Supremacy battle of giants

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINHOEK - The race to triumph for supremacy in the battle of two of Namibia’s giants is on tonight, slated for Sam Nujoma Stadium.

This not-to-be-missed match is pencilled for 19h00 and it is bound to produce excitement and agentry.

The race is between the defending champion African Stars alias “Hitman” Moses Acosta and the MTC NPL Medium of Khomasdal.

Both teams have mass aficionados, thus Sam Nujoma Stadium will be packed to capacity for the most entertaining derby as they all fight for the top spot.

Any team that wins this match will be on the summit of the log. The supremacy battle has just begun where the boys will be separated from men as the MTN NPL title is now approaching its ultimate end.

Each of the two giant’s dream of the Premiership title, one of which will go to the bank with a whooping N$600 000 cheque. But there are still three more matches to go! Come all.

Fifa boss to mediate in Togo row

By Matthew Kenyon

Fifa president Sepp Blatter is to mediate in the row over Togo’s exclusion from the Africa Cup of Nations, according to the Confederation of African Football (Calif).

Togo pulled out of the recent tournament in Angola after two members of the squad were killed in an attack. Calif banned the Hawks from the next two Nations Cups because the decision to withdraw came from the government.

The move sparked protests in Togo and elsewhere across Africa. Togo’s case had been due to be heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Switzerland.

But that process has now been put on hold with CAS instead overseeing the mediation talks between the two countries on 7 May.

“The arbitration procedure has been suspended considering that the parties wish to solve the dispute by mediation,” CAS said in a statement.

If the talks fail, the two organisations will appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. Togo has already been banned from the Africa Cup of Nations in South Africa.

Zimbabwe anger over World Cup tickets

By Steve Vickers

HARARE - The Zimbabwe Football Association (Zifa) has written to Fifa after receiving only 90 tickets in the final round of World Cup sales.

The tickets will be used for officials, so there will be no over-the-counter sales for fans.

“Zifa has written to Fifa to ask if we can be given more tickets,” Zifa Chief Executive Henrietta Rushwaya said.

“We want to plead that Zimbabweans have been unable to make inroads with the acquisition of tickets.”

Very few Zimbabweans have been able to buy tickets for the World Cup, as tickets have only been available on the internet to people with international credit cards.

Zimbabwe’s economy operates almost entirely on a cash basis, with very few people having credit cards.