

# Namibia Today Sport

## Uttoni concludes Commonwealth Games with silver for Namibia

By Kayele M. Kambombo

Namibian son of the soil and defending Commonwealth Games lightweight champion, Jafet Uttoni has heroically succumbed his title to Paddy Barnes of Northern Ireland.

Uttoni was crowned the champion the last Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, Australia four years ago (2006).

The more technical Barnes won the exciting fight over Uttoni with 8-4 points. The latter had to settle for silver medal. Coming second overall in his category is something all Namibians have to be proud of. That is a good achievement.

The world might not know them as good runners, swimmers or the weight lifters, but the one sport at which it is impossible to surpass the performance of team Northern Ireland is boxing. Perhaps that is among the very few sports at Delhi Commonwealth Games in which the country has not only participated, but has left no room for the rivals to outdo them.



Jafet Uttoni of Namibia (Red) competes against Paddy Barnes of Northern Ireland (Blue) in the Light Fly Weight (46-49kg) Men Finals Gold Medal Bout at Talkatora Indoor Stadium on day ten of the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games on October 13, 2010 in Delhi, India.

Showing the potential of bagging five gold medals in the sport, the performance of Northern Ireland's boxers has been sensational in all weight categories. From Paddy Barnes, Paddy Gallagher, Thomas McCarthy, Eamonn O'Kane to Steven Ward, all of them seemed charged up with electrifying energy as none of them stepped back

unless their rivals were knocked out from the competition.

Boxing in Northern Ireland has always been considered among the most popular and favourite sports. Having 38 clubs across Antrim, 16 in Armagh, 11 in Fermanagh and 10 in Derry, competition for top places is perhaps the toughest in the Ireland.



Warren Nashilongo, Tyson Uushona, Nestor Tobias and Paulus Ambunda ready to rumble, come October 29, 2010. Tickets go for N\$100 per head.

## Double header WBO title defence on cards

By Kayele M. Kambombo

**WINDHOEK** - The Nestor "Sunshine" Tobias Boxing & Fitness Academy has lined up two WBO title defence fights that will be preceded by five undercards at the end of October in Windhoek.

The two Namibian-born and undefeated WBO Africa welterweight and WBO Africa bantamweight champions in Bethuel 'Tyson' Uushona and Paulus 'The Rock' Ambunda respectively will defend their individual titles at the notorious Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino.

Both Uushona and Ambunda have tough coursework ahead of their fights as they have been allocated two challengers each. This was done for the WBO to give the

final decision as to who of the two challengers will be sanctioned for the fights.

Boitshepo Mandawe and James Kimori will be one of the challengers for Uushona. They are from South Africa and Kenya respectively. Mandawe has a record of 9 fights 8 wins 1 loss, while Kimori has 19f 15w 1d 3loses.

Ambunda will face Ole Motseki (18f 16w 1d 1L) from South Africa or Tawanda Chigwida (15f 10w 5L) from Zimbabwe.

The two sons of the soil are both unassailable. Uushona boasts a record of 22f 22w. Ambunda has 13f 13w. Both have good standing rankings with WBO: Uushona is ranked number seven (7) whereas Ambunda occupies the

fifth (5) spot on the world.

"If both of them win their respective fights, their ratings will improve drastically", says Nestor Tobias, adding that "it will make their chances easier to get to the top three of the rankings in their respective categories".

Says Tobias: "Any champion has only 120 days after his last title defence fight before being engaged in another fight. Failure to do that he will forfeit his title.

"This is the right time for Tyson and The Rock to do the right thing: defend their titles.

"By and large this was a very successful year for boxing. Hopefully we will end it on top just the way we have started the 2010" says Tobias, the world renown boxing promoter, manager and trainer.



Paulus "The Hitman" Moses



Vikapita "The Beast Master" Merero

## Moses returns to ring against Arrieta

By Kayele M. Kambombo

**WINDHOEK** - On November 25 at the Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino, Sunshine Promotions will hold one of the deepest and most entertaining fight cards in years.

The main event features a WBA lightweight non-title bout that will usher the comeback to the ring for Paulus "The Hitman" Moses against Roberto David Arrieta of Argentina.

Tobias said the former WBA lightweight champion, Moses, will make his first return to the ring after he lost

his title against Miguel Acosta of Venezuela on July 31, this year in Windhoek, Namibia.

The Hitman versus Arrieta, also known as Yarara or Pocho, was previously penciled for Ongwediva on the same date but rescheduled for Windhoek.

The 34 year old Argentinean has a record of 57 fights, 36 wins (KO 18) 17 losses (KO 40 and 4 draws. Moses has a record of 27 fights (KO 17) won 26, 1 loss (KO 1).

According to Tobias, the fight was moved to Windhoek "due to

lack of funds, as it is always costly to take boxing outside Windhoek".

Tobias has promised exciting undercards on the night.

**Vikapita "The Beast Master" Merero**

In the same vein, Tobias announced that Vikapita "The Beast Master" Merero, WBO Africa super heavyweight champion was approved by WBO to fight for the WBO world interim super heavyweight on the second week of December.

## LEAGUE FIXTURES - ROUND 4

Friday 15 October 2010

20H00 Cymot SKW FC vs. FNB Orlando Pirates FC Independence Stadium

Saturday 16 October 2010

15H00 Mighty Gunners FC vs. African Stars FC Paresis Show Ground Stadium

15H00 FNB Oshakati City FC vs. Black Africa FC Uukwangula Stadium

15H00 LHU Blue Waters FC vs. PC Blue Boys FC Kuisebmond Stadium

17H00 Civics FC vs. Eleven Arrows FC Sam Nujoma Stadium

## Giants suffer Nations Cup shocks

**Champions Egypt were the highest profile losers on a miserable day for the continent's heavyweights after suffering a shock 1-0 defeat in Niger in 2012 Nations Cup qualifying.**

Their woes were replicated by Algeria and Nigeria, who also suffered surprise defeats. Ghana were held to an unexpected home draw against Sudan.

Algeria went down 2-0 away at the Central African Republic who won only their second ever qualifying match.

Egypt, winner of the last three Nations Cup tournaments, have picked up just a single point from their first two qualifiers and face a battle to reach the finals.

**Nigeria** were beaten 1-0 away in **Guinea** just two days after Fifa lifted a suspension they had imposed on them.

World Cup quarter-finalists **Ghana** were held to a goalless draw at home by **Sudan** in in Group I as key striker Asamoah Gyan was sent off.

**Congo** secured a 3-1 home win over **Swaziland** in the group's other game also on Sunday.

Saad's 36th minute strike was enough for **Libya** to defeat **Zambia** 1-0 in Group C in Tripoli while **Mozambique** got an important 1-0 away win over **Comoros** in the group's other game.

A cool finish from Moussa Maazou earned Niger their biggest ever win in a competitive international, capitalising on a blunder at the back by Egypt's makeshift left back Mohamed Abdelshafi to score after 33 minutes.

It leaves Egypt three points behind group leaders **South Africa**, who they face next away in March.

Bafana Bafana drew 0-0 away in **Sierra Leone** on Sunday.

Eude Dagoulou and Hilaire Momi scored in the final 10 minutes for the first competitive win for the **Central African Republic** since 1973 to leave **Algeria** bottom of the Group D standings.

Algeria, who were at the World Cup finals in June, have now won just two of 14 matches played this year.

Nigeria turned in a lacklustre performance in Conakry, seeming affected by the withdrawal of several key players and the uncertainty over whether the game would go ahead.

Nigeria had been suspended last Monday by Fifa because of political interference in the running of their football federation but had the ban temporarily lifted on Friday.

The **Cape Verde Islands** are unexpected leaders in Group A after a goalless draw in **Zimbabwe** on Sunday, keeping up a day to remember for the continent's smaller footballing nations.

But there was one heavyweight with a reason to smile.

**Tunisia**, who had a horror start to the qualifying campaign, won 2-1 away in **Togo** with Amine Chermiti scoring an 83rd minute winner to move them to within three points of the top in Group K.

The next rounds of qualifiers are set for March.

The 11 group winners, plus the top two runners-up qualify for the finals, which are being co-hosted by Equatorial Guinea and Gabon.