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Simon in a class of his own

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The former renowned undefended Namibian WBO welterweight World champion Harry "The Terminator" Simon showed that he is in a class of his own after he knocked out his opponent in the super middle catch weight.

In a fight dubbed "The return of Harry Simon", the son of the soil, Simon knocked out his competitor the former WBU champion Rashid Matumla cognomen Snake Boy from Tanzania in one minute, 43 seconds of the first round.

The fight took place at the OK parking lot in Windhoek in a humongous tent on Saturday night.

The spectators were fully behind Simon from the word go! They were ecstatic and very patriotic as they were chanting: "Harry, Harry, Harry" just from the start of the bell.

The night that was expected to be entertaining was cut short af-



Harry Simon as he knocked down Rashid Matumla in the Super Middle catch weight non-title bout over 10 rounds.

ter the first round knockout of the caller. The supporters of Simon were not disappointed by the early knockout; neither did they show any repentance for the visitor, as they were in an extravagantly festive mood.

Matumla got ostentatious right punches but received left double jabs from Simon to land

on the canvas for the first, second and third time after which the referee counted him for a knockout in the first minute and 43 seconds of the first round. The bout was scheduled for 10 rounds.

Simon used a tested Chinese guerrilla warfare tactics, that of to harass to the south

while attacking to the south.

He simply got it right twice and thirdly punched Matumla with a right jab on his chin that sent him thrice before he was counted out. That was the end of the fight.

Simon has added another victory to make it 26 fight without defeat while he further dented Matumla's record to 59 fights 42 wins 14 loses and two draws.

Swamped by journalist to ask him what the future holds for him, he (Simon) immediately pointed to Tjombe, "she will tell you the rest", Simon taunted.

Next fight will possibly be staged in Ongwediva or Oshakati on February 5, 2011. The opponent of Simon will still be announced, said the spokesperson of Onkuwo Promotion, Anita Tjombe.

When asked who will be the next challenger of Simon, Tjombe quipped: "He (opponent) will officially be made known to you early next year".

Tjombe added that Simon needs about two or three fights before he goes for title fight next year.

Smokey Joe new Flyweight WBA Pan African Champion Joseph "Smokey Joe" Hilongwa started the first bout with a slow pace trying to test his opponent from Zimbabwe, but Sadiki Abdul-Aziz meant real business.

The southpaw Abdul-Aziz's aim was to finish off Hilongwa as fast as he possibly could. His intention was well planned as he almost sent Hilongwa into slumber land in the first round but was eventually saved by the ropes.

After he got a pep talk from his trainer, Duran Duran, Hilongwa came back with vengeance in the second round with jabs and straight blows to the head.

Ultimately Hilongwa finished off Abdul-Aziz by technical knockout in the second minute 26 seconds in the third round win the vacant WBA Pan African flyweight title.

The main bout was preceded

by six other undercards that saw Namibia's Gottlieb "Ombwaka" Shileka being defeated by South Africa's former welterweight champion Jan "Kid" Bergman after Shileka got some contraction on his left thigh. Referee Hiskia Shigwedha counted Shileka out in the third round, scheduled for 10.

In another undercard for the welterweight category between Lucas Mukete and Daniel "Open Fire" Kashela ended in a draw as judges Patema Kandjengo, Herman !Garus-Oab and Jabulani Kakonya scored 75-77, 77-76 and 76-76 respectively.

Tommy "The Lion" Hango defeated Jason "Taks" Naule by unanimous decision in the welterweight division. Paulus Kapia won on unanimous decision over Joseph "The Animal" Katenda in the lightweight category while Mateus "Omdax" Kaandara has beaten Philip Swartbooi by unanimous decision in the same class weight.



Daniel "Open Fire" Kashela caught his opponent Lucas Mukete with a straight left hook. The fight was declared a draw.



Joseph Smokey Joe: Hilongwa celebrates his victory as the new WBA Pan African flyweight Champion after he knocked out Sadiki Abdul-Aziz from Zimbabwe in the second minute 26 seconds in the third round.

BBC African Footballer of the Year shortlist revealed

The five candidates for the 2010 BBC African Footballer of the Year award have been revealed on the BBC's African sports programme Fast Track.

Ghana pair Asamoah Gyan and Andre 'Dede' Ayew, Cameroonian Samuel Eto'o, and Yaya Toure and Didier Drogba of Ivory Coast are included on the list.

The winner will be decided by African football fans, who have until 10 December to vote for their choice.

Voting for the award will take place via text and online.

The winner will be announced a week later on 17 December on the BBC's African sports programme Fast Track.

Both Sunderland striker Gyan and Marseille midfielder Ayew



Ghana pair Asamoah Gyan and Andre 'Dede' Ayew, Cameroonian Samuel Eto'o, and Yaya Toure and Didier Drogba of Ivory Coast

starred for Ghana as they reached the quarter-finals of the World Cup for the first time.

The 29-year-old forward

Eto'o played a vital role as his Italian side Inter Milan won the Champions League and a domestic double.

English Premier League side Chelsea secured the a league and cup double for the first time in their history, thanks in part

to the goals of 32-year-old striker Drogba.

While, Toure, 27, became the highest-paid footballer in English football following the midfielder's move from Barcelona to Manchester City.

The shortlist was determined by a panel of experts across Africa who took into consideration individual skill, technical ability, teamwork, consistency, impact on results and fair play.

"It has been a significant year for African football, with

the World Cup being hosted in the continent for the first time and Angola hosting the Africa Cup of Nations," said BBC Fast Track presenter Farayi Mungazi.

"A youthful Ghana side lit up the World Cup so it is great to see the Black Stars duo of Asamoah Gyan and Dede Ayew receive their first nominations as well as the ever classy Eto'o, Drogba and Yaya Toure."

Last year's winner was Drogba of Chelsea and Ivory Coast after his consistent form and goals for club and country.

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