

# Namibia Today Sport

## Shidjuu off to UK for Commonwealth title

By Kayele M. Kambombo

**WINDHOEK** – Namibian boxer Abmerk Shidjuu will board Air Namibia on Sunday to Manchester, United Kingdom to fight for a vacant Commonwealth title in the flyweight division.

The fight is billed for Friday Night, February 19. Shidjuu will be accompanied by Namibia's boxing promoter and manager Nestor Tobias and his trainer, Mistake Gariseb.

Shidjuu, who is sparring with the current Bantamweight WBO Africa champion Paulus 'The Rock' Ambunda and Immanuel 'The

Prince' Naindjala, is buoyant to bring the belt to Namibia. "I have trained hard for this fight and am ready for it".

Shidjuu will fight against Chris Edwards who is born in Stoke, Staffordshire in the United Kingdom. Edwards is a 33 year-old British pugilist with a record of 30 fights 13 wins 14 loses and three draws.

The 30 year-old Shidjuu has been beaten twice on the trot and won seven out of his 11 fights with two draws. He has knocked out two of his antagonists.



*Namibia's top dogs: Creme de la creme of professional boxers ready to rumble on the eve of the 20th Independence Anniversary. Abmerk Shidjuu (far right, in red shirt) vies for the vacant Commonwealth title in the flyweight division against the British Cris Edwards on February 19, Friday Night, in Manchester, United Kingdom.*

The two loses that Shidjuu suffered were from fellow countrymen. His first lost came from Simon

Nengodhi in Swakopmund after the two drew twice in their first and third rematch encounters in

2007 over four rounds. Joseph 'Smokey Joe' Hilongwa caused Shidjuu's second loss in 2008 in

Windhoek over 10 rounds. According to Tobias this fight will take place under the Ricky Hatton Promotion.

## Saintfiet names two squads for Warriors

By Kayele M. Kambombo

**WINDHOEK** – On Monday at the NFA Soccer House, the Brave Warriors coach Tom Saintfiet named two squads of 25 and 50 for the international friendly in Durban against Bafana Bafana and Seychelles for CHAN respectively.

The South African coastal city of Durban is to host the official launch of the 100-day countdown to the FIFA World Cup on March 2. The event will culminate into the extravagant celebration that will include a special gala banquet and a football match between Bafana Bafana and the Brave Warriors of Namibia at Durban's new Moses Mabhida Stadium.

The World Cup Preliminary Draw took place in Durban in 2007 and it was the best one ever held,



*Brave Warriors coach Tom Saintfiet*

thus it is believed that the 100-day countdown on March 2 will be another spectacular event. Durban is described as the sporting Mecca of Africa and this event will be another of the 2010

major broths.

This will be an amazing experience for all who attend especially the contingent of the Brave Warriors. It will be a worthwhile and a milestone event by both countries' footballers after losing out for the 2010 African Cup of Nations that was recently concluded in Angola.

It is a tremendous honour for Saintfiet and his troop to be invited to be part of this historic event. This will be a dream come true for the Brave Warriors.

The Warriors should pull out all the stops on the pitch to give South Africans good value for their money.

The Namibia National "A" team known as the Tafel Lager Brave Warriors that is scheduled to play against their South African counterparts cognomen "Bafana Bafana" in an international friendly

match on March 3, 2010, Durban, South Africa are as follow:

**Goalkeepers:** Attiel Mbaha (Orlando Pirates), Virgill Vries (Eleven Arrows), Max Mbaeva (African Stars).

**Defenders:** Hartman toromba (Vasco Da Gama- SA), Gotlieb Nakuta (Blue Waters), Richard Gariseb (Orlando Pirates), Steven Goagab (Orlando Pirates), Ralph Ellinger (SKW), Nelson Geingob (Civics), George Hummel (Eleven Arrows), Oliver Risser (Manglerud Star - Norway), Michael Pienaar (Carara Kicks - SA).

**Midfielders:** Quinton Jacobs (African Stars), Ninja Karongee (African Stars), Rudi Louw (African Stars), Razundara Tjikuzu (Diyarbakirspor - Turkey), Letu Shatimwene (Deportivo De Huilo - Angola), Sidney Plaatjies (Unattached), Paulus Shipanga (Bay United - SA), Johannes Seibeb (Orlando Pirates).

**Forwards:** Rudolf Bester (Maritzburg United - SA), Henrico Botes (Platinum Stars SA) Wilko Risser (Eintracht Trier Germany), Heinrich Isaacks (Civics), Eslyn Kamuhanga (Civics).

## Namibia prepare for CHAN

**WINDHOEK** - Namibia's Brave Warriors coach Tom Saintfiet invited 50 young home-based and experienced players to attend trials for the 2010 African Nations Championship (CHAN) Qualifier Match against Seychelles.

The 50 players will be reduced to the final 25. The match will take place on March 13 in Seychelles.

The following players are invited for the trials:

**Virgil Vries** (Eleven Arrows), **Attiel Mbaha** (Orlando Pirates), **Ephraim Tjihonge** (Civics), **Arnold Subeb** (Black Africa), **Helmuth Maletsky** (Ramblers), **Max Mbaeva** (African Star), **George Hummel** (Eleven Arrows), **Ralph Ellinger** (SKW), **Gunter Knott** (SKW), **Pat-Nevine Uanivi** (African Stars), **Andrew Tjahikika** (African Stars), **Dennis Ngezea** (African Stars), **Nelson Geingob** (Civics), **Ivan Makina** (Orlando Pirates), **Gottlieb Nakuta** (Blue Waters), **Sheldon du Plessis** (SKW), **Steven Goagab** (Orlando Pirates), **Chris Katjiukua** (Eleven Arrows), **Richard Gariseb** (Orlando Pirates), **Willem Mwedihanga** (Tigers), **Quinton Jacobs** (African Stars), **Horst Siegfried Eichhoff** (SKW), **Ninja Karongee** (African Stars), **Eslyn Kamuhanga** (Civics), **Edward Asino** (Eleven Arrows), **Alfred Shimuma** (United Stars), **Rudi Louw** (African Stars), **Johannes Seibeb** (Orlando Pirates), **Edward Damaseb** (Orlando Pirates), **Marco van Wyk** (Black Africa), **Tangeni Shipahu** (Tigers), **Martin Kambungu** (Swakopmund), **Tobias Mekondjo** (Ramblers), **Jamunovandu Ngatjizeko** (African Stars), **Eusebio Fredericks** (Ramblers), **Sidney Urikhob** (Orlando Pirates), **Tara Katupose** (Eleven Arrows), **Muna Katupose** (Eleven Arrows), **Romanus Shilongo** (Eleven Arrows), **Ronald Ketjijere** (African Stars), **Isaak Gustav** (SKW), **Klaas Blom** (Orlando Pirates), **Neville Tjueza** (Tura Magic), **Jerome Louis** (Black Africa), **Heinrich Isaacks** (Civics FC), **Benson Shilongo** (Oshakati City), **Brian Bantam** (Black Africa), **Roger Katjiteo** (Black Africa), **Jordan Haimbili** (Blue Boys), **Sidney Plaatjies** (Unattached).

## Lilliputians face Big Guns in Leo/NFA Cup

By Kayele M. Kambombo

**WINDHOEK** – The 32<sup>nd</sup> knockout round of Leo/NFA Cup draw will see two of the Premier League giants waving goodbye to the most lucrative cup competition.

The draw dictates that Blue Waters and Black Africa will battle it out to advance to round of 16 squads for the competition proper. This match is penciled for March 6, at 17h00 at Kuisebmond Stadium, while African Stars will engage WesBank Tigers on March 7 at the SKW Stadium scheduled for 18h00.

The current champions of Leo/NFA Cup, Orlando Pirates face Golden Bees in Otjiwarongo on March 6 at 20h00. Will Pirates defend its title and take the whooping N\$600 000? Pirates' coach David 'Fellah' Snewe is adamant his squad will go through to final and eventually stay put as holders of the cup. However, this remains to be seen.

The matches that will be played in three towns, namely Windhoek, Walvis Bay and Otjiwarongo are scheduled for March 5 – 7.

Eight of the other Premier

League teams have relatively easy route to traverse through to the next round of the last 16. All eight teams will play against the so-called minnows.

The 27<sup>th</sup> African Cup of Nations 2010 edition in Angola has

taught us all a very good lesson as 'big teams' boasting experience players were smashed by Lilliputians. This might be the case for the Leo/NFA. Coaches and players alike should take a cue from the lesson learned from the just

ended African football showpiece in Angola.

So heed the call! 'Big guns' should be reminded that these games might change into the David and Goliath anecdote.

ROUND 32 LEO NFA CUP

2010 FIXTURES

WALVIS BAY - Kuisebmond Stadium 06 MARCH  
Oshikandela Ramblers vs Sailors 15H00  
Blue Waters vs Black Africa 17H00

WINDHOEK - SKW STADIUM 05 MARCH 2010

Cymot SKW vs Tura Magic 20H00  
Young Beauties vs Chief Santos 14H00  
Gariseb Orlando Pirates vs Try Again 16H00

African Stars vs WesBank Tigers 18H00  
OTJIWARONGO – Mokati Stadium 06 MARCH

Onambula United vs Young Rangers 12H00  
Omeege United vs Eleven Arrows 14H00  
Civics vs Kavango United 16H00  
Oshikango United vs United Stars 18H00

Orlando Pirates vs Golden Bees 20H00  
OTJIWARONGO – Mokati Stadium 07 MARCH

African Lions vs Shaluzza Chiefs 10H00  
Spoilers vs Space Age 12H00  
UNAM Ogongo vs FNB Oshakati City 14H00

Mighty Gunners vs Bee Bob Brothers 16H00  
Eleven Warriors vs Hotspurs 18H00

## Hindjou force to reckon with in NPL

By Kayele M. Kambombo

**WINDHOEK** – The new caretaker coach of Eleven Arrows Johannes "Congo" Hindjou has raised eyebrows amongst the Namibia Premier League (NPL) mentors after conquering two wins consecutively.

Eleven Arrows under the tutelage of Hindjou defeated the NPL log leaders and reigning champions African Stars with a solitary goal at the Kuisebmond Stadium in Walvis Bay last weekend.

Arrows' industrious defender, George Hummel hammered in the only but well calculated goal in the first 20 minutes after a well executed free kick by Chris Katjiukua that found Stars defend-



*Eleven Arrows caretaker coach Johannes Hindjou cognomen Congo aims to finish the 2009/2010 season in the top three of the NPL log standing.*

ers slumbering.

The coastal team that got one of their midfielders, Patrick Banda, red carded in the dying minutes of the second stanza, locked all nuts to keep Bobby Samaria's lads at bay. Hindjou, a former Brave Warriors 'General' in the middle of the park is able to read any game. During his heydays with the Warriors Hindjou could come in as a substitute and change the game drastically in favour of his team.

The elated Hindjou said: "I give all accolades to the players for their hard work. They have displayed camaraderie and gelled in well as a team with a common purpose."

Asked what position he aims to occupy at the end of the league, Hindjou exclaimed: "We are definitely aiming at the top three".