Bethuel ‘Tyson’ Uushona knocks out Dipheko in seventh round

By Kayele M. Kamboombo
OUTAPI: WBO Africa welterweight title holder Bethuel ‘Tyson’ Uushona made mincemeat of his challenger Pius Dipheko in his backyard.

Nigeria coaching job up for grabs

By Olukwasha Okelj
LAGOS: The Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) has announced that it will advertise the vacant Super Eagles coaching post.

The NFF has been dogged by problems since Nigeria were eliminated from the World Cup, after managing only a draw against South Korea in the group stage. Earlier in the week, Nigeria midfielder John Mikel Obi demanded that the NFF put its house in order. Mikel rebuked members of the NFF over the country’s battered football image, following long-standing reports of internal feuding, which have overshadowed preparations for Sunday’s 2012 Africa Cup of Nations qualifier against Madagascar.

“Nigeria football has been a laughing stock to be honest, but I always try to defend my country by insisting we are still the best and biggest,” Mikel told Brila FM in Lagos.

“Honestly I don’t think Nigeria football is stable, no one knows what is going on and no one knows what is happening. I think things should be done properly and quickly to get things sorted, so we all know where we stand and can move forward from there. This will help us have a nice qualification and go to the Nations Cup without any hassle or fuss surrounding our football.”

The former NFF President Samni Lahu and his deputy were both impeached by the board.

The organisation has also, meanwhile, suspended the proposed kick-off of the Nigeria Premier League (NPL), slated for 25 September, in order to ensure a smooth beginning for the competition.

A petition challenging the validity of last week’s poll that returned new executives was upheld by a Lagos high court.

The new NFF executives said the elections should be conducted.

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South African at home soil in the seventh round.

Tyson who is also known by his peers as “The Unstoppable” was forced to defend his WBO Africa belt in South Africa due to lack of funds. Thanks to Tyson’s left-right combinations that have become his trademark in the ring.

The WBO Africa champion was sponsored by Nestor ‘Sonshine’ Tobias Boxing and Fitness Academy.

In another fight of the night another Namibian pugilist Gottlieb Ndokosho was ‘slapped’ in the face by the referee causing him to lose and the match was never restarted.

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The pool winner plus best runner-up will qualify for finals with co-hosts Gabon and Equatorial Guinea.

England coach Fabio Capello confirms 2012 quit date

England coach Fabio Capello has confirmed he will stand down from the role after the Euro 2012 tournament.

After a disappointing 2010 World Cup that provoked intense criticism of Capello, England are joint top of Group G after two Euro 2012 qualifying wins.

“We have to qualify first of course but after that I will be too old,” said the 64-year-old Italian. “I want to enjoy my life as a pensioner.” Capello succeeded Steve McClaren in December 2007. His £6m-a-year deal takes him up to the sum of 2012.

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