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Hitman KOs Lombardo in round one

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK – Within only a 2 minute 49 seconds of the first round, Paulus “The Hitman” Moses gave his challenger, Miguel Dario Lombardo from Argentina a knock-out through perfect punch in his belly.

Lombardo was left gasping for fresh air, on his knees, looking ill fated. The Hitman has well-timed Lombardo with a left hook just to the incredulity of his fans who wished to see more of the most favoured target man, hence cognomen THE HITMAN.

It was a must win for the Hitman, as the don King Promotions has promised the former WBA light-weight champion that, should he win the non-title fight against Lombardo he will be in line for the WBC world title eliminator fight to be staged in the United State of America this coming winter.

The Hitman did it with aplomb, he won, and Lombardo was left on his knees clutching his head with both hands, mesmerized and flabbergasted as to how it all happened. He was puzzled as to what actually hit him. That was too late for tears. Namibians joined The Hitman and Tobias in celebration of the needed victory.

The Hitman is back to the gym to ready himself for the WBC title eliminator with yet to named opponent.

UNDERCARDS: The fast, livid and hard punching Namibian pugil-

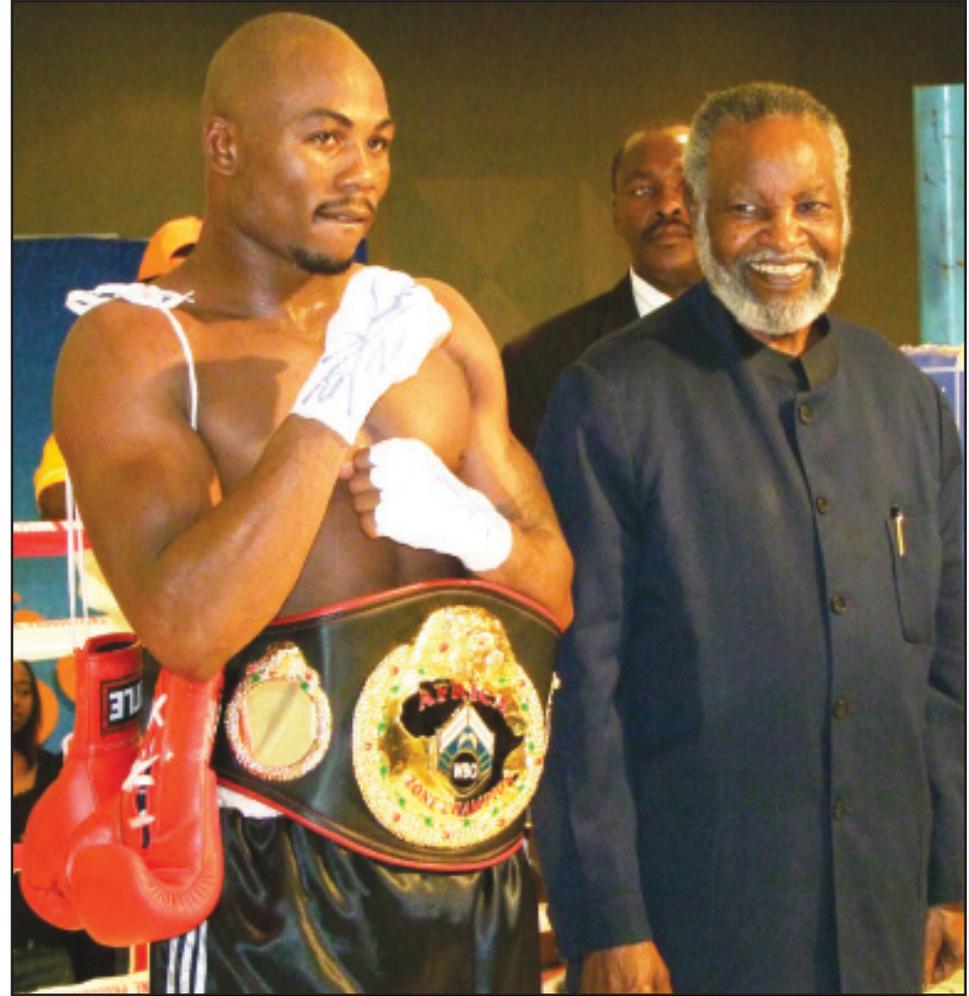


Left: Imms Moses jubilantly raised his brother The Hitman Moses after he knocked out Miguel Lombardo in the first round.

ist Wilberforce “Force” Shihepo (21f 16w 5L) hammered and dented the Zambian national Donald Kampamba record to 11f 8w 3L to be crowned the new

WBO Africa Interim super middleweight champion over 12 rounds. Black Mamba won by TKO in the ninth round.

The former African light-



The Founding Father Dr Sam Nujoma (right) crowned the new WBO Africa Interim supermiddleweight champion after he TKO Zambian national Donald Kampamba in the 9th round (Photos by Levi Upula).

weight champion Jatoorora “The Sting” Tjingaveta defeated his compatriot Gottlieb Ndokosho over six rounds.

Immanuel “The Prince”

Naindjala won the fight against Zimbabwean Ronald Tawani; Anthony Jaarman emerged the winner after annihilating debutant Phillemon Kanime. Manfred

Haimbanga defeated Costa Nilo Frans (Namibians); Julius Indongo was crowned national lightweight champion after defeating Samuel Kapapu over 10 rounds.

Humphries passes on

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WINDHOEK – Laurentius Humphries who was on duty as usual to be in command of security and order collapsed at the Sam Nujoma Stadium and was pronounced dead at the local hospital.

After Humphries collapsed medic Donata Nguunovandu and her team did the best they could to resuscitate him until the ambulance arrived 20 minutes later. He was rushed to hospital where he later died.

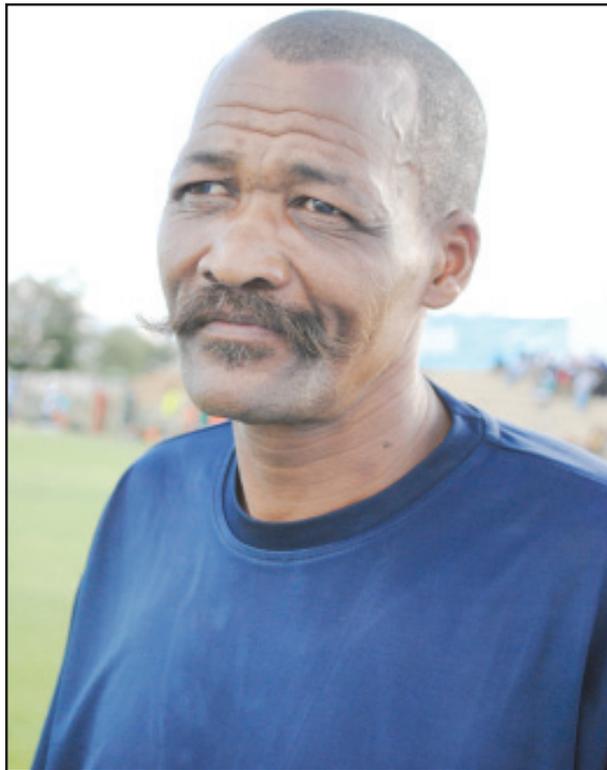
It is believed that Humphries has earlier on the day complained of chest pains. The cause of death was identified as asthma-induced cardiac arrest.

Namibia Today Sport is sad to report the passing of Humphries, 51, a former owner and Managing Director of Humphries Security Company and member of the football family. We offer our condolences to the Humphries family.

Humphries was indeed an indefatigable person who loved and passionately executed his duties with dedication. He was a shining example of a work ethic.

He cared very much for the safety of officials, players, referees, fans and football lovers who avidly come to officiate, play or handle matches and spectators of all walks of life.

The football fraternity has lost a dedicated man who was a disciplinarian who showed no favour or sympathy to football hooligans at the stadiums. It is because of him and his men in khaki uniforms that hoo-



Late Laurentius Humphries

liganism at all football stadiums decreased.

Apart from football, his security company also provided security to sport events such as rugby and hockey. Humphries once told this writer that “as far as I am alive, no hooliganism will be practiced in any stadium where my men and I will be present”.

The message of condolence sent to media from Namibia Football Association stated: “The Namibia Football Association

President, Executive Committee members, staff, members and the entire football family in Namibia express our heartfelt shock and dismay about the death of Humphries on March 19, 2011.

“His vision and passion for the ultimate and reliable security at football venues is unrivalled and he will be missed dearly by all. We wish his family, relatives, friends and the entire football family God’s strength during mourning period. May his soul

rest in peace”.

Following are some of the SMS messages of condolences to this newspaper. We feel prudent to publish some of them:

“We will forever remember his good work to maintain tranquility and order at the stadiums. May his soul rest in eternal peace”.

“Ai tog, he was a man of dignity who wanted to see peace at the soccer fields. I feel so sorry for his family”

“Oh my world, we will all be missing him dearly. God forbid it will be difficult to replace this gentleman”.

“Without Mr Humphries, serenity at the football stadiums will never be the same again. Rest in peace”.

“My family and I are devoted to football and we hardly miss any match played in Windhoek. Humphries and his security force gave us that conviction that peace

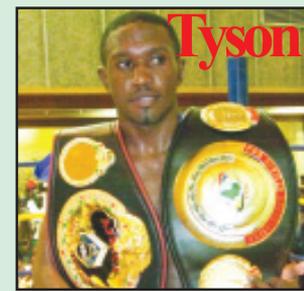
will always prevail at the stadiums with their presence”.

The memorial service for the late Humphries will be held on Thursday, March 31 at the St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church in Soweto at 19h00 while the funeral service will take place on Saturday, April 2 at 07h00 from the house at Barug Street No. 3462 in Luxury Hill (near Pamodzi) then to the same church before proceeding to Pioneers Park cemetery.

Uushona in UK for Commonwealth title

Denton Vassell will make the first defence of his Commonwealth welterweight crown against Namibia’s Bethuel “Tyson” Uushona at Bolton Arena tomorrow night after Hatton Promotions submitted the winning purse bid. Stephen Foster Jr’s European super-featherweight title defence against Ermanno Fegatelli tops the bill.

The 16-fight unbeaten Vassell impressed when winning the vacant Commonwealth champion-



ship with an entertaining points victory over Lee Purdy back in April last year but was restricted to only one subsequent outing in

2010 – an easy three round pummeling of Brazil’s Jack Welson last month.

Despite his menacing nickname -Tyson - mandatory challenger Uushona has only chalked up eight stoppages in his 23 wins but like Vassell is also undefeated. The Namibian’s best wins have come over the distance against the former Glossop-based Ali Nuumbembe and Philip Kotey of Ghana, who was recently annihilated in two rounds by Sheffield’s Kell Brook.

Merero ready for WBC title

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The Namibian pugilist and current WBO Africa light heavyweight champion Vikapita “Beast Master” Merero is presently in Johannesburg under the guidance of his trainer and promoter Nestor Tobias to take on Malawian-born Isaac Chilemba for the vacant WBC International title fight over 12 rounds. The fight will be staged at the Emperors Palace in the metropolitan City of Gold, Johannesburg. The fight will be telecast live on SuperSport 5 DStv tomorrow at 20h00.



After this enthralling one of the two boxers will leave the ring as the new WBC International champion. Merero did not have a holiday during the December festive season but made sure

that he is super fit for this fight. Likewise, Chilemba had gone through a tough sparring session at his gym.

Merero sports a record of 21 fights 20 wins and a defeat nine knockouts while Chilemba relies on his 18 fights, 16 wins, one loss and a draw eight knockouts under his belt.

Tobias is spitting fire and confidence that his stable pugilist will bring the new belt to the Land of the Braves. If that becomes a reality, Namibians of walks of life should meet the new WBC champion at the tarmac of Tjikururume Hosea Kutako International Airport on Sunday, where a media conference will be held, pronto! Merero, son of the soil, make Namibia proud. We all have trust in you.