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Hitman prepares for second title defence

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK - Paulus 'Hitman' Moses, the incumbent WBA lightweight champion will fight against five champions over 10 round exhibition bouts.

This sparring session has been premeditated by Moses' promoter Nestor Tobias, in preparation for the champion's second title defence due in January in Los Angeles, United States of America.

Moses is being challenged by one of the tough challengers in the world, Marco Antonio Barrera who hails from Mexico.

It goes without saying that Moses should undergo a vigorous sparring session with five tested world cham-

pions that will test him (Moses) to the limit. His sparring partners have different renowned pugilists with widely divergent styles of boxing and strength.

The Namibians that will take Moses to task in the exhibition fights are former WBA Pan Africa welterweight champion Jason 'Taks' Naule with a record of 15 fights 12 wins 3 losses, undefeated WBO Africa Interim welterweight champion Bethuel 'The Unstoppable' Uushona, aka Tyson (19, 19), current WBO Africa welterweight champion Paulus 'Ali' Nuumbembe, alias 'Silent Assassin' (27,22, 4,1).

The other two sparring partners are from the neighbouring South Africa. The IBO lightweight All

Africa champion Jason Bebena (11f 9w 2d) and WBF featherweight champion Oscar Chauke (32f, 26w, 4L, 2d).

This fight is scheduled for tonight at the Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino as one of the undercards to the main bout of the WBO lightweight champion Jatoorora 'Sting' Tjingavet, who will defend his title against his fellow citizen and from the same stable, Martin Haikali.

Tonight's fights commence at 18h30 till late. Entrance fee is N\$100.00 per person.

Meager funds for sports
The Deputy Minister responsible for sport, Pohamba Shifeta registered his concern about the scanty funds allocated to sport in general by the



Dr Sam Nujoma, The Founding Father of the Nation (right) gives blessings to the WBA Lightweight Champion whenever he takes on his opponents.

Government regarding it as "peanuts".

The Sport Ministry is not happy with the current budget allocated to sport, but "we are currently busy revisiting the sport policy", adding that many sportsmen/women make their leaving through sport.

"Supporting sport is one way that will do away with unemployment" said Shifeta.

Shifeta urged all and sundry to support Moses in his endeavour to defend his title for the second time. "I call upon the entire nation and corporate businesses to support The Hitman psychologically and finan-

cially to enable him to defend the title".

The Deputy Minister also advocates the nation to support the undefeated Harry Simon (24-24) who is in London, United Kingdom busy preparing for his come back into professional boxing after his long absence from the sport he dearly loves.

Haikali challenges Tjingaveta for WBO title

By Kayele M. Kambombo

Windhoek - Jatoorora Tjingaveta will have to defend his WBO lightweight title against his boxing mate from the same camp, Martin Haikali.

Nestor Tobias promoter and trainer of both Tjingaveta, the champion, and Haikali the challenger had no choice but to square off his two

best pugilists against each other.

Tobias said there was no other alternative since Tjingaveta's opponent from South Africa, Wandile Mseleku and Haikali's adversary from Zimbabwe, Lawrence Moyo have all chickened out, thus left a vacuum. This was the *raison d'être* that prompted Tobias to let the two

fight each other.

Tjingaveta has a record of 14 fights 12 wins and 2 losses while Haikali has 7 fights 5 wins and two losses. The main bout will be preceded by four undercards including the Moses' exhibition fight against the five champions. Other prominent figures that will feature before the main bout will be Vikapita Meroro

(18-17-1) versus Mbaruku Kheri (17-12-3-2) from Tanzania in the light heavyweight category over six rounds. Abmerk Shidjuu (10-6-2-2) takes on the undefeated Carlton Katetera (5-5) from Zimbabwe in the flyweight division over six rounds.

Two other Namibians Immanuel 'Prince Imms'



Jatoorora Tjingaveta

Naindjala will exchange blows against Matheus Kaandala in a bantamweight over four rounds. Both



Martin Haikali

pugilists have 1 fight 1 win in professional grade. They will open the actions for the night.

Sunshine Boxing Academy takes overall winner

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK - The recently

ended two days Khomas Regional sub-federation produced tantalizing results as amateur pugilists

showcased their prowess and panache.

Last Friday evening was prelimi-

nary trials followed by elimination bouts the following night where altogether 50 boxers participated. There were 11 categories ranging from light flyweight (48kg) to heavyweight (91kg). It was fun to watch.

Five Windhoek-based boxing clubs registered their boxers to take part in this event, attended

by about 700 boxing fans.

Nestor "Sunshine" Boxing & Fitness Academy's camp won the overall price and collected the gold-plated trophy as it was the best club that accumulates more medals. Tobias' Academy bagged 9 gold 5 silvers and 1 bronze. In the second place was Jacob Mistake Gariseb Boxing & Fitness University that took home 2

gold, 1 silver and 7 bronze, followed by Soweto Boxing Club in the third position with 3 silvers. Tiger Cage Boxing Club came fourth after pocketing 2 silvers and 2 bronze while Golden Boxing Club occupied the last position without any medal at all.

The Overall Best Boxer of the championship went to Mika Shonena of Tobias' Academy. The best bout of the tournament went to Shonena and George Iyambo in the 60kg Lightweight division.

NIGHT OF THE JUMPS AT TONY RUST

Staff reporter

WINDHOEK - Namibia will witness the most exciting and exhilarating sporting event of the year! The FIM Freestyle Moto-Cross World Championship 'Night of the Jumps' is penciled for tomorrow (Saturday) at the Tony Rust Race Track in Windhoek.

The best freestyle moto-cross riders from around the world are here in Windhoek to battle it out for the Freestyle Moto-Cross World Championship before moving onto the finals in Brazil.

This is the first time in the history of the IFMXF championships to be hosted on the African continent.

This championship was supposed to be staged at the Independence Stadium but due to renovations currently underway the event has been moved to the Tony Rust Race Track just 7km outside Windhoek on the Daan Viljoen road.

Thirteen of the world's best FMX riders will be challenging each other on a course designed by the IFMXF experts, doing Whips, Cliffhangers, Tsunamis, Death bodies and the crowd favourite, the Backflip.

The "Night of the Jumps" Series is the world's largest international Freestyle Moto-Cross series. Over 500,000 visitors attended during the last years.

Freestyle Moto-cross riding is a tough gig.



Libor Podmol from the Czech Republic This is the first time in the history of the IFMXF championships to be hosted on the African continent.

Apart from the obvious danger in riding a 250lb motorcycle off 40-ft ramps and floating up to 80 feet in the air while hanging precariously off the machine, the stunts and tricks take a long time to master and require an enormous level of skill.

Professional freestylers revel in the opportunity to showcase their talents as well as being able to indulge in their greatest passion, riding motorcycles.

Tickets are available for N\$ 180 (outside the track) and N\$ 250 (in the oval track) at the following outlets, the Pulse in Ludwigsdorf, the Biltong Shop in Maerua Mall, at the Radiowave station and at the following Shell Garages - East End, Southgate and Tacoma in Windhoek and Vineta in Swakopmund. VIP tickets are available on request.

Gates will open up at 14h00. Bring

an umbrella, chair or camping blanket and join in on the fun! We are doing this the real African way.

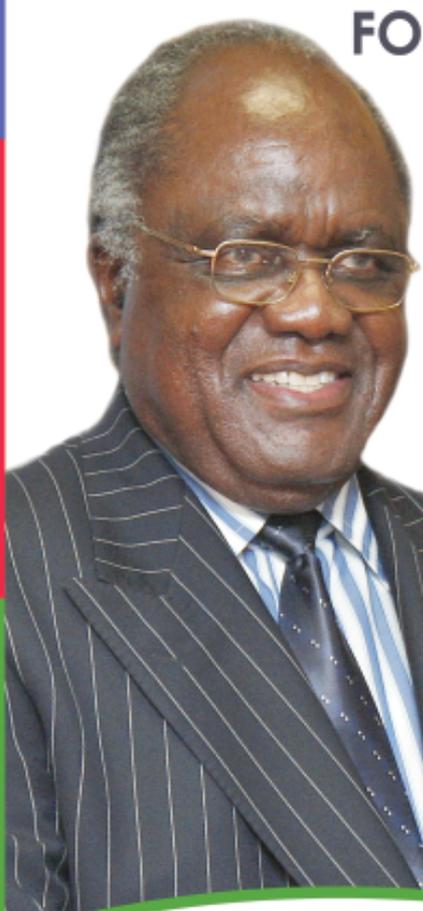
For the 'Night of the Jumps' event tomorrow, I Dream Africa's service 'Dial-A-Driver' has put together a fantastic special for any group of 14 people. Just 'Dial-A-Driver' so that the group can be picked up at any central location in Windhoek to be taken to the Tony Rust Race Track and be returned back after the event to the same location where the group was picked up for only N\$ 60.00 per person. The actual amount is N\$ 80.00 one way.

This one of a kind international event proudly sponsored by Air Namibia, Kalahari Sands Hotel & Casino, Radio Wave 96.7FM, Namibia's #1 Hit Music Station, OJ Construction, Xtreme Print & Stamp and The Sign Shop.

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