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Namibia’s Brave Warriors succumbed to the Flames of Malawi by 2-1 in a FIFA International friendly on Wednesday night at the Sam Nujoma Stadium in Windhoek.

The hosts took the game to visitors, with Wilko Risser drawing the first blood in the 35th minutes of the first stanza. The goal came as a result of a goalmouth scramble in a waterlogged pitch.

The Malawians equalized just a couple of minutes before the end of the first half (45 minutes), as Peter Wadala recorded his score on the scoreboard.

In the dying minutes of the second half, in the 97th minute, forward Harawa chipped-ended the ball over the Namibian defenders’ heads inside the net. The Namibian goalkeeper, Mbahe was found fault.

Brian Isaacs, the Warriors caretaker coach with his assistants and his entire support were not taken lightly.

Yes, the Warriors lost but with dignity. The hastily put-together national team learned beyond expectation by appreciate judging from the strength of their opponent point of view.

Isaacs demonstrated maturity in his game. He reminded them that the writer of the golden old days when football was played with five strikers (2-3-5 system). He had virtually four strikers in Wilko Risser, Tangeri Shipupa, Rudolph Bester and Hendrie Botes running the Malawian defence. This was a real attacking football all Namibians have been yearning for the defensive system his predecessor was applying.

However, Isaacs registered his disappointment about the result but the “performance was excellent”.

“Not only did Tobias love the sport of boxing, appreciated it what he did to save the boxers from the perils of life only by means streets, the sport of boxing in Namibia, by instilling pride, discipline, self-respect and confidence,” said Isaacs after the match. Tobias was an excellent fighter in his prime time.

He later joined another camp of the late African Toweel who was a coach-cum-manager in Johannesburg from 1993-1994, president of the Namibian Boxing Association and Golden Glove Promoters for professional boxers, where he (Tobias) engaged in seven fights of which he won six and lost once in the lightweight category.

1994 Tobias joined the stable of Raymond Slack where he fought five successful fights and became the number one lightweight fighter in the South African Federation. Tobias was a threat and could not get any opponents in the entire SACO confederation.

Tobias was requested to change his citizenship to become a South African to make his career. He was patriotic to his motherland and vowed to remain Namibian. He was adamant not to change his citizenship for anything. In 1999 he offered a fight in junior lightweight International Boxing Organisation (IBO) elimina- tion organized by Knockout Promotion which he won comfortably.

Tobias demonstrated his excellence in the ring with an impressive amateur boxing record of 108 fights, 84 wins, 12 losses with 142 knockouts.

Tobias boasts of 19 professional fights, 13 wins, four losses, one technical draw, one no contest and 12 knockouts.

Tobias returned to Namibia and started working with Harry Sibemba but accidentally hurt his eye and the left shoulder. That injury forced Tobias to retire as a boxer but he became a trainer - to plough back the experience that he gained in boxing to his fellow countrymen.

He has been the very benchmark by which all professional athletes are now measured not only in Namibia but also in the Southern African Development Community (SADCC). He is the epitome of what is good in sports. Tobias is a real Chef-Manager that is affected by the times in which they live but there are very few that actually shape them. Tobias is a legend in his own time. He has shattered many records, seemingly with ease.

Boxing Academy

In 2002 he established a boxing academy in the heart of Katutura where he engaged Namibian箱men from all over the country. Tobias’ growing influence soon attracted the attention of the Namibian government and nation start taking notice of him. Tobias earned the love and admiration of the athletes he came in contact with, taking particular pride in personally knowing the boxers by name and background.

They knew he would protect them with his ethics, through understanding of the rules of the sport and his tactical knowledge.

The Hitman versus Shimada fight shattered all previous viewing records in Namibia. Recordings over 6 000 people in a harmonous tent, while screened live to Namibia. Households in addition to a massive global audience. The fight became the most watched one-day event in sports history.

In April 2010, Tobias went to Miami, Florida in the USA to meet Don King Promotions. To organize the Hitman’s second title defence.

Tobias and King through Don King Promotions inked a fight be- tween the Hitman and Don’s challenger from Argentina whom the Hitman defeated by TKO in the fourth round scheduled for 10.

Tobias made a commitment to provide quality fight cards as he staged a fight in Walvis Bay, South Africa which was entitled “On Top of the World’, WBO Africa Boxing ‘Bonanza’” (featuring four world championship bouts on one night).

The public response and enthusiasm of the fans flocked to the Municipality Hall. Not just once but many times, Tobias has promoted fight cards with three world title fights.

*Best Coach of the Year*

Among his proudest moments was when he was named the country’s best coach for his efforts.

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