

Namibia Today Sport

Who'll succeed Oliphant as SAFA boss?

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK – 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,



Danny Jordaan, next SAFA Boss?

Irvin Khoza, Danny Jordaan and Kirsten Nematandani.

The 61 year old Khosa is the 2010 World Cup Organising Committee chairman while Jordaan (58) is the organisation's Chief Executive Officer, with Nematandani (51) as the referees' chairman.

The people, that is eligible voters will speak loud and clear comes 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!



Irvin Khoza, next SAFA Boss?



Molefi Oliphant, SAFA's outgoing President.

Power of boxing synergy

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK – The amateur boxing development tournament held at A Shipena Secondary School Hall 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

programme as it is the foundation for all training and boxing skills development in Namibia.

It goes without saying that NBF makes every possible effort to en-

gage Namibia's pugilists in amateur boxing traits through the boxing development programme. This programme aims to introduce boxing training skills and mould box-

ers into formidable fighters. "The grass turf at the facility requires attention and SportFive have committed to ensure that the turf is perfected in time for the matches to take place", added an elated Rukoro.

In addition, SportFive will assist in the upgrading of the Windhoek's Independence Stadium pitch, as it is earmarked as best facility for the intended purpose of the agreement.

"The grass turf at the facility requires attention and SportFive have committed to ensure that the turf is perfected in time for the matches to take place", added an elated Rukoro.

In addition SportFive will also help market Namibia as a country and the NFA's image and lure prospective international friendly matches (NFA Secretariat).



Barry Rukoro, NFA CEO

either playing against Namibia or amongst themselves, but signifi-

NFA to bring pre-world cup friendlies here

WINDHOEK - 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 Rukoro, 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

Kayele M. Kambombo

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

Dolph Shilunga intends to bring one of the highest boxing titles - the World Boxing Foundation (WBF) Flyweight title - to the Land of the Braves, as Namibia is known to its brave inhabitants.

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

Joseph Hilongwa, also known as 'Smokey 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. Hilongwa's record stands at 8 fight 8 wins.

The Namibian fighter is no paper tiger. He can punch hard and can equally take tough punches 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

Dolph gears up for real business in boxing



Dolph Shilunga, Boxing Promoter

November 8 this year.

According to Shilunga, this fight will be made possible if the last cent of the needed N\$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 referee, 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.



Joseph 'Smokey Joe' Hilongwa



ers into formidable fighters.

This initiative is not an event, it is a process. The successes towards this development process have been witnessed through changes it has brought in individual lives of many prominent boxers of this country.

Boxing from amateur level has made perceptible impacts in the development of this love-to-hate sport discipline. To speak truth to power, it is through amateur devel-

opment programme that Namibia boast of reputable boxing champions. The likes of Paulus Hitman Moses, the current WBA Lightweight champion, Ali Nuumbembe (WBO Africa Welterweight champion), Tyson Uushona (BWA Welterweight national champion), Jatoorora Tjingaveta (

The collaboration of NBF who sanctioned the amateur boxing

development bonanza with Nestor Boxing & Fitness Academy (NTBFA), the organizer of the event, made up the power of boxing synergy. The NBF was represented by its Secretary General while Nestor Tobias stood for NTBFA as its Managing Director. These two entities strive to make the lives of ordinary Namibian boxer better. This is indeed the spirit of boxing development.

MTC Premiership fixtures
ROUND 3: FRIDAY, 25 September 2008

Oshikandela Ramblers vs Cymot SKW **20h00** Windhoek **Sam Nujoma Stadium**

SATURDAY, 26 September 2009

United Stars vs. Black Africa **16h00** Grootfontein **Omulunga Stadium**

FNB Oshakati City vs. Orlando Pirates **16h00** Embandu **Uukwangula Stadium**

Blue Waters vs. Hotspurs **16h00** Swakopmund **SFC Stadium**

Civics vs. Eleven Arrows **18h00** Windhoek **Sam Nujoma Stadium**

Namibia U/17 Meet South Africa

WINDHOEK - The national under-17 side will host South Africa this week as they clash on Sunday at the Sam Nujoma Stadium in a friendly match.

The Namibia under-17 squad that have been together for about two years now will play their final match at that level as they will be transformed into the Under-20.

According to Team manager Jakes Amaning, the match will be an emotional one for the lads and 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"

The Namibians started with their camp for this encounter on Monday at Soccer House with training sessions at the Sam Nujoma Stadium. The match is free of charge and scheduled for Sunday at 16h00 at the same venue.

NFA Technical Director Klaus Staerk and youth coach William Kapukare are in charge of the team.

The team recently played in the Eduardo dos Santos Foundation (FESA) Tournament in Angola, where they managed to finish second behind the host Angola.

The same group of players will represent Namibia at the annual COSAFA under-20 Championship in South Africa in December.

The South African team will arrive today at 14h00 at the Hosea Kutako International Airport.

The Namibia camping squad: Edward Akwaake, Steven Kahiriri, Sidney Urikhob, Dene Swartz, Petrus Shitembi, Neville Tjueza, Collin Ndjai, Ikuaterua Tjozongoro, Robinson Isambo, Randall Goagoseb, Oswald Xamseb (captain), Benson Shilongo, Papi Kavezembi, Joseph Nirenge, Yoldan Martin and Stanley Newman.

Meanwhile Top Namibia Referee Alex Tiyeho leaves for Nairobi, Kenya on Saturday to attend the Confederation of African Football (CAF) English Speaking Senior Referees Course that gets underway Sunday, 27 September to October 3 (NFA Secretariat).