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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.

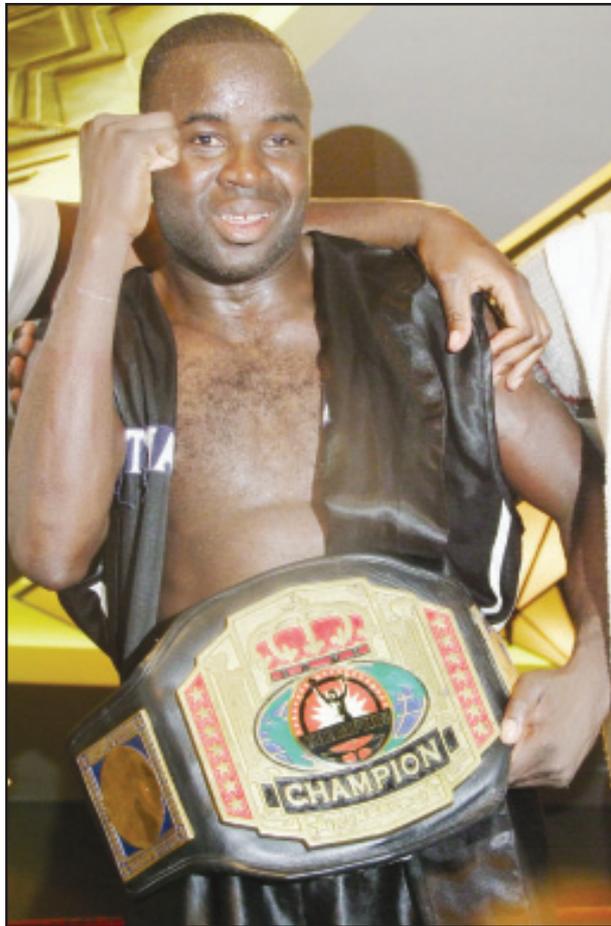
He will oppose the South African Maluleke for the coveted WBO Africa lightweight title at the Municipality Hall in Kuisebmond tomorrow night (Saturday).

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 has a telling record of 13 fights 10 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



Namibia's Martin Haikali, current WBO Africa lightweight champion not know me too. One thing I know, if I catch him he will sleep". "I am ready and fit for the fight", has great potential.

"I am confident that I will win", concludes Haikali.

Supporting Bouts:

Featherweight 4 rounds

Erick Kalenga (NAM) 1F 1W vs Sam Kambonde (NAM) 1F 1L

Welterweight 4 rounds

Anthony Jarman (NAM) 2F 2W vs Elia Shikufa (NAM) 2F 2L

Lightweight 4 rounds

Joseph Katenda (NAM) 10F 1W 9L vs Samuel Kapapu (NAM) 10F 6W 4L

Lightweight 4 rounds

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

Jnr Lightweight 6 rounds

Gottlieb Ndokosho (NAM) 10F 8W 1L NC vs Tawanda Chigwada (ZIM) 12F 8W 1D 3L

Flyweight 6 rounds

Abmerk Shidjuu (NAM) 13F 8W 3L 2D vs Anyway Katu (ZIM) 8F 6W 2L

Jnr Lightweight 6 rounds

Abraham Ndaendapo (NAM) 9F 6W 2L vs Richard Mururi (ZIM) 7F 3W 3L 1D

International Jnr welterweight 10 rounds

Sacky "izinyoka" Shikukutu (NAM) 14F 13W 1L vs Silas Mandey (ZIM) 16F 14W 2L



Sacky "izinyoka" Shikukutu

NFA Technical Centre

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

The land is situated juts 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.

JJD shares with Stoffels Family

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

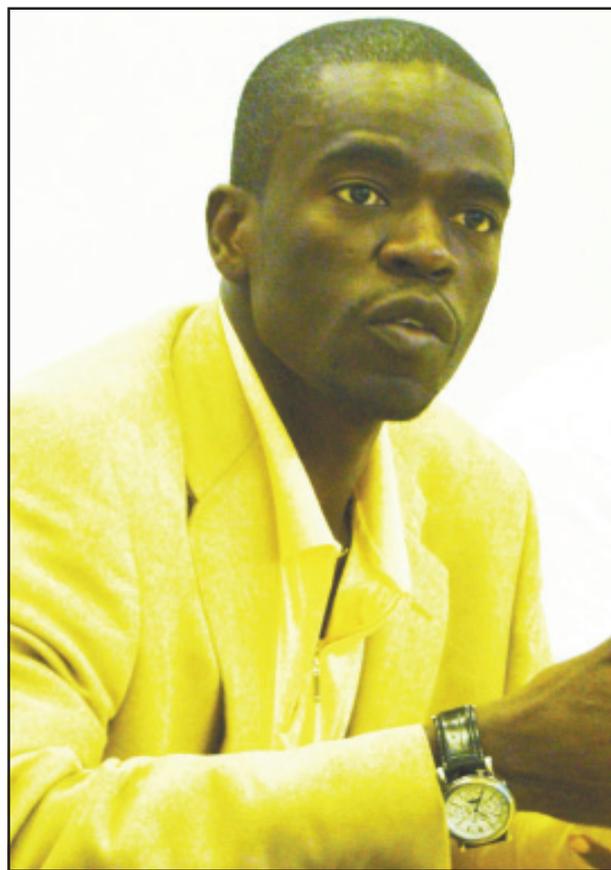
JJD announced his pledge to the Stoffels family at the Sam Nujoma Stadium during the match between Eleven Arrows and Kaizer Chiefs international friendly.

Doeseb and his entourage comprising of NPL Front Office and Registration Officer, Gowases, and Southern Stream First Division Coordinator, Geiriseb, 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 tomorrow. It is very painful for me as a father, as this could have been my daughter, my sister, or my niece."

"This abuse of women and children should stop. I feel that we are failing this nation as leaders if we cannot protect these youth, we are failing them.

"It is important that as business leaders we come up with a strategy to give back to the community. It is time that all our children, be provided with transport,



John Johnson Doeseb alias JJD is indeed a philanthropist second to none (photo by Kayele M. Kambombo)

to and from school on a daily bases, so that they can avoid passing through those area, that pose a threat. It is time that the

business sectors contribute to all the schools so that they can have buses for these children", emphasized Doeseb.



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

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

Black Stars omit Essien & Muntari

Michael Essien and Inter Milan's Sulley Muntari 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 his club Chelsea since the start of 2010 after a knee

injury.

No reasons have been given for leaving out Muntari and Fulham's John Pantsil.

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 Sthembiso Ngcobo scored the winning goal deep into injury time.

Kaizer Chiefs' first goal was scored by Josta Dladla 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 Hummel, who turned out for Eleven Arrows, was named Man of the Match after doing a sterling job in the Namibian team's defence (*Kickoff*).

The Black Stars reached the last eight of the World Cup for the first time in their history in July and only missed out on a place in the semi-finals after losing to Uruguay in a penalty shoot-out.

Rajevac has called up Cofie Bekoe, Harrison Afful, Bernard Kumordzi, Haminu Draman, Emmanuel Agyemang-Badu and Yaw Antwi in an 18-man list named for Wednesday's clash in Johannesburg.

The match will be played at Soccer City - the scene of the World Cup final and venue of the Black Stars loss to Uruguay.

Also included is Andre 'Dede' Ayew one of the stars of the Black Stars World Cup campaign who has been linked with a move away from French champions Marseille. Reports in a German newspaper claim he has signed for Bundesliga side VfB Stuttgart, despite Marseille coach Didier Deschamps insisting the 20-year-

old is part of his plans in the coming season.

Ghana Team :

Goalkeepers : Richard Kingson (unattached), Daniel Agyei (Liberty Professionals).

Defenders: Samuel Inkoom (Basel, Switzerland), Harrison Afful (Esperance, Tunisia), John Mensah (Lyon, France), Lee Addy (Bechem Chelsea), Jonathan Mensah (Granada, Spain).

Midfielders: Anthony Annan (Rosenborg, Norway), Emmanuel Agyemang-Badu (Udinese, Italy), Kwadwo Asamoah (Udinese, Italy), Andre Ayew (Marseille, France), Kevin-Prince Boateng (Portsmouth, England), Cofie Bekoe (Petrojet, Egypt), Bernard Kumordzi (Panionios FC, Greece).

Strikers: Asamoah Gyan (Rennes, France), Dominic Adiyiah (AC Milan, Italy), Haminu Draman (Lokomotiv Moscow, Russia), Yaw Antwi (FK Vojvodina, Serbia).