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Black Mamba's fight confirmed

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK—Nestor "Sunshine" Tobias, renowned Namibian boxing promoter, manager-cum-trainer is on top of matters again, as usual, to get the ball rolling in creating opportunities for his boxers to become champions.

Tobias informed *Namibia Today Sport* yesterday that the fight between Namibia's Wilberforce "Black Mamba" Shihepo and David Kitoko from Uganda have been changed from a non-title fight to the WBO super middleweight interim on March 19, this year at the Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino.

This fight will be one of the undercards preceding the main bout between former WBA lightweight champion Paulus "The Hitman" Moses and Miguel Dario Lombardo from Argentina.

The main bout will be a stepping stone for The Hitman's world title eliminator for the WBC. Don King Promotion will make sure for the WBC eliminator fight to place in the



Nestor "Sunshine" Tobias and Wilberforce "Black Mamba" Shihepo USA.

The venue of this fight is still to be determined, said Tobias, adding that the fight will most prob-

ably take place in June or July this year, provided that The Hitman wins all his upcoming fights, he will go for the WBC

title fight.

Tobias has reiterated his promise to donate 10% of the proceeds from the Independence Boxing Bonanza on March 19 to the nine year old Algino Bertolini.

Bertolini was diagnosed with an atypical liver illness that requires his parents to fork out N\$1.2 million for a liver transplant in Germany or N\$700 000 in South Africa.

"I saw this boy on television saying that he wants to play soccer and rugby like all other kids of his age. His words touched me so much that I thought how I could possibly be able to help him", Tobias pondered.

"I decided to donate 10 percent of the proceeds from the Independence Boxing Bonanza, through the social responsibility of my boxing academy".

The gloves of the main fight between Hitman and Lombardo will be auctioned and the proceeds will go to Bertolini. Similarly, two tables of 10 people will be ar-



Algino Bertolini

ranged at the amount of N\$10 000 to go to Bertolini. Tobias called on Namibians from all works of life to join hands to save the life of

Bertolini. He asserted that the "more spectators we get to attend the boxing bonanza on March 19 the more money will go to Bertolini".

Black Africa supporters to engulf Walvis Bay

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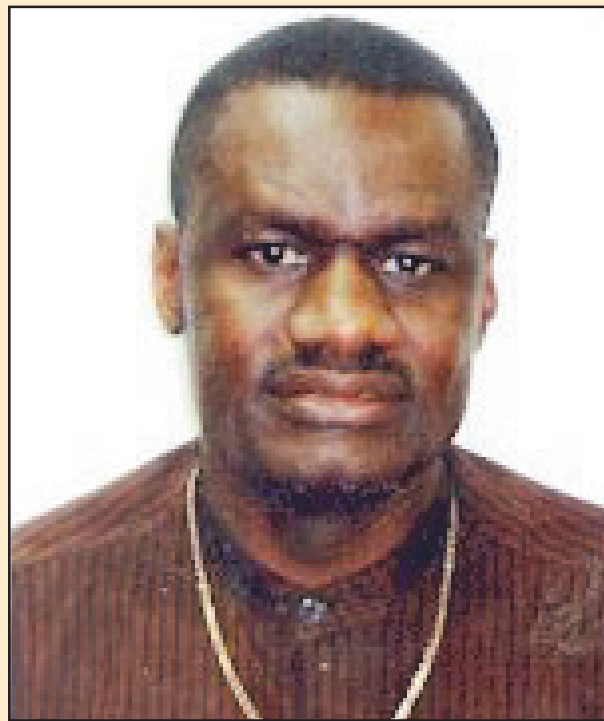
The management of Black Africa (BA) has invited all its supporters to come in their thousands from the length and breadth of the country to converge in Walvis Bay to support their team in the Namibia Premier League's away match against Eleven Arrows at the Kuisebmond Stadium.

The must win encounter for the "Lively Lions" as BA is also known to its aficionado and sympathizers. The duel is penciled for tomorrow at 15h00.

The Chairman of BA, Boni Paulino appealed that supporters dress up in their traditional red and black attire and sit together as an organized group.

"This will not be an easy away game for us. Everybody knows we are the log leaders and everybody want to see us giving up the position as log leaders.

We are aware of these negative wishes and we are working on the mental preparedness and strength of our players to stay focused on their game plan and ultimate objective", said Paulino.



Chairman of BA, Boni Paulino

"Leading the MTC Premier League exerts automatic pressure on our players and the Technical Team, but we will stick to the basics of the game for our players to

execute the instructions of the Technical Team on the field of play."

Paulino also called on Black Africa Supporters' Club in the

Erongo Region to mobilize the support-base of BA and supporters from Windhoek and elsewhere to make the effort to travel to Walvis Bay to render support for BA to win the psychological war ahead of the clash on Saturday afternoon.

"Arrows will play at home and they enjoy home advantage playing in front of their home crowd. They enjoy a competitive advantage, but we will approach them like we approach any other club. So, we will just play our normal game as instructed by the Technical Team," Paulino quipped.

Meanwhile, long-time midfielder Eliphias Heita is nominated as the Namibia Sport Player of the Month. "We are calling upon all our supporters to send SMS: PLAYER 1 to 99909 to canvass huge SMS support for Eliphias.

Eliphias, cognomen Safile will marshal the Lively Lions as our most experienced and most disciplined player. He deserves the nomination and with more SMS send, Eliphias could easily win the Namibia Sport Player of the Month award", Paulino elucidates.

istration, clubs and athletes should contact Naimhwaka at 0812881846 or Lucky Gawanab at 0812527433.

Two hours track & field meet

Staff Reporter

The Golden Cheetah Athletics Club (GCAC) will host its first competition for 2011 slated for the Independence Stadium on March 11.

The competition will be organized as part of the club's responsibility to contribute to the region's activities and provide a platform for the regions athletes to have a competition of top class. The meet will commence at 17h00.

All clubs are encouraged to take part.

As part of its agenda to promote healthy and disciplined lifestyles in the community, the club has organized an exhibition race in 100 meters, where local musicians will

compete against each other. The winner of the exhibition race will have the bragging right as "King of Kwaito, Kwiku, Afro-Pop" etc, until the next race.

So far, the confirmed musicians that will be in action are: Mushe, Exit, Satlam, Carlos Lokos and Swart Baster. There are still three lanes open for the musicians that are interested.

"We invite music lovers in Windhoek to come and witness athletics 'clowning' the "King of Kwaito, Kwiku, Afro-Pop", said Ervin Naimhwaka, Secretary of GCAC, adding that refreshments will be on sale.

Registration will end at 18h00 on Wednesday March 8, 2011. The registration fee is a non-refundable N\$10.00 per athlete per event. For

unattached Athletes registration is non-refundable N\$30.00 per athlete per event. Junior athletes are also welcome to participate.

All those intending to participate should submit their entries together with the registration fees to Erwin Naimhwaka or Lucky Gawanab, at the Independence Stadium, Monday to Friday between 16h00 and 18h00, on or before March 8, 2011.

The events will with 100m heats for men and women followed by finals in 1500 for both gender. All other track and field events range from 400m to 5000m for men and women.

The best female and male performers of the evening will receive N\$500.00 each.

For further enquiries and reg-

KFR host grassroots football

Staff Reporter

The youth committee of the Khomas Football Region (KFR) hosted a successful grassroots football festival for over 170 youngsters between the ages of seven and 12 at the Sam Nujoma Stadium.

The grassroots festival was organized to gauge the interest in junior football. It was coordinated by Gareth Fortune Eichab, of the Khomas Youth Committee.

The grassroots festival was supported by the Youth Football Development project of the Namibia Football Association (NFA), which is chaired by Isack Hamata and coordinated by Jakes Amaning.

"You can see the interest that the youngsters have in engaging in football in Katutura, which is a good sign. It however so disappointing that not a lot of parents came to see these youngsters going through their paces" said NFA Youth Committee Chairperson, Hamata.

"With only two grassroots coaches having availed their time for this festival, it makes one wonder whether the people who have

been trained in grassroots football have any interest in what they are supposed to do or whether they are just there to benefit from t-shirts, tracksuits and certificates given by NFA and FIFA during these courses" bemoaned Amaning.

"For us as administrators and trained grassroots coaches, it is important to provide a platform to groom future Brave Warriors (players) starting with these young ones at a very early age.

This will ensure that a solid foundation is laid for Namibian football. We can all learn from women football which has a dedicated team, that aims to ensure that the game is introduced at an early age," said Eichab.

The NFA and the Khomas Football Region's youth committee are planning to have at least two more grassroots events in Katutura, Khomasdal and one in Okahandja.

Caf releases Nations Cup dates

The 2012 Africa Cup of Nations to be co-hosted by Gabon and Equatorial Guinea will be played between 21 January and 12 February.

The opening match will be played in Bata in Equatorial Guinea while the final will take place in Libreville.

The tournament will begin over a week later than 2010 edition in Angola which may dismay many European clubs.

Many European sides are unhappy about losing some of their best players for up to three weeks.

With several leagues taking a winter break, an earlier start to the

tournament would mean many Europe-based players can compete at the finals without missing domestic matches.

Fifa laws state that clubs must

release their players for the Nations Cup up for 14 days before their opening match. Caf is yet to fix a date and venue for the draw for the 2012 Nations Cup.

