Miguel "Shaya" Nashilongo (trainer), the champions: Martin Haikali, Vikapita ‘Beast Master’ Meroro, The Hitman, Tyson Uushona and Nester 'Sunshine' Tobias are all ready to rumble (photos by Kayele M. Kambombo)

**Warriors, Zebras in friendly spar**

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK – The national soccer team the Brave Warriors will play Botswana at Muana on March 16, as part of the two countries 2012 Or- ange Confederation of African Foot- ball (CAF) Africa Nations Cup quali- fiers.

The Warriors will use Botswana to gauge their readiness for Burkina Faso spar in Ouagadougou sched- uled for March 26 of their Group F fixture. This will be a must win away encounter.

It is going to be a tough hurdle to jump as the Zebras of Botswana has become a force to be reckoned with.

The Zebras have been an unwa- vering team that plays with cohesion as the players come a long way to- gether.

Many a times they have proved to be hard nuts to crack in their own backyard. The Warriors will be ready to face their opponents for friendly games and once we got the invite by Botswana and given their strength in African football these days, we gladly accepted the invita- tion”, said NFA Secretary General Barry Bakokoro.

“We have so far played one friendly match against Malawi this year and friendly games can help Coach Brian Isaacs to work out his systems and combinations before the big match against Burkina Faso”. Bakoko added.

The technical team will be dealt a blow though as none of the foreign-based players will be released by the clubs since the date of the match does not fall on an official FIFA International match day.

Nevertheless, Isaacs has in- stilled attacking mentality in his players and will most definitely rise to the occasion, provided that they forwards will unleash feroc- ious shots to convert goals.

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The league administrators have thus called upon all interested persons in the Khomas Region.

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**Tune-up fights of grandiose on cards**

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An interesting night of boxing circles for Namibia. This fight will serve as the World Boxing Council (WBC) lightweight title eliminator. Moses was re- cently rated number five on the WBC rankings.

The former WBA world lightweight champion Paulus “The Hitman” Moses taking on Miguel Dario Lombardo another pugilist from Argentina. Moses fought and defeated Ivan Prom tournament from Argentina in the fourth round last November in Windhoek at his comeback fight.

Moses/Priotti fight was staged about six months later after Moses relinquished his title to Miguel according to manager-cum-trainer Gottlieb Ndokosho.

Moses has a telling record of 27 fights 26 wins with only one loss as compared to Lombardo who pride himself on a boxing record of 25 fights 15 wins and nine loses with a draw.

The Moses/Lombardo’s non- title international lightweight fight will over 12 rounds on the eve of Namibia’s 21st Independence Day will be a stepping stone for better things in boxing circles for Moses. This fight will serve as the World Boxing Council (WBC) lightweight title eliminator. Moses was re- cently rated number five on the WBC rankings.

**Tobias to donate 10% to Bertolini**

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK – Phalanephilip Nestor “Sunshine” Tobias, re- nowned Namibian boxing promoter manager and trainer vowed to donate 10% of the proceeds of the fight from the Independence Boxing Bonanza on March 19 to the nine-year-old Alginho Bertolini.

Bertolini was diagnosed with an atypical liver illness that re- quires his parents to fork out N$1.2 million for a liver transplant in Ger- many or N$780 000 in South Af- rica.

Tobias said that it is his boxing academy’s social responsibility thus he calls on Namibians from all walks of life to come in big numbers at the Independence Boxing Bonanza so that “we can en- able Bertolini to live a life that he always dreamt about”, says Tobias.

**Namibia’s pugilist in search of top titles**

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK – The sky is the limit for Namibia’s boxer as they are on their way to reach the zenith in the bloodiest sport called boxing.

Nestor Tobias has told Namibia Today Sport upon request that at least no less than five promising Namibian boxers will become world champions this year. "This is not an easy task. It needs hard work, courage and determination to come on top”, cautious Tobias.

According to Tobias, the two times champion Bethuel "Tyson" Usushona vies for the Commonwealth title in the United Kingdom. The fight is set for March 26.

The WBO Africa light heavyweight champion Vikapita “Beast Master” Meroro will also contest for the WBC Intercontinental in his category against a certain Isack Chilwena, a Malawian-born based in Johannesburg. This fight is also penciled for March 26 in Johannesburg.

Later this year, Abner “Anaconda” Shadja is to challenge the current Commonwealth champion Chris Edwards of the United Kingdom. According to Tobias, the D-day is still to be announced.

Paulus “The Hitman” Moses will fight for the World Boxing Council (WBC) lightweight title eliminator. Moses was recently rated number five on the WBC rankings.

Wilferforce "Force" Shihepo is the next in line for title bout as Tobias is 24/7 busy on a round table negotiation to find a good title fight for 12 rounds.