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Moses ready for Acosta

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK – Paulus Moses will defend his WBA lightweight championship for the second time in two weeks in his native capital city of Windhoek.

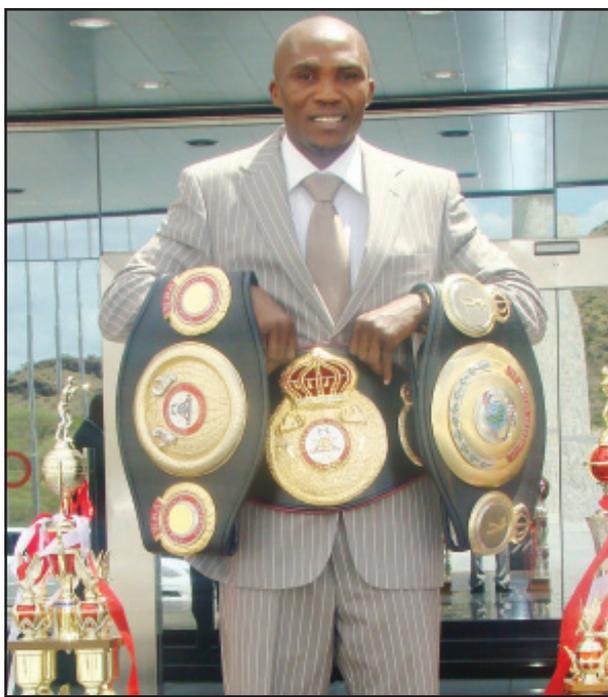
It will be a war any way you slice it. Undefeated WBA lightweight champion Paulus “The Hitman” Moses (25-0, 17 KOs) is hard at work in preparation to defend his title on May 29 at the OK Parking opposite Kalahari Sands Hotel.

Moses will take on WBA interim lightweight champion Miguel Acosta of Venezuela (26-3-2, 20 KOs). Prior to Moses’ current reign of world champion, the biggest name fighter from his country was former world champion Harry Simon who owns a win over a primed Ronald “Winky” Wright.

Moses knows with a win over Acosta he can look for bigger opportunities against bigger names. He has to fight hard to make a historic break through and make more money in the boxing discipline.

Moses and his trainer/manager and promoter are both confident of getting the victory over Acosta.

“This is his home and no one coming here to beat The Hitman. I know that Acosta has earned this opportunity the hard way”, advocates Nestor Tobias.



Undefeated WBA lightweight champion Paulus “The Hitman” Moses

“Acosta has a lot of talent, but the Hitman is the champion and he will remain the champion for a very long time. It will be a war because of the two boxers’ styles and no one is going home disappointed.”

Moses says: “I know Acosta has a lot of courage, but this is about me and winning the fight in front of my fans. I have work very hard for this fight and will be ready to

win the fight.

“I have prepared the best that I have at any time in my career. I am very confident that I will be able to keep this belt at home, because I am here to fight and to win,” claims the undefeated world champion.

This year signifies a lot of happenings in Southern Africa, particularly in the Southern African Development Community

(SADC) region.

“The whole world will come to SADC, as South Africa will host the first-ever FIFA World Cup on the African soil. We in Namibia will host the World Boxing Association (WBA) championship at the end of this month in celebration with our neighboring South Africa”, says Tobias proudly.

“The Hitman will make his WBA lightweight second title defence, just 12 days before the start of the world Cup on June 11. We will make things happen here in the Land of the Brave in solidarity with the World Cup billed for South Africa”, say Tobias.

FIFA World Cup fever takes its toll, not only in SADC countries but the entire African continent and the rest of the world.

It is from this back drop that Tobias urges some Captains of Industries to come on board and sponsor The Hitman for the big world recognized event - the world boxing championship in Namibia for 2010.

Tobias called upon all boxing fans and the public in general to come in their big numbers to rally behind the Hitman and all other local boxers who will partake in the under cards that night, before the main bout.

Kinda Boxing Promotion comes off age



Joseph “Smokey Joe” Jeremia

WINDHOEK – Kinda Promotions has moved up a gear, and has come off age. The boxing promoter Kinda Nangolo announced last Wednesday that he has lined-up boxers to trade leather at Namibia’s prestigious boxing venue, the Windhoek Country Club Resorts & Casino, on May 22, 2010.

The announcement was made at Telecom Headquarters, the company that generously provided sponsorship to the amount of N\$88,000.

Telecom Namibia Managing Director Frans Ndoroma mentioned the historical significance of providing sponsorship towards Namibian boxing events.

“We have provided sponsorship to boxing events in Namibia, and are proud that we have created champions, and some of them are here with us (referring to Joseph “Smokey” Jeremia, who will be the main attraction on the night of the bonanza), and we shall create more champions”, said Ndoroma.

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emphasized the need for beneficiaries of Telecom generous sponsorships to start utilizing its facilities and services such as Switch services, and not only to “parasite” the corporation for its sponsorship.

The boxing bonanza will see Namibians in debut in exchanging of blows in the paid ranks, said Nangolo. He informed *Namibia Today Sports* that his boxing promotion was their small way of contributing to further the development of boxing in Namibian, and creating income generation and employment opportunities for Namibian talented boxers.

The boxing line-up will see the return of our Super Middleweight boxer Wilberforce Shihepo who will take on Hanson Baloyi from South Africa, while Danny Boy and Davis Iita will await to face their yet to be confirmed opponents from Zimbabwe.

Two local boxers, Chris Ukelo and Michael Kambunga will face each other in the lightweight division while Tommy Nakashimba will battle it out against Matheu Kandara in the featherweight category.

Lukas Ndafoluma will fight against Pohamba Mandume in a welterweight bout. The other fight will engage Lazarus Namalambo vs Sam Kamonde in the featherweight division, Mathew Chiimbi and Daniel Hosea will tussle it out in the junior welterweight division.

The main bout of the evening will be the flyweight fight between Namibia’s Olympiad and talented boxer Joseph “Smokey Joe” Jeremia against Smangalisa Madonsela from South Africa in a 10 round bout.



Didier Drogba celebrates his hat-trick to clinch the golden boot, joined by his international team-mate Salomon Kalou.

Drogba claims golden boot

Didier Drogba claimed golden boot as top scorer in English Premier League with a second-half hat-trick in Chelsea’s title-clinching 8-0 demolition of Wigan.

The Ivory Coast skipper finished with 29 league goals, three more than Wayne Rooney, and

36 in all competitions.

Drogba’s international team-mate **Salomon Kalou** also played a central role in Chelsea’s victory, setting up the opening goal and then getting on the score sheet himself with a deft close-range finish.

Pienaar ready for defining moment

By Dan Roan

Steven Pienaar could be forgiven for basking in the limelight of an outstanding season that has seen him named Everton’s Player of the Year and attract the interest of the biggest clubs in the Premier League.

But, as the midfielder relaxes in the end-of-season sunshine at Finch Farm, his club’s multi-million pound training complex, his mind wanders to a place thousands of miles away from Merseyside to Johannesburg, where, in just a month from now, Pienaar will experience the defining moment of his career and perhaps his life.

At just 5ft 7in tall, he is small in stature, but Pienaar realises that when he walks out for the World Cup’s opening match, he must shoulder the weight of expectation that 46 million South Africans will place on the host nation’s only world-class player.

As I see it

By Kayele M. Kambombo

NPL theatre of shuttered dreams

Sure, there are lots of Namibians that look down on football. Some for the right reasons - diving and penalty kicks to decide matches are two good examples - some for the wrong ones.

Relegation - a staple of club football practically worldwide, most prominently in the great European leagues - makes sure of that. If your club is not up to snuff and finishes at the bottom, you are booted out of the league and dropped down a level, to be replaced by the top teams of the division below.

Every year it happens again - demanding each club field a competitive team every season or face the horror of the drop. This makes it a real NPL Championship a theatre of shuttered dreams.

It makes for riveting end-of-season action, with the fight for the league championship at one end and the battle to avoid relegation at the other.

The NPL clubs have only one last game remaining in league campaigns after this weekend, with three teams battling to avoid the final relegation spot.

This weekend’s matches will see three teams - United Stars, Hotspurs and Ramblers - fighting for survival in the Namibian Premiership.

Hotspurs had to visit Eembandu at Uukwangula Stadium and play Oshakati City, needing a win and pray for Ramblers and United Stars to lose to be safe. Ramblers will host Eleven Arrows at Sam Nujoma Stadium in Windhoek. Both matches are slated for 15h00. United will face a daunting task to run over Orlando Pirates at the same venue, at 17h00.

By the slimmest of margins - two goals in differential - Pirates, second placed on the log with 39 points will hope to have an easy victory over United and wish African Stars, that top the log with 42 points, to flop against Civics to equal their points.

Relegation has proved to be a true death knell. United and Hotspurs are most likely set to play for second tier next season.

Not only do clubs have to be good, they have to be smart, with the right coaching and intelligent player purchases. The strongest teams thrive.

All of which goes to prove that relegation is the ultimate safeguard against owners in it for the dough, while also motivating clubs out of the title chase. It adds excitement and drama to the season, while holding clubs accountable for their product on the field. SKW are now at 29 points after sending off Black Africa with a 2-1 victory at Sam Nujoma Stadium on Wednesday evening.

The two oldest teams in Namibia, Blue Waters and Tigers, will engage themselves in a derby at Kuisebmond Stadium.

Civics would want to spoil the party of Stars this evening at Sam Nujoma Stadium penciled for 19h00. This is a wait and see situation.

If Stars win tonight’s game, they will only need a draw in their last game to be the outright winners of the 2009/2010 MTC/NPL Cup. In case they collect three points in their last match it will be a cherry on the cake.