**Nuumbembe to fight Malinga for vacant WBO title**

By Kayele M. Kambombo

Yet another challenger for hard hitting Paulus Ali Nuumbembe has chickened out again.

Lucky Lusele from South Africa who was supposed to take on Nuumbembe got petrified.

Lusele was substituted by his stable mate Samuel “The Hammer” Malinga who is trained by Nick du Randt.

Nestor Tobias, trainer of Nuumbembe and promoter of the “Box ‘n Dine” penciled for September 12 at the Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino told sport journalist on Wednesday that the fight is on. “The contract is signed, sealed and posted”.

Nuumbembe’s main bout against Takruwa Kachocha (11-10-1) from Zimbabwe; Abraham ‘Energy’ Nelendjo (7-6-1) will clash with his countryman Gottlieb Ndokosho (8-6-1-1) for Lightweight national title.

An interesting Lightweight rematch is on the cards between Julius ‘Blue Machine’ Indongo (1-1) and Pohamba Mandume (2-1-1) over four rounds.

Peter Malakia (11-5-6) will exchange blows against Albinus Felesainu (5-3-2) for Lightweight over six rounds; Paulus “The Rock” Ambunda (7-7) will engage Tommy Nakashimba (7-3-4) in the Bank

This time round Tobias has put together mouthwatering and phenomenal fights that would force the boxing-crazy Namibians sit at the edge of their seats.

Almost all eight fights of the night, including the main bout, will be tough as all boxers are marvells to watch.

Light Heavyweight 8 Rounds; Namibia’s Vikapita “Beat Master” Merson (17-6-1) takes on a South African, Smart Nkomo (15-10-4-1).

Martin Haikali’s opponent is still be announced for the Light heavyweight six round title; Sacky ‘Izinyoka’ Shikakutu (10-10) will fight against Takruwa Kachocha (11-10-1) from Zimbabwe;

Abraham ‘Energy’ Nelendjo (7-6-1) will clash with his countryman Gottlieb Ndokosho (8-6-1-1) for 10 rounds Junior lightweight national title.

Undercards

Namibia Premier League (NPL) Interim Chairman, Johnny Johnson Doeseb (28-21-5-1) also known as the “Silent Assassin”, an experienced professional boxer who fights while sporting a smile at all times can fling killer blows, as his name implies.

His adversary, Malinga (28-21-5-1) is also known for his hard punching prowess, hence nick-named “The Hammer”. This will be a fight to watch.

Nuumbembe has trained very hard and is ready for the fight. He has seen Malinga boxing in the United Kingdom.

“I always wanted to fight a boxer of his caliber”, says Nuumbembe adding that he will make sure not to lose any fight until he hangs boxing gloves. “It’s actually not easy to win but if things go my way I will continue boxing”, says the 31 years old pugilist.

Tantalizing non-title Undercards

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Box ’n Dine sponsors Tobias made a clarion call to all and sundry to come on board to sponsor the Box ‘n Dine. He has approached some potential business companies to make contribution to make the event successful but did not receive any feedback yet.

He says the Box ‘n Dine will cost about N$350,000, including the payment of boxers and administrators.

Tobias has announced that he is planning to organize another big fight in Walvis Bay in October. “I want to take boxing to all 13 regions but it’s not easy because of lack of funding”.

Tobias boasts of over 50 boxers at his boxing academy (Nestor “Sunshine” Tobias Boxing & Fitness Academy), “all of whom are registered under the boxing control board”.

The Box ‘n Dine includes a three course meal that goes for N$550 per head and N$3 000 for a table of six people.

**JJD leads NPL delegation to RSA**

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Namibia Premier League (NPL) Interim Chairman, Johnny Johnson Doeseb, aka JJD led the high-powered delegation to engage in football talks between the two sister countries.

The football talks between Namibia and South Africa is long overdue.

The NPL four-man delegation consists of JJD, Mabos Vries, Tim Isaack and Cocks Kunamune has departed last Wednesday to Johannesburg in a three-day working visit. They will return on Sunday.

The NPL and their counterpart Soccer Premier League (SPL) of South Africa will employ the opportunity to exchange ideas that could benefit the growth of NPL and strengthening the partnership between the two parties.

In addition, the two parties will stretch their talks on streamlining the NPL as a business entity.

The Namibian delegation will also hold talks with Super Sport for possible viewing of the Namibia Premier League games.