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Abebrese builds football bridges

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK – Ghanaian-born Advocate Sarfo Abebrese, Founding President of COSUA arrived in Namibia yesterday with a mission to build bridges between African countries and the Diaspora through football.

Upon his arrival from the airport, Abebrese called a press conference at the Soccer House to address the media practitioners and the executive committee members of the Brave Warriors Supporters Club.

Abebrese said his mission was multifarious. He has reiterated COSUA's commitment to a successful FIFA 2010 World Cup in South Africa. He reflected not only the seriousness of the tasks that lie ahead of COSUA, but also its passion and unequivocal commitment to make the 2010 World Cup an



eminently successful first ever African Mundial.

“Our mandate is simple. It revolves around using football to

achieve political ends in the sense of social integration of the



Advocate Sarfo Abebrese, Founding President of COSUA post for a photo with Namibia's media practitioners and members of the Brave Warriors Supporter Club sporting the new Bafana Bafana shirt.

people of South Africa”, Abebrese elucidated

“We believe that by the use of sport, football and 2010 World Cup in particular, we have the blessing of having an event that comes to the continent for the first time after so many years, something that has never happened on this continent before. We think that that should impact on the lives of every citizen of the African continent.

“We want to use football to bring people all over Africa together on all levels, socially, economically and politically and in every sphere of life and that is what the mandate of COSUA is to go out there, bring all the people of Africa together, preach the message of unity and peace, development and social integration for the sake of sport”, assert the Advocate..

Abebrese affirmed that COSUA was fortunate to have a private company in Johannesburg in the name of Katota Investment Holdings that is sponsoring for accommodation to all supporters club members of different African countries during the entire period of the World Cup in South Africa..

“We have already covered the accommodation aspect. We already have structures in place and have identified the various buildings where we are going to accommodate our guests and have signed deals and contracts to that effect.” Abebrese. States..

In case of ticketing of the matches COSUA has already done its homework. “We know how much all the tickets are going to cost for the various categories and we know how many tickets we are going to purchase.”, adding that the final results will be made known to all and sundry on Monday.

It should borne in mind that from Namibia, only card carrying members of the Brave Warriors Supporters Club will benefit in this initiative, thus you are urged to join now for only N\$150. Abebrese also make clear that those Namibians who want to benefit from this project should go through the Brave Warriors Supporters Club.

At the end of the press conference, Abebrese donated some Bafana Bafana jerseys to all who attended, saying “wearing this jersey indicates that you are in solidarity with South Africa and Africa in particular”.

Donatha joins global sport medics at World Cup

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK – Namibia's sports medic Donatha Nguunovandu will join the pool of world renowned sports medics in Nelspruit, Mpumalanga for the duration of the 2010 World Cup.

Nguunovandu told *Namibia Today Sport* upon request that she was approached by the 2010 Local Organizing Committee (LOC) to be part of the international pool of sports medics.

Her historic journey to Nelspruit will be realized next Saturday (June 12, 2010).

This is not her first time to be involved in a pool of sport medics on high profiled football episodes. In 2008 she was the only Namibian sport medic to be invited to execute the duties at the 27th African Cup of

Nations held in Ghana, courtesy of the LOC of the then Gold Coast.

Nguunovandu is a qualified sport medic, a student from Stellenbosch University, in Cape Town.

She has also attended advance courses in the same field of studies through FIFA, CAF and International Olympic Committee. She has made tangible strides in this department as she was attached to the Namibia national football team, the Brave Warriors, Under-17 national squad and the women's national team, alias the Brava Gladiators.

The Namibian sports medic has saved lives of players and others through her spontaneous responsiveness.



Namibia's sports medic Donatha Nguunovandu

The critical situation in which Nguunovandu was actually

tested was when she saved the threatening life of one Blue Wa-

ters players, Bullet Geingob, who suffered from subdural fracture where many witnesses though the player will not survive but with her 15 years vast experience, the player survived and was declared by the medical practitioner some hours later as “in stable condition”.

The instance was when Nguunovandu saved another sole, a stranger and passenger on a flight from Algeria to London who was suffering from hypocalcaemia. She rushed and helped this strange man until he recovered. She received a standing ovation and a lot of accolades for a spending life saving heroic act.

Everyone on the plane wanted to know where this young black ‘rescuer’ was from. Only to be told she is from Africa, Land of the Braves.

Top Goal-scorer Romanus Shilongo of Eleven Arrows and Players of the Series Maximilian Mbaeva of African Stars have also received their N\$25 000 for their respective achievements. Special thanks also goes to the sponsors, Leo for their unwavering support and to all individuals involved in ensuring that the competition was a success, a deserved rest, enjoy the FIFA world Cup and let's make the next edition even better.

African Stars are double champions

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK – African Stars cognomen the “Katjiserandu” or “The Reds” became the first Premier League team in Namibia to have

won a double within one year.

Stars have defeated Civics with a solitary goal in the final of the Leo/NFA Cup. Their midfielder Rudi Louw scored the winning goal in the first stanza of extra-

time. This victory earned Stars an additional N\$600 000 to the same amount they won in less than 10 days period. Runners-up Civics received N\$250 000 for their troubles. Following the successful competition of the 2010 Leo NFA Cup, the NFA congratulate African Stars as the ultimate winners of the flagship competition.

In a media statement issued by the NFA Secretariat this week, the NFA stated that all clubs have

been paid their dues so is the two individual awards winners.

“It was an exciting competition this year and I can now confirm that all prize monies amounting to N\$ 1.1 Million has been paid”, NFA Secretary General Barry Rukoro said. The NFA also congratulate Civics FC for ensuring a great intriguing final and also the two losing semi-finalist Black Africa and Mighty Gunners, who each received N\$100 000.

Tyson retains WBO title

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WINDHOEK – Namibia's WBO Africa welterweight champion Bethuel “Tyson” Uushona retains his title for the second time.

This fight was the main undercard fight before the principal Paulus “The Hitman” Paulus and Miguel Acosta hail as “Judgement Day”.

Uushona also known as “The Unstoppable” defeated his challenger Philip Kotey, from Ghana, on unanimous decision as the scorecards from judges Tony

Nyangiwe, Hiskia Shigwedha and John Kaambi read 119-108, 118-109 and 116-111 respectively.

The WBO Africa Champion, a technical fighter was in most of the punches he threw to his challenger were on target and made his dominance felt by Kotey.

Uushona is now the number one challenger for the WBA Commonwealth title.

Other Supporting Bouts

The reigning WBO Africa bantamweight champion Paulus “The Rock” Ambunda fought one tough South African guy who

was as tough as a tic.

He got punches over his whole body, with blood spurting from top of his right eye but keep on coming until he finished the eight rounds.

The rock won on unanimous decision as all three judges scored 70-80.

Namibia's Abmerk Shidjuu took on Juma Fundi from Tanzania for the 10 rounds Commonwealth Eliminator flyweight title and knocked the visitor in the first minute 49 seconds of the second round.

It seems Peter Malakia has now come of age. He defeated Lawrence Moyo from Zimbabwe by majority decision in the lightweight six round bouts.

The undefeated Immanuel “The prince” Naindjala is just phenomenal! All his five fights ended in early knockouts. This time around his prey was Anyway Katunga whom he knockout in the 50th second of the second round.

Samuel Kapapu had a duel with his compatriot Julius Indongo which the latter won by unanimous decision to improve his

record to 5fights 5wins.

The last four round bout, welterweight swinger, saw Namibia's pro-debut Anthony Jaarman sending his opponent Silas Madeya from Zimbabwe thrice on the canvas and later won with a knockout in the second minute 27 second of the second round.



Bethuel “Tyson” Uushona