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Izinyoka: A world champ in the making

By Kayele M. Kambombo

Namibia's number one boxing promoter, Nestor Tobias is in the process to mould yet another champion in the name of Sacky 'Izinyoka' Shikukutu.

Now a day's tongues are wagging about Izinyoka, a no non-sense fighter with 9 fights, 9 wins, 7 knockouts with only 2 wins on points.

If dynamite really does come in small packages, then Izinyoka is a force to be reckoned with.

This young man is taking his boxing career to greater heights and Nestor Tobias is behind the success of Izinyoka.

Tobias announced at the media briefing this week that Izinyoka will rumble in Cape Town to showcase his talent tomorrow night. He will come to blows in non-title bout over six rounds against Luntun Kosana.

The fight is penciled for 18h00 (17h00 Namibian time).

Izinyoka boasts a record of 9-9 with 7 knockouts while Kosana has so far accumulated 6 wins from 8 fights and 2 losses.

Izinyoka is Namibia's hidden gem. "He got the speed and power in his arms", says Tobias proudly,



Sacky 'Izinyoka' Shikukutu

adding "I am sure ... not guessing, that he (Izinyoka) will become a world champion in two years to come.

"He is a special kid and different kettle of fish. I am going to support him 100 percent.

"I would make sure that he would have to be in the ring once a month to give him more exposure and enable him to upgrade record", quips Tobias.

Tobias revealed that many of his

boxers have undergone through the same programme.

Immanuel 'Imms' Moses (brother to the Hitman) will be coaching Izinyoka while Tobias will perform the managerial and promoter's duties and responsibilities.

Nestor 'Sunshine' Tobias Boxing and Fitness Academy will foot the bill for Izinyoka and the entire entourage during the three-day boxing escapade to Cape Town.



WBA lightweight champion Paulus 'Hitman' Moses successfully retained his title against the Japanese challenger, Takehiro Shimada

Tobias happy with Hitman's victory

By Kayele M. Kambombo

Nestor Tobias is in high spirits after the WBA lightweight champion Paulus 'Hitman' Moses successfully retained his title against the Japanese challenger, Takehiro Shimada, a fortnight ago in Windhoek, Namibia.

Tobias is Moses' trainer-cum-promoter and manager.

Asked who will be the possible challenger of the Hitman, Tobias said: "Since the mandatory challenger of the Hitman was knocked out on July 25, I would not know, at the moment, who will be next in line but we will wait and see.

"The WBA will decide on that". He (Tobias) does not want to take another voluntary defense for Moses, but rather prefers to accept the rematch against Shimada, who asked for it, on condition that the Shimada camp will promote the

fight in Japan and foot the bill.

"We will gladly go there," says Tobias, adding "this time around the Hitman will knock him out", assures Tobias.

Tobias claims to know

Shimada's fighting tactics now. "He is an awkward and dangerous fighter".

"Hitman could have knocked out Shimada but I have instructed him to take it slowly but surely

Saintfiet pays courtesy call to biokinetics

By Kayele M. Kambombo

Tom Saintfiet, Namibia's national soccer team coach, cognomen the Brave Warriors paid a courtesy call to one of the many Biokinetics in Windhoek this week.

Saintfiet was accompanied by Barry Rukoro, Namibia Football Association Chief Executive Office and Tom Isaacs, Brave Warriors team manager to acquaint them with what Biokinetics has to offer to national team players.

One of the biokineticists Michel Greeff showed the three around the

gym.

Biokinetics is a medical related profession based on the improvement of functional ability through scientifically designed, phase rehabilitation and exercise programs for chronic diseases, orthopedic and sports injuries as well as enhance individual and team perfor-

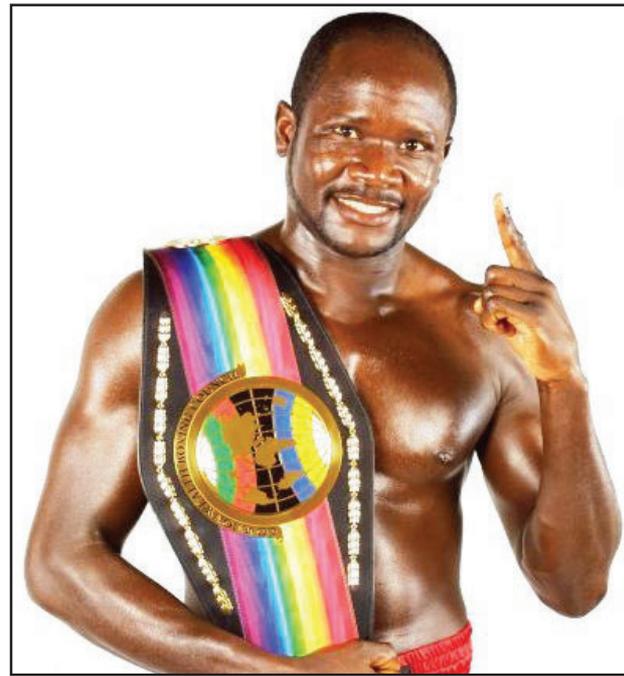
Nuumbembe to go for WBO title in September

By Kayele M. Kambombo

Ali Nuumbembe is heavily engaged in the gym to prepare for the vacant WBO African welterweight title.

Nestor Tobias has announced this week that Nuumbembe will go for the vacant WBO African welter-

weight title after a long struggle to find an opponent. He is the mandatory fighter



Ali Nuumbembe

for he (Hitman) was as fit as a fiddle.

"I instructed him to go for the entire 12 rounds and win on points for he still remains undefeated WBA champion. He did execute the job in accordance with my game plan with meticulousness", boasts Tobias.

Tobias, a co-promoter with a world renowned boxing promoter Don King, is upbeat to see his promises to pugilists in his stable amply realized.

He promised that he would see to it that the current Regular WBA champion Paulus 'Hitman' Moses is a world champion and that he will even defend it successfully.

The Hitman is currently on a short break and will be back to the gym soon, to prepare for his next fight.

Speaking at the same occasion, on behalf of Namibia Wrestling and Boxing Control Board, the Secretary General of Namibia Boxing Association (NBA) Joe

This fight is scheduled for September 12 at the Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino. Tobias told media practitioners at the hastily organized media briefing that Nuumbembe's immediate opponent will be Lucky Luwele from South Africa who trains under Nick du Randt camp.

Tobias was quick to add that most boxers in Africa are now scared of Namibian pugilists for this sport discipline has grown in leaps and bounds in this country.

In case Luwele gets petrified Tobias will find another opponent even if he has to go to Europe to find an opponent for Nuumbembe.

Asked whether it is appropriate and possible to get an opponent from Europe to fight for an African title Tobias affirmed that it is allowed. "This title can be used anywhere", says Tobias.

'Mkonto Wesizwe' Kaperu appreciated the Namibian media for doing a great job in popularizing the much-vaunted 'Rumble in the Namib Desert' fight to its logical conclusion.

"The NBA feels proud and highly recommends Namibia media for great reporting during the Hitman and Takehiro 'Samurai' Shimada's fight.

"You (media) did not only do boxing a great job but made our country and the entire nation self-righteous but also made the world boxing feel hoity-toity, with naysayer become green of envy", the bulky Kaperu concluded.

Yes, the Hitman's fans, sympathizers and patriotic Namibians from all works of life were lured to pack the venue to its rafters. More than 4 000 box fanatics came to support the champion on the historic even.

As widely expected, the Hitman retained his WBA lightweight title, with a 12 round unanimous decision against Samurai.

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The development of the athlete's ability encourages them to participate and excel in their sport.

The long development is to ensure a well-balanced athlete that can match the physical skills and demands of his/her sport and compete on international level.

The athlete will have access to professional training to ensure higher levels of physical performance. At this place all players will undergo off-season fitness test and will be re-evaluated in the pre season.

Players undergo specialized strengthening programs specific to the demands of the position on the field. Two to three supervised sessions will take place on a weekly base at the Biokinetics facility.

The delegation from the Soccer House were impressed what Biokinetics can offer. They promised a second visit to this health facility when Namibia's Technical Director Klaus Stark returns from official duties in Europe.

Saintfiet commended the initiative: "This programme will be appropriate for all our national teams and Namibia Premier League clubs will also benefit a lot.

"The programme will also be good for the Brave Warriors in long term basis but not when the team is in camp for some couple of days only".

Asked about the next engagement of the Warriors Saintfiet said the team will most probably play one of the top teams in Africa on September 6 or 10 as these are the

International friendly games sanctioned by FIFA.

"We are prepared to play one of the countries like Ghana, Ivory Coast, and Gabon, Benin or even the Democratic Republic of Congo or any team that is amongst the 2010 African Cup of Nations and 2010 World Cup qualifiers", disclosed Saintfiet.

Boshoff, Rabie, Greeff Biokineticist is the first Namibian entity to improve physical standard of sport in Namibia.

Greeff noted that through their active and constructive involvement in Namibian sport it is important to develop the ability to ensure an innovative approach towards the development of sport in the country and its athletes.



Tom Saintfiet, Brave Warriors' coach, Tom Isaacs, Brave Warriors team manager, Barry Rukoro, Namibia Football Association Chief Executive Office and Biokineticists Michel Greeff at the health facility (Photo by Kayele M. Kambombo).