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The Rock outshines Iron man

By Kaye M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK – Paulus ‘The Rock’ Ambunda, bantamweight WBO Africa champion comfortably retained his title for the second title defence after he defeated his challenger from South Africa, Klaas ‘Ironman’ Mboyane on unanimous decision, last weekend.

The fight took place at the Windhoek Country Club Resorts and Casino, the notorious slaughter house of foreign pugilists at the hands of Namibian boxers.

Mboyane was introduced first by the ring announcer as he entered the ring.

The Rock was accompanied by a myriad of his fans and devotees to the ring while his favourite song: “Stand Up for the Champion”, was just a cherry on the cake.

It was one of the toughest but exhilarating 12 round bouts in The Rock’s professional boxing career, as the Ironman could take punches as they came but was de-



Paulus ‘The Rock’ Ambunda, bantamweight WBO Africa champion

termined to fight to the last bell, Tension and trepidation nevertheless, was mounting amongst ‘The

Rock’s fans and sympathizers as the exciting boxing rounds wore on.

The Rock won the 12 rounds bout with a unanimous decision as the three judges: Herman !Garus-Oab, Hiskia Shigwedha and Patema Kandyengo had 120-109; 119-109 and 119-109 on their scorecards respectively. Referee Thabo Spampool from South Africa officiated the fight.

The Rock has improved his record to 13 wins without defeat while he dented his challenger’s to 22 fights, 12 wins, 8 losses and two draws.

The Rock’s mentor-cum-manager and promoter, Nestor ‘Sunshine’ Tobias dreams high for his world champion in the making.

The WBA Africa bantamweight champion is currently ranked eighth in the world ranking. He is on the verge to become climb to the top 10 and automatically becomes the

mandatory challenger of the world title for his category.

“The sky is the limit for Ambunda to reach the top.

Hard work in the gym, a focused mind set and determination is the key to his success”, says Tobias with merriment.

NPL Appoints its functionaries

Resolution 1 : Appointment of members to check the minutes

The AGAM appointed the following members:

1. Nelson Da Purificacao : Oshikandela Ramblers
2. Cooks Kunamwene : Wesbank Tigers
3. Mathew Lakka /Gogoseb : Black Africa

Resolution 2 : Appointment of Scrutineers

The AGAM appointed the following members:

1. Cyril Isaacs : Civics CC
2. Irvine Ndjavera : African Stars

Resolution 3 : 2010/11 Budget

The AGAM approved the budget on condition that the Finance and Audit Committee and the BoG ensure that funds are raised and the budget prioritized in line with the strategic document developed at the Heja lodge.

JJD remains NPL chairman

The Namibia Premier League members endorsed J J Doeseb as the NPL chairperson for the next four years at the elective AGAM held over the weekend at the NBL Customer care centre, after the withdrawal of a nomination by one of the members.

The AGAM that was attended by 11 of the NPL members; included newly promoted PC Blue Boys, while Hotspurs and United Stars were relegated to the first division.

The NPL AGAM also adopted a new constitution that makes provision for an Executive Committee, which will also run the affairs of the NPL for the next four years. Mabos Vries, Cooks Kunamwene, Reinhold Xoagub, Cyril Isaacs, Jochen Traut and Irvine Ndjavera as an alternate, were elected as the first Executive Committee Members of the Namibia Premier League.

The Executive Committee replaces the management committee.

The AGAM also endorsed various manuals that will guide the affairs of the league.

In his acceptance speech Doeseb, called on the need to harmonize the relationship between the NPL and the NFA. He also called on clubs to change the way things are done.

Doeseb called for a change of mindset, and called on all individuals who have invested or have vested interest in football to come to the party, as this will only assist in the advancement of the game.

“The time you have invested in the game is money. To all the teams who nominated me and those that did not nominate me, this is what democracy is all about. Please take note that I will not hold any vendetta against any one as this is the time to move the league to a professional level, we need to work together as clubs; as only when we portray a positive image, will we be able to lure potential sponsors, both for the league and the club”. JJ Doeseb said as part of his acceptance speech.

He promised the members that this will be the time to continue in implementing the plans that had planted around professionalization.

Mandume in a four rounds catch weight (63.50kg) category.

Jaarman won through a split decision. Mandume has 4 fights, 1 win and 3 losses.

Kalenga defeats Frans

In another catch weight category for 57.15kg Erick Kalenga defeated his compatriot Niilo Frans by unanimous decision over four rounds bout.

Shihepo stings like a mamba

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WINDHOEK – After a long layoff, Namibia’s Wilberforce ‘Black Mamba’ Shihepo, super middleweight returned to the ring with aplomb.

Fighting in the main undercard for the bantamweight WBO Africa second defence of Paulus ‘The Rock’ Ambunda, Shihepo took on the Zambian-born Innocent Kamaushi in an eight rounds non-title bout at the Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino.

Unknown to Shihepo, Kamaushi had an impressive record of 12 fights 11 wins and one loss.

Shihepo dimpled the Zambian’s record to two losses after he was knocked out in the fourth round.

The Namibian has slightly improved his record to 24 fights, 19 wins four losses and one draw.

Tommy Hango vs Modesai Donka

Tommy ‘The Lion’ Hango (Namibia) made Modesai Donga professional boxer, promoter and trainer of many Zimbabwean pugilist to eat his own medicine.

Donga defeated the then WBA champion Taks Naule of Namibia this year and though he will destroy all Namibia’s welterweight holders or send them into retirement.

But alas, his ambitious plan was cut short by Hango after the six grueling rounds where the two pugilist were gashing and goofing as they exchanged blows.



Wilberforce ‘Black Mamba’ Shihepo, super middleweight

Eventually, Hango won by unanimous decision as judges Thabo Spampool, Herman !Garus-Oab and Patema Kandyengo score 59-55, 58-56, and 58-56 respectively. Malakia draws against Moyo Peter Malakia is slowly but surely gaining momentum.



Undefeated, one and only Immanuel Naindjala, cognomen the Prince.

His confidence is immeasurable. This time around, however, he happened to finish the bantamweight four rounds fight in a draw against Lawrence Moyo from Zimbabwe.

The scorecards read as follows: Judges Jabulani Kakonya (40-38 for Malakia), Lazarus Nainda (39-37 for Moyo) and Ricky Tshabalala (38-38).

This score has been translated into a draw.

The Prince KO Kashiri

One out of many Namibian prospective boxers that are climbing the ladder of professionals in the bloody discipline is the undefeated, one and only Immanuel Naindjala, cognomen the Prince.

He has unequivocally sent a message to all SADC countries that his time to become a lightweight champion in the 61.23kgg.

The Prince has destroyed Alfred Kashiri’s reputation, from Zimbabwe, after he knocked him out in the second of the scheduled four round bouts.

Today, The prince is undefeated in his sixth professional outings, with six knockouts. What more is there to be said about this upcoming world champion? The rest is history.

Jaarman cruises to second win

After his pro-debut on May 29, this year, Jaarman added his second win over Pohamba



Lawrence Moyo from Zimbabwe and Peter Malakia