The Saintfiet debacle

The Tom Saintfiet debacle requires a great public debate. For only a week Namibia’s national football team coach has caused great melancholy. Football fanatics and staunch Brave Warriors supporters’ despondency of Saintfiet’s unceremoniously dumping the Brave Warriors as coach for Zimbabwean Warriors is echoed through the streets, households, neighbours and certainly the stadiums. Why did Saintfiet thrown the towel and opt for Zimbabwe Warriors? Saintfiet did not honour his contractual obligation and is seen as not loyal to his employers (Namibia Football Association, NFA) and the entire Namibian nation. Kayele M. Kambombo of Namibia Today: Sport took to the street to find out the views of football fans.

Osia Kakauna
Saintfiet had a contractual obligation that he could not honour but decided to jump the ship unceremoniously. He took us for a ride. The NFA should call this guy and let him explain to the nation the reason behind his odious action. I feel the NFA should sue Saintfiet and unprofessionally, so let him go. He should be replaced by a more committed coach, be it a foreign or local coach.

Jane Brendell
He is untrustworthy and dishonest to do is to come back to Windhoek and officially resign as Brave Warriors coach. Namibia wake up get another coach, full stop.

Osnuhe Mungoba
I feel strongly inclined that the NFA should sue Saintfiet because he did not honour his contractual obligation of which he signed and took oath that he will diligently and has totally naixed it. Saintfiet should be blacklisted in the SADC region. How do we know that he is not going to do the same falsity to Zimbabwe or other African countries. Africa should not be taken as a testing ground to enrich foreign coaches’ curriculum vitae or as a springboard in search for greener pastures.

Moses Kavendjii
Regardless of his coaching experience, he acted extremely unprofessional. He derided the Brave Warriors objective as a coach. Instead he kept quiet and opted to sneak out of Namibia to look for coaching job in Zimbabwe while his contract is still ongoing.

Aochamub ‘Papso’ Albertus
The NFA should invoke relevant provisions and exercise all its rights provided for in the agreement to do justice to the debacle.

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Namibians speak their minds on NFA Congress

The incumbent and long serving NFA President John Munjio with Kornelias Kapenda and Frans Mbidi vying for vice president positions are challenged by the local business moguls Ranga Haikali (president), and Johnny Johnson Doeseb (vice president). Haikali is also the owner of Namibia Premier League Black Africa Football Club while Doeseb is a proprietor of NPL Eleven Arrows FC. The latter is likewise the current Chairman of the NPL. The race is tough. It is continuity versus change, and only one camp will prevail provided that fair play is respected and democratic principles are adhered to. The nation is watching this process with keen eye.

FIFA will be represented by its observers in Primo Corvano, Manager for Member Associations and Leodegar Tenga, Tanzania Football Association President. Only 20 people are entrusted to vote; the 13 regional chairpersons, one representative each from the NPL and the First and Second Divisions.

Namibia Today Sport’s Kaye M. Kambombo brings the views of the none-voting football fans.

Osia Kakauna
All I want is change. I will go for Haikali.

Franz Kazabe
I only opt for one thing and that is change.

Moses Kavendjii
I feel that continuity is the best. Let us give John Munjio a chance to complete his projects that he has started with before he relinquishes his presidency position.

Majola Ikambwi
I have 105 percent trust in Ranga Haikali and Johnny Doeseb. They will bring change, transform and professionalize football. How can we keep people who cannot count up to a million to lead us. They have failed us for many years. Now is the time. We want change.