

## Namibia Today Sport

# Uushona goes for second title defence

By Kayele M. Kambombo

The undefeated WBO Africa middleweight and national champion Bethuel alias 'The Unstoppable' Uushona has welcomed the challenge from the South African-born Pius Tibeko.

The fight of Tyson/Tibeko is slotted for undercards before the main heavyweight bout.

In some quarters Uushona is also known as Tyson is bound to make his third title defence after being challenged by Tibeko who is hungry to grab the lucrative belt from the Namibian son of the soil. The fight that is scheduled for 12 rounds will take place at Terfontein, in Johannesburg on September.

According to Tyson, when he comes into the ring, he "fears none except God".

Tyson is currently ranked number seven in the world while the man at the epic of the ranking and champion of the world in the same category is none other than Manny Pacquiao of the Phil-



WBO/WBA Africa middleweight and national champion Bethuel alias 'The Unstoppable' Uushona sailing on both ends but will reach the ultimate.

However, the Tyson/Tibeko encounter will not be smooth

Uushona/Tibeko to jump to

Whatever the case may be, Tyson will give his opponent

a good run for his money.

His famous antidote and axiom is: "I don't care who my challenger is, about his record or where he comes from; all I know is that I'll beat the hell out of him and win".

Nestor Tobias who will be Tyson's coach-cum-promoter told *Namibia Today Sport*, upon request, that Tyson is fit

and rearing to go.

This fight will be a good one for Tyson. If he wins the fight he will not only improve his record and put him in good standing as he will be near to be the mandatory challenger of Pacquiao.

Tobias and his entourage will depart on September 1 and returned on Sunday, September 4, 2010.

## Ndaendapo takes on Chauke

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The Namibian no-nonsense Swakopmund-based Abraham Ndaendapo will take on Collin Chauke of South Africa in a six round none title international bout.



Also known as 'Energy', Ndaendapo is a hard nut to crack and can go a distance. He is hard hitting, energetic and one of the toughest contender in his rank - Junior Lightweight. Energy has a killer punch. Of recent, he has sent Richard Mururi from Zimbabwe with a

knockout in the third round. Chauke will have to be on his best when he gets into the ring against the Namibian pugilist who has nothing to lose but a world to win in a foreign land.

If Chauke takes Ndaendapo lightly, he will be embarrassed in his own backyard.

# Golden Eaglets set for just reward

By Oluwashina Okeleji

Nigeria's Golden Eaglets will get their reward for winning the maiden under-16 World Cup, after a 25-year wait.

Each player was promised a house, stock in the central bank and a scholarship among other incentives for bringing glory to the continent in 1985.

However, the Nigerian government never fulfilled their pledges.

After waiting in vain, the team captain Nduka Ugbade took their

plight to a public hearing at the Nigerian parliament.

Ugbade was in tears as he openly questioned the expectations of the government from athletes when efforts of past heroes are never appreciated or rewarded.

The Director General of the Nigeria Sports Commission,

Patrick Ekeji, apologised to the players and promised to pursue their reward.

"I don't have enough details of China 1985 and I want you to supply every detail of promises made to you, we will begin the process of helping you get your benefits," Ekeji said.

"The government appreciates its past heroes [so] I will do all I can to ensure all the players get what they were promised by the government.

"It is really sad because this should have been done a long time ago but hopefully we can right the wrongs by finally fixing it now."

The school boys from Nigeria conquered the world in China in 1985 by beating then West Germany 2-0 in an epic final in Beijing.

The players received a rousing welcome on their return home.

The military leader at the time, Mohammed Buhari promised them national honours, houses, streets

named after each member, stock at the central bank, educational scholarships, visits to all the states of the federation and the Mexico 1986 World Cup.

"We did not even get our bonuses from the World Cup while the scholarship was stopped when the government did not pay," Ugbade told BBC Sport.

"Only a company [Thomas Cook] fulfilled the Mexico 1986 trip pledge while one of the players Kingsley Aikhionbore waited in vain until he died.

"Luckily, the honourable members of the house committee on sports heard me out.

"Hopefully, we can finally get it because the man Patrick Ekeji is sincere in his quest to sort it out for us."

Even though Nigeria has since achieved further success at the Fifa under-17 World Cup in 1993 and 2007, the success of the 1985 Golden Eaglets remains a major milestone in the country (BBC Sport)

## Mauritania pull out of Nations Cup

The Confederation of African Football (Caf) has confirmed that Mauritania have pulled out of the 2012 Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers.

Mauritania's withdrawal means a change to the system of qualifying.

The group winners will still go through automatically as well as the second-placed team in the group made up of five countries.

The final two spots will be filled by the two best runners-up from the ten remaining groups.

Mauritania's scheduled opponents, Burkina Faso, Gambia and Namibia, have been left in a group of three.

The best runners-up will be determined after excluding results of games played against the teams which finish in fourth place.

Qualifying for the 2012 Nations Cup in Gabon and Equatorial Guinea begins on the weekend of 4-6 September.