

## Namibia Today Sport

# Black Africa honour its players

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**WINDHOEK** - Black Africa held its prestigious sports awards to recognize players that excelled during the 2009/2010 season.

The gala evening was held at Polytechnic during the weekend where accolades were awarded in humility to the best of the best performers amongst the netball and football players during the current ended season.

The decorations for players who stood out to be counted came in many ways, from gold trophies and medals to gesticulations.

This was indeed an occasion that encouraged players to do better for the forthcoming 2010/2011 season.

The first division netball players who were recognized for their hard work were:

Juanitha Mosiane put the finishing touches to be honoured with the "Most improved Player of the Year". Rebekka Goagoses walked away with a memorable crowning as the "Best Shooter". Yvonne Kotjipati clinched the "Player of the Year" title.

Black Africa Football team was firstly rewarded with medals for



Black Africa's netball and football players who were awarded the best amongst best at the BA Sports Awards Gala evening in Windhoek.

ending third in the 2009/2010 MTC/Premier League.

Some other honours to great football performers went

undeservedly to the son of the soil, Masepo Dausab, born in

Gibeon and brought by one, Broertjie Swarts, to join Black

Africa at the age of 19 year. Dausab has played for unremitting 16 years without changing teams like the crop of players who change teams like socks or underwear. Dausab has ended his football career being a teetotaler, non-smoker and has never held a butt (cigarette) between his middle and fourth fingers. Indeed an icon to behold.

"Most Discipline Player" went undeservedly to Marco van Wyk; Wielie "Awilo" Stephanus (Most Improved Player); the Player of the Year award went to Erastus Munandyima while the Top Goal Scorer remain with Jerome Louis with 17 goals.

Born in Grootfontein at edge of the Omatako Mountains (ozondundu omakura) and Onguhava Mountains, Da Costa Angola was rewarded with the Player of the Season.

Some more awards went to the second division Sussana Tjirare as the Most Discipline Player of the Year, while Keisha Kalomo took the Most Versatile Player. Michelle Eises grabbed the Most Improved Player, while Renathe Tjejamba was recognized as the Best Shooter with Barabara Kauesa taking the player of the Year award.

## Tobias tables epic boxing calendar for 2010

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**WINDHOEK** - One of Namibia's top boxing promoter/trainer and manager Nestor Tobias is upbeat to stage a series of fights for Namibian pugilists starting in July till November this year.

The former WBA lightweight champion Paulus "The Hitman" Moses who was technically unseated in the sixth round with a KO by Miguel Acosta of Venezuela, now the current WBA lightweight champ, three weeks ago, will be part of the lined up fights.

Moses and his mentor vowed not rest on their laurels until the former champion gets that precious belt back to Namibia.

"The 29 May, Judgement Day is on the lips of everyone in Namibia. What you saw in the ring on that fateful night was not the real Hitman. He can do better than that and reclaim the tile back to the Land of the Braves", Tobias said enthusiastically.

The Hitman is already returned to the gym as he always does after every fight. Tobias announced at the press conference this week that The Hitman will make his come to the ring on November 6. His opponent is yet to be made known.

As was always the case, most of the boxers in Africa at his weight get goose bumps when they hear his name and record. They simply chicken out.

Tobias is not moved by any delaying tactics as he is aiming high for the November fight. He eyeing opponent from as far as the USA, United Kingdom and Australia for the Hitman come-fight.

This fight will take catapult The Hitman to be in the top 10 rating of the world. , says Tobias, adding that The Hitman can beat Acosta next time they clash in the return fight.

Tobias called on the entire Namibian nation to rally their unflinching support heavily behind The Hitman.

On 24 July, the reigning WBO Africa bantamweight champion Paulus "The Rock" Ambunda will defend his title while another Namibian hopeful Wilberforce "Black Mamba" Shihepo will challenge for the WBO Africa Super Middleweight title against Tinayi Majizo, the title holder from Zimbabwe. This double

header fight will be staged at the Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino. On August 7, two local buoyant pugilists in the name of Martin Haikali, current champion will be challenged by the likeable Sacky Izinyoka, and ambitious boxing prospect.

Bethuel "Tyson" Uushona retained his WBO Africa welter-

weight title after he demolished challenger Philip Kotey from Ghana, in a 12 round bout, on the night of the Judgement Day in Windhoek. Tyson will defend his title against yet to be announced challenger, as the negotiation is still ongoing.

Tyson is also a mandatory challenger for the WBA Common-

wealth welterweight challenger. He is now on the verge to be rated amongst the first five in the world in his weight category. "The future is bright for Tyson", says Tobias.

Current title holder of the WBO Africa light-heavyweight champion, Vikapita "The Beast Master" Merero will challenge the WBA lightweight category champion Joachim Bremen at the same rendezvous and date as Tyson, that is, August 20, 2010.



Namibia's top contenders that are lined up for the top boxing calendar for the year.