

# Namibia Today Sport

## Hitman ready to give Acosta hell for leather

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**WINDHOEK** - The Nestor "Sunshine" Tobias Boxing and Fitness Academy has put together a quadruple boxing bonanza that will feature the top of the crop of Namibian boxers next weekend, May 29.

The fight is scheduled to take place at the OK parking lot opposite Kalahari Sands Hotel and Casino in a humongous pergola (tent) that could accommodate not less than 6 000 people.

### Botsotsos stay out

According to Hitman's trainer, manager-cum-promoter Nestor Tobias, "security will be tight and will not leave any stone unturned to root out ruffians (botsotsos) should they come there with different intentions".

### Masquerading journalists not welcome

Tobias warned those thugs who come to events and pretend to be media practitioners and want to get free of charge.

"We use to see a lot of people masquerading themselves as mem-



Tyson (WBO Africa Welterweight Champion), Ndokosho, Junior lightweight National Champion, The Hitman (WBA lightweight World Champion), The Rock (WBO Africa bantamweight champion) and the Prince, lightweight. All are undefeated in their respective categories, apart from Ndokosho who lost one and two draws out of 12 fights (photo by Kayele M. Kambombo).

bers of the press but we do not see them when we call media briefings. There are always a handful of real journalists.

"I am warning all fake journalists very seriously that any person who does not have accreditation to enter certain zones will be apprehended and dealt with by the

authorities put in place specifically to execute such duties. Christmas comes only once a year and this is not that time of the year", declares Tobias.

### "Judgement Day"

In line for the main bout is the reigning son of the soil WBA Lightweight world champion

Paulus Moses cognomen The Hitman.

He will make his second title defence against the Venezuelan-born challenger Miguel Acosta alias Aguacerito.

The Hitman and Aguacerito will exchange blows in a fight baptized as the "Judgement Day",

when Namibia's World title holder will send his challenger to be judged in HELL.

Hitman did not mince his words when he told the media conference on Wednesday that "I am ready for that boy" ... adding that spectators will hear the beaming voice of the announcer when he will proclaim that "the winner and still the WBA lightweight champion, Paulus 'The Hitman' Moses".

The Hitman is undefeated as a professional fighter in all 25 accounts recording a superb 17 knockouts (KOs) while Aguacerito boasts with 31 fights 26 wins 3 losses (two of the three losses were Kos), 2 draws and 20Kos. He just turned 32 on April 20.

Aguacerito's stable consisting of his trainer; assistant trainer and manager will touchdown at the tarmac of Hosea Kutako International Airport tomorrow at around 10h00.

This fight will be supervised by an eminent Stanley Christodolou from South Africa, referee Gustavo Padilla from Panama and officiated by three judges

Giuseppe Quartarone (Italy), Alfredo Polanco (Mexico) and John Poturaj (USA).

In a letter signed by Gilberto Jesus Mendoza, WBA Executive Director and endorsed Gilberto Mendoza, President of WBA states that the officials to be on the site of the fight will be in Windhoek three days before the fight.

### Tyson to defend WBO title

Bethuel "Tyson" Uushona also known as 'The Unstoppable' is one of the best leather trading Namibian in boxing discipline. He is the current undefeated WBO Africa welterweight champion.

He will feature in the main undercard bout against the Ghanaian Philip Kotey to defend his title for the second time.

"For me it's business as usual. I am ready for any fight and care very less against whom I'll be fighting. I can take on any fighter in my category from whatever planet he might be coming".

Tyson's record speaks volume. He has won all his fights while Kotey has lost 4 times drew once with 20 wins under his belt out of 25 fights.

### The Rock - KO maestro

Paulus Ambunda affectionately known as The Rock is the contemporary pugilist who has won all his 11 fights most of them with knockouts in early rounds.

The Rock is one of those Namibian boxers who are focused and hard puncher. He will take on Siphon Nkadameng from South Africa who has record of 13 fights 9 wins 2 losses and 2 draws.

Nkadameng should be accompanied by a very strong 'sangoma' to dethrone the champion as his jab and uppercut combinations are as hard as a rock, thus named The Rock.

### Other Undercards

Abmerk Shidjuu will battle it out against Juma Fundi from Tanzania in the flyweight Commonwealth title eliminator over 10 rounds. While Peter Malakia will square up against Lwavel Maposa from Zimbabwe in the bantamweight division.

The lightweight section will see two undefeated pugilists, Namibia's Immanuel "Prince" Naindjala (4f 4w) versus Tishane Utodz from Zimbabwe (3f 3w).

Two local boxers in Julius Indongo (4f 4w) and Samuel Kapapu (8f 5w 3L) will bombard one another in featherweight class.

Other only Namibian fighters will see a pro-debut Anthony Jaarman entering with a still to be announced opponent.

Tickets are on sale since yesterday from the Boxing Control Board Office, Kalahari Sands Hotel & Casino and Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino at N\$1 000 for VIP, N\$450 middle row and N\$200 grandstand.

To stage this fight will cost the Don King Promotions in collaboration with Nestor "Sunshine" Tobias Promotions a whopping N\$7 million. Thus Tobias calls on all Captains of Industries to come on board to give a helping hand through sponsorship.

Tobias thanked all his sponsors particularly the Government of the Republic of Namibia, Nampower and others. He calls on all and sundry to come in big numbers to support the Namibian boxers.

## Pirates, BA to end MTC Premiership 2009/10 in derby

MTC Premiership will conclude its 2009/10 season games this coming weekend at six venues around the country, with four games taking place at the same time, at 15h00.

Current title holders African Stars will lock horns with their voodoo team Hotspurs at Hage Geingob Stadium, while former title holders Orlando Pirates will entertain Black Africa at Sam Nujoma.

"It is important to recognize that these games were scheduled at the beginning of the season and they will be completed on a date that was decided even before the league kicked off.

This just shows how planning has improved at the premier league of-

vice", said Mathew Haikali, NPL CEO.

As has been testimony to other league around the world the MTC premiership is proving to have come of age.

To some of the fans who come to the stadiums with intentions to throw tins on the field of play, just to disrupt the beautiful game or enjoy the game by throwing tins got a stern cautioning.

"As administrators and players we must ensure that you come to the games as fans, but assist us in fighting hooliganism, this will ensure that the teams you support are not punished and you can watch all the games at the stadium, otherwise we will be forced in the new season, to play some games without spectators because of a few individuals fans", warns Haikali.

"As the league moves towards professionalization, the onus is upon us to ensure that the game continues to be enjoyed by all. We must be able to make sure that the Oshakati Stadium is full to capacity when Oshakati City is playing, the same applies to Walvis Bay when Eleven Arrows or Blue Waters are playing".

The following will be the modalities followed at the two key games.

Says Haikali: "Security will be

our highest priority and we would like families to come and enjoy this games. We are therefore urging all the fans to leave behind anything that is prohibited at stadiums".

Haikali also informed the public that the handover will take place at exactly 17h30 to the winning team. This has been necessitated by the fact that two teams are competing for the league honors.

"I am very excited about the new development and am sure that this is just the beginning of a fruitful development for the league. It is important to recognize that Namibian football needs

partners such as MTC to take the Namibian game to higher heights".

He thanked MTC for continuing to believe in what the NPL does.

The MTC NPL has sponsored a whopping N\$1 500 000 million that is placed in the pot and will be shared amongst the all 12 participating teams. The winning team will take home N\$600 000, runners-up will pocket N\$400 000 for their trouble and position get N\$200 000. Positions (4) N\$ 100 000; (5) N\$65 000; (6) N\$40 000; (7) N\$30 000; (8) N\$20 000; (9) N\$15 000; (10) N\$13 000; (11) N\$10 000 and (12) N\$7 000.

The national boxing promoter Kinda Nangolo expressed his appreciations to Telecom Namibia for providing sponsorship towards hosting this international boxing bonanza. The event is sanctioned by the Namibian Boxing Control Board.

## Smokey faces Vuyisile

**WINDHOEK** - Undefeated Namibian flyweight champion Joseph "Smokey" Hilongwa is in top form to face any opponents put against him in the ring tomorrow at the Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino.

The fight is set for 19h00 with N\$100 entrance fee per head. Tickets will be sold at Windhoek Country Club on Saturday.

Smangaliso Madonsela who was supposed to challenge Smokey was reportedly not given a thumb-up by the Boxing South Africa officials due to technical issue that needed to be resolved.

Smokey Joe, as he is affectionately known by his fans shall now face a highly rated boxer from South Africa, Vuyisile Rangxa. Vuyisile has an impressive record of 12 fights, 9 wins and 2 losses, while Smokey has 8 fights without a loss to his name in the paid rank.

The hard-hitting multi-talented Olympiad said he was not distracted by change of opponents as his prepara-



Smokey Joe

ration was based on his boxing style than that of his opponent. "I will use the first three rounds to adjust to his style" said Smokey.

The eagerly anticipated bout will be supported by seven undercard bouts, which will see the lightweight likeable boxer Albinus Felesianu aka "Danny Boy" trading leathers with Misheck Kondwani from Zimbabwe over six rounds.

Kondwani is a highly experi-

enced boxer, who squared off and challenged Paulus "Hitman" Moses. "It feels great to have had a fight with the World champion" said Kondwani when queried by the media regarding his feelings about his fight with the Namibian WBA World Champion.

Tomorrow there will be fireworks between the featherweights Tommy "Tommy-Show" Nakashimba up against Mathews Kaandala; bantamweight upcoming Lazarus Namalambo will class against Sam Kamonde, while the southpaw Chris Ukelo will meet Michael "Eubank" Kambunga from Tobias Nashilongo's boxing stable.

Welterweight debutant Lukas "Luke" Ndafoloma will have his skills tested against a now experienced Pohamba Mandume, while Daniel Hosea will fight his compatriot Mathew Shiimbi.

The boxing fans will further be treated to another international bout that will see the Namibian flyweight boxer Davis Iita that will tussle it out in the four round bouts against the Zimbabwean Ronald Tamani. Tamani is more experience than Iita, for his record shows 4 fights 3 wins and one loss, while Iita has 2 fights that all ended losing.

## Gladiators determine for surprise win despite injuries

The Brave Gladiators preparations for the vital African Women's Championships qualifier against Equatorial Guinea are marred by injuries to key players but the team management is hopeful they will pull through for the Sunday afternoon clash. Entrance will be free.

With experienced defender Mammie Kasaona all but out of the fixture, Team Manager Jackey Gertze have also revealed that captain and defender Queen Manga is racing against time to see her right ankle ready for Sunday, together with Stacey Naris, and Zenatha Cohlman.

"These players sustained injuries in our match against South Africa last weekend but the medical team is hopeful they will pass a late fitness test for the vital match against Equatorial Guinea. Naris also featured on Tuesday in a friendly match and so she is getting there". Gertze said. Gladiators coach Jacqui Shipanga will be blessed to have back the services of utility goalkeeper Merriam Swartbooi, who can also play as a defender and also making return from injury is midfielder Charmaine Swartbooi, who scored two goals against Angola in the last round of qualification for the 2010 Championships.

"It is very important that the public comes and support the girls on Sunday at 16h00 at the Sam Nujoma Stadium because from experience, the 12th man always makes the difference as that will motivate the girls more", Gertze pleaded.

"Guinea are current African champions after dethroning Nigeria, it will be challenge for all of us to do whatever we can in our own rights to ensure that the girls enjoy themselves and also fight to a good result".

Namibia reached the qualifiers courtesy of a 3-2 aggregate win over Angola and have a chance to book a place at the South Africa, in October 2010 Showpiece if they overcome Equatorial Guinea over two legs.