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Blue Waters top NPL log

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WINDHOEK - After being relegated to the lower division last season, Blue Waters came back with aplomb, annihilating Oshakati City in their first MTC Premiership 2009/10 encounter held at Uukwangula Stadium, in Embandu.

Blue Waters were leading three goals to nothing in the first stanza and finished off Oshakati City with a comprehensive but upsetting 4-0 margin in the second canto.

Blue Waters tripled their lead through Harold Gariseb, Tommy Emvula and David Joseph in the first half, with the latter sealing the hosts' coffin to top the goal scorer

list with two goals.

It was the cruelest of finishes for Oshakati City as they are known to be tough to beat on their home turf.

The visitors looked set to claim all three points and go top of the log. This was an exciting win as it shows that the coastal-based team and the second oldest in Namibia

give chills in the spines of other coaches.

Lucky Shipanga, Blue Waters coach vowed that his rejuvenated team will never be relegated again. He surprised friends and foes alike to record the highest score at the beginning of the elite league but send a message of warning to other teams that his lads are back to do

business unusual.

This is a complete circular turn, to say the least, football revolution at its best.

The Walvis Bay-based Blue Waters, also known as the Beautiful Birds is now leading the MTC Premiership log followed by Black Africa in the second spot after pulled off three goals to nil against

Civics. African Stars occupy the third position followed by six teams (Rambler, Hotspurs, Tigers, Orlando Pirates, Eleven Arrows and SKW) all in the fourth slot who had to share their spoils with a point each.

Civics, United Stars and City occupy the last three positions on the log standing.

Tigers incentive for players and supporters

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WINDHOEK- The oldest football team in Namibia, Tigers Football Club has started a first of its kind moral boosting initiative for its players and supporters.



Tigers' Supporter of the Match will win N\$150, a ball, Tigers replica T-shirt and will automatically be entered into the First National Bank 2010 World Cup ticket draw.

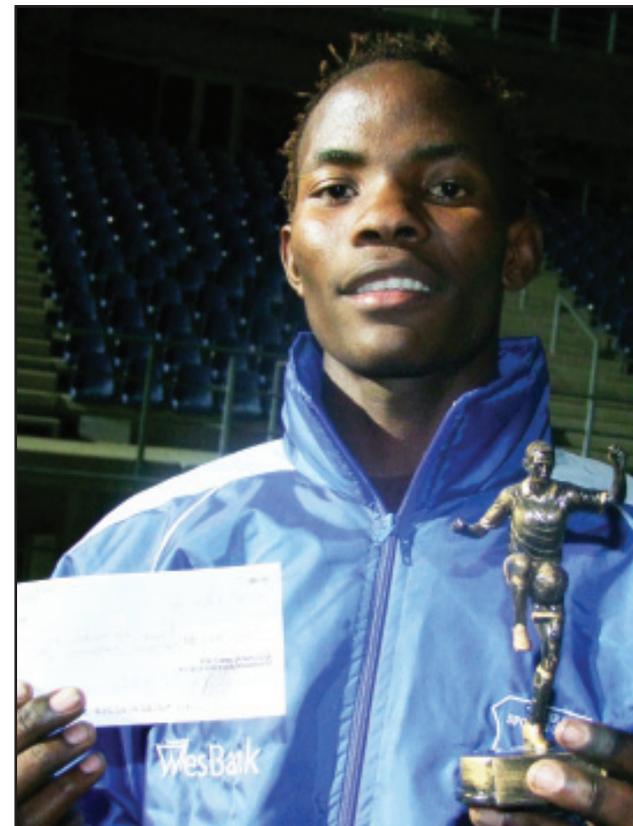
Tigers also known as Ingweinyama by its zealous supporters embarked upon the state of the art inventiveness to lure its sup-

porters to pack the stadium whenever the team plays.

This was revealed by Johannes Cooks Kunamwene and Jeff

Mbako, member of Tigers Management Committee who spearheaded the scheme

Tigers' supporters and players



alike are in for good rewards. Supporters who attend Tigers' matches will be spotted amongst the crowd through the lens of sport journalists and be awarded a lucrative prize by the team management.

One of the many criteria is for supporters to don the new Tigers' supporters' club replica T-shirt but

should be in action chanting for the team.

With regard to players, a man of the match will be identified in every match that Tigers are involved. The first player who has benefited from this initiative was Tigers' new signing Steven Sabata. He walked away with N\$150, Man

of the Match trophy, a ball and Tigers replica T-shirt.

Fox Nambundunga, Tigers' goal minder was the second man of the Match. He got the same price like Sabata.

Ndemu Hipondoka and George Jambeinge were the first and second Tigers Supporter of the Match respectively. Their price comprises of N\$150, a ball, Tigers replica T-shirt and will automatically be entered into the First National Bank 2010 World Cup ticket draw.

You only win if you are at the stadium whenever Tigers Play. Who knows you might be a lucky winner of the ticket to the World Cup for just being at the stadium watching your favourite team. This is indeed a magnificent initiative.

ROUND 2: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

African Stars vs. Black Africa
20h00 Windhoek Sam Nujoma Stadium

ROUND 2: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

Blue Waters vs. Oshikandela Rambler
16h00 Walvis Bay Atlantis Stadium

Hotspurs vs. United Stars
16h00 Windhoek Sam Nujoma Stadium

Cymot SKW vs. FNB Oshakati City
17h00 Windhoek SKW Stadium

Orlando Pirates vs. Eleven Arrows
20H00 Windhoek Sam Nujoma Stadium

Nuumbembe wins WBO title

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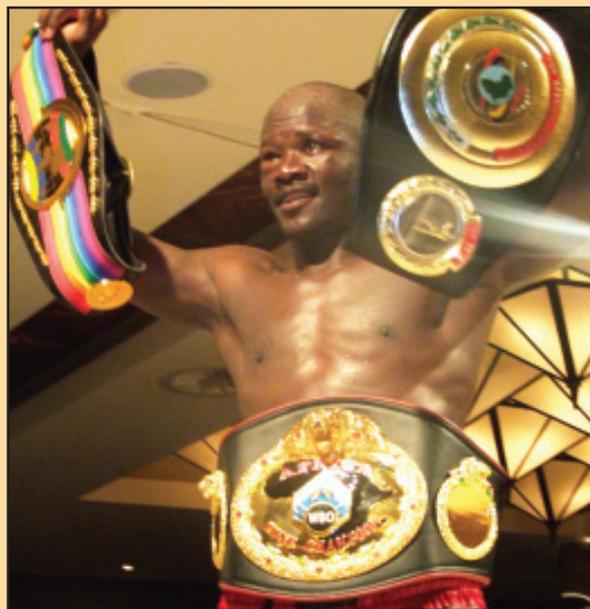
WINDHOEK - The Namibian Army Captain Ali Nuumbembe claimed the vacant WBO African title with a unanimous point victory over Samuel Malinga from South Africa after 12 of the most thrilling and grueling rounds at the Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino last Saturday.

Nuumbembe, the WBO African champion had a very tough route to traverse as he fought an experienced challenger but succeeded to walkover him, though.

The first round was very tense as both boxers were extremely cautious. The second round picked up the tempo after pep talks with their trainers. The third round was not as good for Nuumbembe as he allowed Malinga, also known as "Junior", to take over the pursuing position.

At the break, Nuumbembe's trainer Nestor "Sunshine" Tobias seemed to have given his boxer some vigor as he (Nuumbembe) was advancing like a merciless Spanish bull.

The real action came thick and fast in favour of Nuumbembe from



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the fourth to the ninth as the home crowd chanted: "Ali Ali Ali Ali."

From round 10 through to 12 both men were looking for a big knockout shots rather than using their boxing skills. However, credit should go to both pugilists who showed granite chins throughout to the last round.

In the final analysis

Nuumbembe won on unanimous decision as the judges' scorecards read 118-113, 115-114 and 118-100) to declare the Namibia Army Captain the winner of the WBO African title.

I wouldn't rule out a rerun of this encounter in the future, if the politics allow it but one thing is for sure, both these men still have

a huge say in what will happen in the WBO division for a few years yet.

The Rock is National Bantamweight champ

There was a quick night's work for Paulus 'The Rock' Ambunda who unleashed his armoury on Tommy Nakashimba but had no answer for the fast and furious undefeated Bantamweight who was crowned the National Bantamweight champion after he crashed out his opponent with a TKO in the 33rd seconds of the second round scheduled for 10 rounds. Referee Herman !Garus-Oab stepped in to save Nakashimba taking further punishment.

No-decision fight

In what transpired to be a non decision fight for what supposed to be Junior National lightweight title was stopped by the ring doctor in round four after Abraham "Energy" Ndaendapo was head-budded on top of his left eye by his opponent Gottlieb "The Bite" Ndokosho. Ndaendapo was bleeding profusely. They will have to return to the ring to sort out matter in the near future.

Shikukutu: Second round, 19th second KO

The young but no-nonsense Izinyoka came into being through the Nestor "Sunshine" Tobias Boxing and Fitness Academy to brake the chain of amateurism into professional boxing.

To date he had earned a reputation for being the most consistent platform for young fighters to become local attractions and gain not only national but international exposure.

This hard-knocking son of the soil, Izinyoka, does not waste time in the ring for his philosophy is to do business unusual.

Boxing gurus believe that the longer a boxer takes time in the ring the more trouble he is likely to cause for himself, thus he finishes his opponents before no time.

Izinyoka downed Lawrence Moyo from Zimbabwe twice in the first round before finishing him off in the 19th seconds of the fourth round. He has improved his record to 11-11 with eight knockouts while denting Moyo's to 14-10-5. What a remarkable feat indeed.

Beast Master KO expert **Vikapita "The Beast Master" Meroro** was also in comforting form and was well ahead in the first before he threw a thunderous right into **Tiyeni Mharidzo** rib cage before unleashing a right hook leaving him gasping for air on the canvas. It came as no sur-

prise that Mharidzo remained comatose until he was carried out of the ring by medical personnel. The devastating KO came in the first minute 54 seconds (1:54) of the second round. The Beast Master indicated to the referee, judges and boxing fanatics that no mass, enough was enough and the result gets **Meroro** back to winning ways. His record improved to 18-17-1.

Undercard results

The Lightweight Swinger four rounds rematch between Pohamba Mandume and Julius Indongo ended in favour of the latter that outmanoeuvred his challenger and downed him in the second round but was quick to recover. Indongo won on point decision. The scorecards read: 36-40, 36-39 and 36-40.

In a four rounds Lightweight category, Albinu Felesianu won on unanimous point decision where two judges scored about 39-37 and another 39-37. The most impressive sight was when the referee stopped the fight when the bell for the final round rang; both boxers raised their fists high as a sign of victory and in anticipation that all assumed they have won. That was a sign of fortitude and courage. Namibia's boxers never cease to impress. It seem though courage is born in Namibia, the Land of the Braves.