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Uushona knocks out Dipheko in seventh round



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OUTAPI: WBO Africa welterweight title holder Bethuel 'Tyson' Uushona made mince

meat of his challenger Pius Dipheko in his backyard.

Nestor Tobias was on the ringside for Tyson. According to Tobias, Tyson's chal-

lenger "really gave the champion a real good run for his money".

"Tyson fought well and was never intimidated by the

support that his challenger enjoyed.

"He got more and more determined as the rounds were counted only to knockout the

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 has become hid trade mark in the ring.

The WBO Africa champion was sponsored by Nestor 'Sunshine' Tobias Boxing and Fitness Academy.

In another fight of the night another Namibian pugilist Gottlieb Ndokosho was 'slapped' in the face by the referee that unceremoniously ter-

minated the fight in the first 40 seconds of the first round.

Ndokosho was caught with the right hook, by Oscar Chauke of South Africa, that sent him out of balance but did not fall. to the surprise of the Namibian camp the referee controversially gave the win as TKO.

Ndokosho is a hard punching fellow. If he is given a second chance for a return fight against Chauke, he will severely punish him in the ring. The venue will play no major role as Ndokosho will take a sweet revenge. It is now up to his promoter and Trainer Nestor Tobias to give a thought for a rematch.

Group F 2012 Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers

Group F Fixtures, results and table for the qualifiers for the 2012 Africa Cup of Nations to be co-hosted by Gabon and Equatorial Guinea.

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

Holders: Egypt Group A

	P	W	D	L	GF
Gambia	1	1	0	0	3
Burkina Faso	0	0	0	0	0
Namibia	1	0	0	1	1

03-05/09/10:	Gambia 3-1 Namibia
08-10/10/10:	Burkina Faso v Gambia
25-27/03/11:	Burkina Faso v Namibia
03-06/06/11:	Namibia v Burkina Faso
02-04/09/11:	Namibia v Gambia
07-09/10/11:	Gambia v Burkina Faso
*	Mauritania withdrew

Nigeria coaching job up for grabs

By Oluwashina Okeleji

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

NFF board member Chris Green confirmed that after its executive committee's inaugural meeting, it was agreed the job would be open to applicants.

The new NFF executives said the move was taken in the interest of transparency.

Green also said that a new coach would be hired by 1 October, just days before an important qualifier away in Guinea.

The NFF announcement is a complete departure from earlier developments where the previous leadership of the football association had already opened discussions with former Olympic team coach, Samson Siasia.

Siasia's appointment stalled over his personal terms. The NFF offered him a monthly salary of \$20,000, while the 42-year-old requested \$100,000 and a signing-on fee.

Austin Eguavoen is currently in temporary charge of the national team, after Swedish coach Lars Lagerback vacated the position following Nigeria's disappointing World Cup showing.

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.

"But 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 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.

The former NFF President Sani Lulu and his deputy were both impeached by the board.

A petition challenging the validity of last week's poll that returned new executives was upheld by a Lagos high court which then issued an injunction against the elections.

The elections went ahead nonetheless and thrust Maigari into one of the hottest seats in African sport.

But the NFF is presently facing a "contempt of court" investigation after being accused of defying a court order not to have the elections.

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.

The NPL chairmanship is also still under dispute after an arbitration panel set up by the NFF ruled that Davidson Owumi was ineligible to stand for election and fresh elections should be conducted.

Bayelsa United chairman, Rumson Baribote, has been challenging Owumi's claim to lead the league body.

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 summer of 2012. He transformed England after McClaren's side failed to qualify for Euro

2008 but, having breezed through their World Cup qualifying campaign, Capello's side flopped badly in South Africa this summer and crashed out in the second round after a humiliating 4-1 defeat by Germany. Both during and after the World Cup, Capello was subjected to fierce media criticism over his managerial

skills. However, he vowed to continue in the job after having a get-out clause in his contract removed before the World Cup.

England's Euro 2012 qualifying wins against Bulgaria and Switzerland have eased the pressure on Capello, who previously managed AC Milan, Roma, Juventus and Real Madrid.



Capello was criticised after England's poor 2010 World Cup campaign