Who’ll succeed Oliphant as SAFA boss?

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WINDOEKO – All eyes and ears are on the South African Football Association (SAFA) for the much-awaited presidential elections. The World Cup 2010 hosting country and the SAFA in particular are about to make history in football tomorrow when a man to replace Molefi Oliphant as president of that FA will be elected.

After Oliphant has bowed out of the SAFA presidency three of South Africa’s giants in football have jumped in the wagons to race for the most coveted seat, that is, the SAFA presidency.

Irvin Khoza, Danny Jordaan and Kirsten Nemiatundani are about to make history in that country and the SAFA in particular as SAFA president three of them will be elected.

Kirsten Nematandani, the acting President of that FA will be elected. The outside world is keenly following the proceedings and comments later even if there will be alterations after the elections results as the people have spoken. May the best candidate win!

Power of boxing synergy

WINDOEKO - The amateur boxing development tournament held at A Shipena Secondary School in Katutura last Friday was a phenomenal success.

Amateur boxers during the ‘Olympic Style Boxing’ held at A Shipena Secondary School produced stunning fights. Some ended in knockouts others lost on points.

Boxing skills developments are the basis of the success of any country. Namibia Boxing Federation (NBF) can be seen as the mother of all boxing development.

NFA to bring pre-world cup friendlies here

WINDOEKO - The Namibia Football Association (NFA) has finally sealed an agreement with worldwide broadcasting giants SportFive in the build-up for the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

According to NFA Secretary-General Barry Ruoko, the agreement that runs up to June 11, 2010 will see SportFive facilitating Pre-World Cup friendly matches in Namibia.

“it will be a great chance for Namibia to host World Cup teams to tend the Confederation of African Football (CAF) the organization that runs the tournament, the day and the continent,” he said.

Barry Ruoko, NFA CEO either playing against Namibia or amongst themselves, but significantly this agreement will make Namibia a part of the world’s elite.”

WINDOEKO - The owner of Dolph No Limit Promotion gears up for real business in professional boxing.

Dolph Shilunga intends to bring the best boxers in Namibia to the world stage. The Namibian boxer has signed an agreement with the World Boxing Foundation (WBF) Flyweight title - to the Land of the Brave, Namibia is known to have produced world champions the way Angola produces soccer stars.

This will be the second world title for Paulus ‘Hitman’ Moses, the current WBA Lightweight title was first brought to this land during his first title defense against the Japanese Takehiro Shimada on July 28 this year.

Joseph Hilongowa, also known as ‘Smooky Joe’ is the current national flyweight champion. He will battle it for the vacant WBF title against Herman Marquez who hails from Mexico.

On paper Marquez appears to be more experienced boxer who boasts of 25 fights, 21 wins, two losses and a draw. Hilongowa’s record stands at 8 fights 8 wins.

The Namibian fighter is no paper tiger. He can punch hard and can equalize tough punchers but can maneuver his way out as usual.

The fight is projected to take place at the Sport Klub Windhoek (SKW) Hall at Olympia, slated for tomorrow, the rest will have to accept the outcome. The outside world is keenly following the proceedings and comments later even if there will be alterations after the elections results as the people have spoken. May the best candidate win!

NAMIBIA U/17 MEET SOUTH AFRICA

The Namibian under-17 squad recently played in the Namibia U/17 Meet South Africa Under-17 championships qualifiers last year and, first time for Namibia, they have promised to go out with a bang, sending warning to the South Africans.

‘It will be massive for these boys. They played so well in the African Under-17 championships qualifiers last year and, first time for Namibia, and now they will bid farewell in style’

Dolph Shilunga, Boxing Promoter

November 8 this year.

According to Shilunga, this fight will be made possible if the last cent of the needed NS 500 000 accumulated to make the international boxing event a reality.

The money will be needed to pay for the organization of the fight and particularly to remunerate the international judges and referees, Marquez’s camp, their accommodation, transport and the means of subsistence.

The promoter, Shilunga appeals to prospective business community to come on board to rescue the impending event.