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The "Judgement Day" beckons

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK - The City of Windhoek will host the WBA lightweight championship showdown when Paulus Moses (25-0, 17 KOs) defends against Miguel Acosta (26-3-2, 20 KOs).

Don King Productions won the right to promote the match with a WBA purse bid of \$150,000, and will present the event in association with Namibia-based Nestor Sunshine Promotions.

A pretty good fight will take place in Windhoek, Namibia on May 29th between WBA lightweight titlist, Paulus Moses and the interim belt-holder, Miguel Acosta. This is actually a very good fight, too bad it most likely won't be televised anywhere.

A well attended media conference took place on Wednesday morning at the Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino in Windhoek, for the May 29th 'Judgement Day' match-up be-

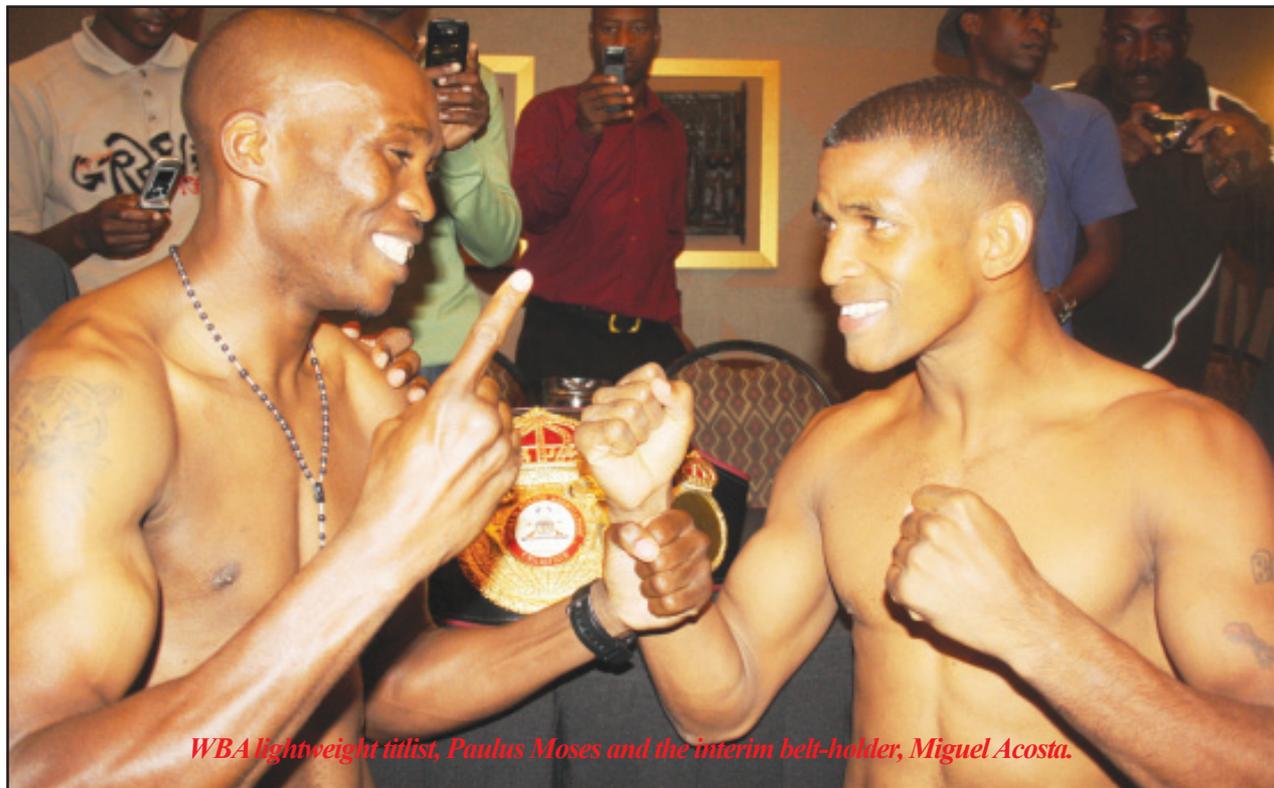
tween The Hitman and Aguacero.

Most fascinating is that the media conference was held on the day to commemorate the Africa Day anniversary.

Here, you have to give Nestor Tobias credit as he has cultivated a local attraction and doing business unusual. He has no march in promoting boxing Namibia.

Don King Productions — Undefeated World Boxing Association lightweight champion Paulus Moses will defend his title in a bout against WBA interim lightweight champion Miguel Acosta.

Moses, who was born in Okapya and now resides in Windhoek, traveled to Japan in 2008 and defeated then-champion Yusuke Kobori to win the WBA lightweight crown. Acosta, from Caracas, Venezuela, won the WBA interim lightweight title fighting on the same night, July 25 in Grand



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Mayan, Mexico, where he stopped previously undefeated Urbano Antillon in the ninth round.

Don King Productions won the right to promote the match in a WBA purse bid of \$150,000 and will present the

event in association with Namibia-based Nestor Sunshine Promotions. Per WBA rules, the champion will receive 55% of the purse and the interim champion 45%.

The battle between the two quick-steppers is anticipated to be one of the best fights this year on Namibian soil, with blood, tears and everything in between expected to be the order of the day.

The famous win and instant stardom attracted a huge interest among the hot shots in world boxing such as Don King and many others, but his manager and trainer, Nestor 'Sunshine' Tobias stood tall by keeping his boxer under wraps and instead wait for a challenger to his crown.

If the home boy maintains the same attitude this time, he

has the chance of catching his opponent and at the same time put him in any corner he wants, while it will depend on his punches to do the job and finish off the visitor.

This fight will also signal the turning point for Hitman who at least for now must dig deep to prove that he is true world champion.

It will be a fight where the Namibian fighter who was born in northern Namibia's Okapya, must prove his home fans and the world that he is indeed the son of the Land of the Brave.

The humble but explosive Moses must show that he can fend off any challenger in a brave manner, while he must bring forth his quick and powerful punches, complemented by his orthodox style and immeasurable precision to the target.



Tyson, The Rock, The Hitman, Shidjuu and The Prince.

Stars versus Civics in tantalizing Leo/NFA Cup final

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK - This will be a merciless dog eat dog fight between the two-times Premier League champions, African Stars and Civics that will face each other in the Leo/NFA Cup final match tomorrow at the Independence Stadium.

The match is penciled for Saturday at 15h30. Gates will be opening at 12 for all early birds to take their seats.

Tickets are on sale at the NFA Soccer House from 08H00 today (Friday) until 10h00 tomorrow (Saturday).

According to Barry Rukoro, the CEO of NFA, the tickets will not be sold at the stadium, pro-

vided that there are leftovers.

The NFA will only decide on Saturday after 10h 00, whether tickets will continue to be sold at the Stadium, but only if there are still tickets remaining, explained Rukoro.

At stake for the Civics and Stars is a Leo/NFA Cup trophy, medals and the N\$600 000 cheque. There are also other prizes for grab such as the "Top Goal Scorer" and "Player of the Series" plaques.

Stars aims to add another N\$600 000 to the same amount they won last weekend at the finals of the MTC/NFA Cup.

Civics are resolute to clinch this cup and become N\$600 000 richer.

The route traversed from infancy of the Leo/NFA Cup for the last two teams in the competition was not that smooth sailing as one could imagine.

Civics pulverized Kavango United (11-1), drew against Orlando Pirates and Ramblers but won on penalties on both occasions, followed by another 3-2 win over Mighty Gunners. Stars walloped Tigers 2-0, Ranger (3-1), SKW (1-0) and Black Africa (2-0) to reach this final.

Both teams do not have major players' injuries and ready to fight to win. The players in both camps are psychologically, physically and

morally ready for the game.

"We need all the pennies that we can scrap to make our participation at the Africa Championship League possible. So this is a must win for Stars", quips Lesley Kozonguizi, Stars team manager.

Civics team manager, Paul Stramis said his camp is more than ready to take on Stars. He promised that this final is going to be a cracker of a game. "We are more than ready for the game and will take the cup", says Stramis with confidence.

All said and done, the time is ticking for the humdinger final.



Managers: Lesley Kozonguizi of Stars (left) and Paul Stramis of Civics