Haikali ready to defend title

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Namibia’s Martin Haikali, current WBO Africa lightweight champion will defend his title against challenger Sydney Maluleke from South Africa.

Haikali will fight under promoter Nestor Tobias. This will be the main fight of the night followed by other eight high profile supporting bouts.

He will oppose the South African Maluleke for the coveted WBO Africa lightweight title at the Municipality Hall in Kunenebumbu this Saturday.

The champion, Haikali has a patchy record of 9 fights 5 wins and 4 losses, but has great potential. As opposed to his challenger Maluleke who is a ailing record of 13 fights 2 wins and 2 losses.

The boxing record on paper should not always be translated into a good win as determination and game plan can play a very important role.

This is a very good test for the Namibian pugilist. Should he succeed to defend this title, the sky will be the limit for the fearless fighter.

Asked whether he has knowledge about his challenger, Haikali says: “I don’t know a thing about that guy and we don’t care because he does not know me too. One thing I know is, if I catch him he will sleep”.

“I am confident that I will win”, concludes Haikali.

Supporting Bouts:

Featherweight 4 rounds
Eric Kalenga (NAM) 1F 1W vs Sam Kambonde (NAM) 4F 1L

Lightweight 4 rounds
Anthony Juwan (NAM) 2F 2W vs Elia Shikuka(NAM)2F 2L

Lightweight 4 rounds
Joseph Katenda (NAM) 10F 1W 9L vs Samuel Kapato (NAM) 10F 4W 4L

Lightweight 4 rounds
Julius Indongo (NAM) 5F 5W vs Lawrence Moyo (ZIM) 4F 1D 3L

JNK lightweight 6 rounds
Gottlieb Ndedosho (NAM) 10F 8W 3L NC vs Tawanda Chigwada (ZIM) 12F 8W 1D 3L

Flyweight 6 rounds
Abnerk Shidzai (NAM) 13F 8W 3L 2D vs Anyway Katus (ZIM) 8F 6W 2L

Jnr Lightweight 6 rounds
Abraham Nkendapo (NAM) 9F 6W 2L vs Richard Mururi (ZIM) 7F 3W 3L

International JNR welterweight 10 rounds
Sacky “Tizivika” Shikukuta (NAM) 14F 12W 1L vs Silas Mandezi (ZIM) 10F 14W 2L

JJD shares with Stoffels Family

The Executive Chairperson of Eleven Arrows, who is also the chairperson of the Namibia Premier League, John Johnson Doeseb, otherwise JJD, paid a visit to the Stoffels family at their home in Khomasdal, to deliver his pledge of N$ 5000.

JJD announced his pledge to the Stoffels family at the Sam Nujoma Stadium during the match between Eleven Arrows and Kaizer Chiefs international footballers.

Doeseb and his entourage comprising of NPL Front Office and Registration Officer, Gowases, and Southern Stream First Division Coordinator, Geimeb, visited the home of the Stoffels to deliver his message of condolences and contribute financially to the family at the time of bereavement.

“On behalf of all football loving people and as a father, I condemn this act of brutality on a young woman, who could have gone on to become a leader of young woman, who could have gone on to become a leader of Southern African football. From the Stoffels family, we extend our sympathies and we wish them the best”, said Doeseb.

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“I am ready and fit for the fight”, has great potential.

Goodbye Magdalena Stoffels, a tragic and sad farewell indeed. In life, not many people know you. In death, the whole nation weeps — tears of sadness and anguish, of emptiness and anguish.

“Ours is just a small contribution, to show that we are with you”, Doeseb told the mother of Magdalena at their home in Khomasdal.

Black Stars omit Essien & Muntau

Michael Essien and Inter Milan’s Sulley Muntau are among the big names missing from the Ghana squad to face South Africa in a friendly next week.

But Black Stars’ coach Milovan Rajevac has named a strong squad, including 12 of the players who reached the quarter-finals of the 2010 World Cup.

On Monday, Essien played his first game for the club for a long time since the start of 2010 after a knee injury.

Nations have been given for leaving out Muntau and Fulham’s John Pantsil.

NFA Technical Centre

The Namibia Football Association handed over ERF Number: 339 to Greenfields, who have subcontracted Helo World for the commencement of its development into a Technical Centre.

The land is situated just behind Soccer House and is popularly known as KASU Stadium by the locals.

The development at the site is part of the FIFA Goal Project III and the laying of the artificial turf at the premises is planned to be done by October 2010.

A ground-breaking ceremony is planned for next week with details to follow soon.

Namibians make Chiefs sweat for win

Kaizer Chiefs proved to be great ambassadors of South African football when they beat Namibian side Eleven Arrows 2-1 in a friendly game played at the Sam Nujoma Stadium in Windhoek on Saturday.

Amakhosi paid a visit to Namibia to play against Arrows as part of their preparations for the new season.

Although the Glamour Boys returned back home as victors, they had to sweat to beat a determined Arrows before new striker Shemboho Ngcobo scored the winning goal deep into injury time.

Kaizer Chiefs’ first goal was scored byosta Ddha whilst Romanus Shilongo, who could be making his way to South Africa after impressing the Amakhosi technical team, scored the only goal for the home team.

Former Moroka Swallows defender George Hammel, who turned out for Eleven Arrows, was named Man of the Match after doing a sterling job in the Namibian team’s defence (Kakofu).