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Hitman squares up against Alfaro



Paulus 'Hitman' Moses as he dethroned Yusuke Kobori by unanimous decision to become the new world champion in Pacifico Yokohama in Kanagawa Prefecture Yokohama City in Japan on the night, January 3, 2009.

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK – At last, the internationally celebrated boxing pro-

moter Don King of the USA has found a challenger to the WBA lightweight regular champion, Paulus "Hitman" Moses for his

second title defence.

Moses is challenged by Nicaragua's hard-hitting Jose Alfaro who was the title holder

before it was robbed from him by Yusuki Kobori in the third round stoppage in May 2008 in, Tokyo, Japan.

The Moses and Alfaro fight is slated for Las Vegas, USA on the eve of Namibia's 20th Independence Anniversary, March 19, 2010.

The 26 years-old Alfaro has a record of 29 fights 23 wins and five (5) losses with 20 knockouts.

Moses, born in June 4, 1978, is a Namibian professional lightweight boxer. He is the World Boxing Association (WBA) lightweight world champion. His has a 100% professional record of 25-0-0 victories with 17 knockouts.

He fought against the then WBA Lightweight champion Yusuke Kobori, dethroned by unanimous decision to become the new world champion in Pacifico Yokohama in Kanagawa Prefecture Yokohama City in Japan on the night, January 3, 2009.

Moses defended the same title on July 25, 2009 by undisputed verdict over Takehiro Shimada at the Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino in the capital city of Namibia.

The Regular Champion will turn 32 in June this year. He is ranked 9th in the lightweight "Bad Left Hook Rankings" as of September 23, 2009.

Moses against Alfaro should be

a toe-to-toe war between fighters who like to put pressure on their opponents. Probably this could turn out to be one of those survival-of-the-fittest type of fights 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 daily 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 extrasensory perception, Moses' sentiments 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 Abmerk Shidjuu, contending for the Commonwealth flyweight title - who said "too much talking is unhealthy, as Hitman will do the talking in the ring.

"Comrade, as you know, we are going to the United States (of America) for a win and nothing else but win. Anything else is secondary" (sic), professes Tobias.

Caf nominees revealed

Ivory Coast'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 Year in January.

TP Mazembe captain Tresor Mputu Mabi has been rewarded with a nod in the Best African player on the continent category.

Mputu was a key performer as the DR Congo club won their first African Champions League title in almost 40 years.

The 23-year-old was also named player of the tournament at the inaugural African Nations Championship (CHAN), the new tournament for home-based players.

Nigerian Uche Agba who plays for Heartland and Algerian Abdelmalek Ziaya who plays his trade for Entente Setif are nominated alongside Mputu in that category.

TP Mazembe's French coach



Eto'o is looking to win the Caf award for a fourth time

Diego Garzitto was also nominated.

He's been shortlisted for Coach of Year alongside Ghana's Under-20 World Cup winning coach Sellas Tetteh.

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

Algeria, Ivory Coast and Ghana go head to head for the National Team of the Year award. While Mputu's TP Mazembe

go up against their fellow Champions League finalists, Heartland of Nigeria and African Confederation Cup winners Stade Malien in the Club of the Year category.

The top scorer at the Under-20 World Cup in Egypt, Dominic Adiyiah of Ghana is up for Young Player of the Year.

His rivals for that honour are Kermit Erasmus of South Africa and Nigeria's Sani Emmanuel.

The Caf Awards Gala will take place on 11 March in Accra.

throughout Namibia and complimented the NFA for its exemplary leadership and commitment to women football.

"Namibia's women football has come really far since FIFA launched its pilot in 2008", Blatter stated referring to the Project Galz & Goals 2009-2010, targeting youth football for girls U/13 and U/15, organized coaching and referring education for women throughout Namibia, education



Namibia's Abmerk Shidjuu is a champion in the making!

Shidjuu goes for Commonwealth title tonight

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WINDHOEK – Namibia's Abmerk Shidjuu is a champion

in the making as he takes on the British Chris Edwards for a vacant

and the strengthened NFA Women National Championship.

The FIFA supremo also saluted Namibia for their participation for the first time in FIFA qualifying tournament in 2009/2010 with the Women Football under-20 National team, eventually losing out on aggregate to the DRC last month in the second round and the effective promotion of the women game in the media. Blatter added that Women football, as one of FIFA's development priorities "has become enormously popular within society and football is the fattest-growing women sport in the world.

"Participation has more than doubled since the year 2000, impacting on the number of teams and leagues being born through-

Commonwealth flyweight title in the city of Manchester, the United Kingdom.

The historic fight for both fighters will commence at 18h30 tonight.

Namibia's manager and promoter Nestor "Sunshine" Tobias and trainer Mistake Gariseb are taking Shidjuu through the 12 rounds of the title bout.

Edwards is going to get a real dose of what reality is when he fights Shidjuu tonight. This is the maximum opportunity that Shidjuu has to take advantage of. He has to fight smart, uses his brain, skills and take everything he has worked on in the gym into the ring, as well as following the instructions from his trainer and manager at the ringside.

Tobias told *Namibia Today Sport* from Manchester upon inquiry that Shidjuu is on track and ready to show his best. "Shidjuu is focused and determined to pull a win against Edwards in his own backyard".

Shidjuu has a professional boxing record of 11 fights, 7 wins, two draws and 2 losses while Edwards claims 30 fight 13 wins, 14 losses and 3 draws.

mentations were amongst others :

1. To launch a Grassroots project with FIFA's assistance,

2. Establish grassroots football at schools in cooperation with the Ministry of education and Ministry of health,

3. Finalize the league expansion to all regions of Namibia and

4. Organize an administration and management course for women club managers and regional coordinators.

"FIFA will be there to assist you within the scope of our Women's football development programmed in the areas of technical, promotional, grassroots and youth development" argued the FIFA President.

FIFA Backs NFA in Women Soccer

Namibia's efforts in women football development received a great recognition recently after FIFA President Joseph Sepp Blatter commended the NFA for their leadership and vision to women football.

With the women part of the beautiful game growing significantly in

recent years, Blatter said he was pleased with the standards set

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