Hitman squares up against Alfaro

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Caf nominees revealed

Ivanov’s Didier Drogba, Ghana’s Michael Essien and Cameroon’s Samuel Eto’o have been shortlisted for the 2009 Caf African Footballer of the Year award.

All three footballers played vital roles in their countries qualifying for June’s World Cup in South Africa.

Samuel Eto’o has already won the award three times from 2003-2005.

Drogba took the honour in 2006, but his Chelsea team-mate Essien has been nominated four times, but never won.

Drogba was named 2009 BBC African Footballer of the Year in January.

TP Mazembe captain Tresor Mputu Mabi has been rewarded with a nod in the Best African Player category. Mputu was a key performer as TP Mazembe’s French coach Don King of the USA has found a challenger to the WBA lightweight regular champion, Paula “Hitman” Moses for his second title defence.

Moses is challenged by Nicaragua’s hard-hitting Jose Alfaro who was the title holder in July 2008 in Tokyo, Japan before it was robbed from him by Yusuke Kobori in the third round stoppage.

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Paul USoh who coached the Nigeria under-17 team to the final of the World Cup rounds up the list.

African coaches and managers will vie for the Caf Next Generation coach award on 11 March in Accra.

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The Mozambique-born boxer was one of those survival-of-the-fittest type of fighters where whoever can take the most punishment will be the winner.

But Moses has a different view: “I am focused, well prepared and ready for the fight. At the moment I am only waiting to get the official invitation to fight Alfaro in my second title fence. “As we are talking right now, I have just finished with my routine training sessions in the gym”, adding that he will do the talking in the ring. I will not disappoint the Namibian nation”, quips Moses.

With extraordinary perception, Moses’ sentences have been echoed by his trainer-cum-manager and promoter Nestor “Sunshine” Tobias - who is currently in the United Kingdom promoting and managing another Namibian Abner Shidju, contending for the Commonwealth flyweight title – who said “too much talking is useless, as Hitman will do the talking in the ring. “Courage, as you know, we are going to the United States (of America) on a killing mission, not to win. Anything else is secondary” (sic), professes Tobias.

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