no contest came about when ran in to controversy. He defeated César Najera in four rounds at California. But upon finding out that Najera had a losing record and was part of Barrera's team, the California State Athletic Commission decided to rule the fight a no contest bout.

Barrera is a jack of all trades, Wikipedia encyclopedia reports that since January 2009, he has been a commentator for ESPN Deportes' weekly boxing show

"Golpe a Golpe" (Blow by Blow) which airs live on Friday nights on the network.

Moses has a telling record of 25 fights without a loss with 17 knockouts. He is a hard puncher and no paper tiger. Apart from being the WBA Lightweight champion Moses holds two other titles: WBA Intercontinental lightweight and WBA Pan-African lightweight.

Moses will stage a sparring-cum-fight against five different opponents in 12 rounds non-stop bouts, take place at the Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino on November 21.

Nestor "Sunshine" Tobias Boxing and Fitness Academy has initiated a sparring-cum-fight against five different opponents in 12 rounds non-stop bouts in preparation of Moses' upcoming second title defence anticipated to come to pass at the end of next month in the USA. This venture was sanctioned by the Namibia Professional Boxing Control Board.

## Uushona, Ambunda crowned WBO champs

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**KUISEBMUND, WALVIS BAY** - It was absolutely impressive performances delivered by the newly crowned Namibian pugilists after they put the finishing touches to emerge victorious in their respective WBO weight categories.

The fight took place at the Walvis Bay Community Hall where a throng of about 3 000 boxing fanatics were in attendance, giving a deafening chant.

Bethuel 'Tyson' Uushona 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.

Said Uushona: "Mayisela is a very experienced fighter. I have been sparring with him in 2003 in South Africa at Dingaan "The Rose of Soweto" Tobela's camp. As you know I have recently lost my father who has been encouraging me to fight hard. He was my strength thus I dedicate this title to him".

Thanked his sponsored, Vellis Property and Windhoek Net Cafe.



WBO/WBA Africa Welterweight champion Bethuel 'Tyson' Uushona

He also appreciated the support he got from the crowd.

The darling of the night was none other than the local 'little giant' Paulus "The Rock" Ambunda, a disciplined army officer of the Namibia Defence Force (NDF). Ambunda (9-9) 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 1<sup>st</sup> minute 8 seconds of the second round.

It was a night of knockouts. The Namibian crowd puller and knockout maestro in the six rounds Welterweight category Sacky "Izinyoka" Shikukutu got a shock-

ing knockout in the 2<sup>nd</sup> minute 5 seconds of the first round by his South African challenger Norman Tshisakhawe.

Shikukutu beat the eight counts but referee Herman Garus -Oab stopped the fight due to the dangling legs of the boxer. Garus -Oab's view was to protect the boxer in the long run. It is a yes and no outcome.

Boxing is unpredictable, others die in the process or get brain damage some recover and continue to win. It's a bit risky to the boxer unless a medical practitioner is called in to check the situation.

There is another scenario. Marco Antonio Barrera, who is challenging Paulus Hitman Moses, was knocked down by former champion Kennedy McKinney, but he recovered off the floor to knockdown McKinney five times and retained the title by a knockout in round twelve.

But the rule of the game says the referee's decision is final, be it positive or negative.

The bantamweight Immanuel "Prince Imms" Naindjala in his pro-debut sent his fellow countryman Daniel Ausiku to the canvas with a knockout in 34<sup>th</sup> seconds of the 3<sup>rd</sup> round scheduled for four.

In another two brothers' lightweight fight the southpaw Julius Indongo knocked out Daniel Hosea (both Namibians) in the 1<sup>st</sup> minute 56 seconds of the second round.



WBO Africa Bantamweight Paulus "The Rock" Ambunda

## MTC/NSC Sports awards 2009 in pictures

The 2009 was one of the most successful gala events ever with little hiccups here and there but there is still room for improvements.



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)



Reginald Benade Disabled Sportsman of the Year 2009



Rosemary Tseitsemou Disabled Sportswoman of the Year 2009



Daniela Lindemeyer Junior Sportswoman of the Year (Swimming)



Sem Shilimela Junior Sportsman of the Year (Wrestling)



Carlos "CK" Kambaekua Sports Journalist of the Year.