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

Luwele 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 (27-22-4-1) 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 nicknamed "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.

Asked when he intends to retire from boxing, Nuumbembe said he might retire after winning a world title and defend it several times.

"It's actually not easy to retire but if things go my way I will continue boxing", says the 31 years old pugilist.

Tantalizing non-title Undercards

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 marvels to watch.

Light Heavyweight 8 Rounds: Namibia's Vikapita "Beast Master" Merero (17-16-1) takes on a South African, Smart Nkomo (15-10-4-1);

Martin Haikali's opponent is still to be announced for the Lightweight six round title;

Sacky 'Izinyoka' Shikukutu (10-10) will fight against Takuzwa Kuchocha (11-10-1) from Zimbabwe;

Abraham 'Energy' Ndaendapo (7-6-1) will clash with his coun-



Pound for pound pugilists from the Land of the Braves. (L-R) Martin Haikali, Ali Nuumbembe, Vikapita Merero and Gottlieb Ndokosho will be seen in action on September 12 at the Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino.

tryman Gottlieb Ndokosho (8-6-1-1) for 10 rounds Junior 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 Albinu Felesianu (5-3-2) for Lightweight over six rounds;

Paulus 'The Rock' Ambunda (7-7) will engage Tommy Nakashimba (7-3-4) in the Ban-

tamweight national title over 10 rounds.

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 also 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.



Namibia Premier League (NPL) Interim Chairman, Johnny Johnson Doeseb

JJD leads NPL delegation to RSA

By Kayele M. Kambombo

Namibia Premier League (NPL) Interim Chairman, Johnny Johnson Doeseb, aka JJD led a 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 Cooks Kunamuene has departed last Wednesday to Johannesburg in a three-day work-

ing 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 partner-

ship 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.

Izinyoka on the rise

By Kayele M. Kambombo

Namibia's Junior Welterweight star Sacky 'Izinyoka' Shikukutu moved his record to 10-10, 8KO after a fourth round stoppage over Luntan Kosana, last weekend at Khayelitsha in Cape Town.

The Namibian sensational new kid on the block, undisputed finished his South African opponent, Kosana with a knockout in the fourth round of six.

Izinyoka well-timed Kosana, and rattled to downed him twice in the second and third rounds, before finally sent him off with a knockout in his own backyard.

Since his amateur boxing debut in 2002, Izinyoka has been fighting his way up from a no name in his division just to build his record.

Since Izinyoka unveiled his professional boxing in 2008, he never looked back. He has knocked out three of his challengers that year out of four fights.

This year alone, in less than eight months, he has triumphed with five knockouts in his fights, totaling to eight (KO). Amazing!

All but two of Izinyoka's fights did not reach the last initial rounds, including his last weekend's fight ended on knockouts. It is from this backdrop that his trainer and promoter Nestor Tobias believes that Izinyoka is on the brink of becoming one of the best in boxing.

"I will make him a champion in this category ... two years from now", quips Tobias, adding that Izinyoka has to build his record and



Sacky 'Izinyoka' Shikukutu: Namibia's sensational new kid on the block is on the rise.

become more confident in the trade. So far, Izinyoka has built strong collateral to his name.

Izinyoka returned to Namibia with his mission intact. He is one of Namibia's finest prospects.

He continued the form that has become his trademark throughout his performances in his motherland.

Izinyoka will take on Takuzwa Kuchocha from Zimbabwe feature in the undercards for Ali Nuumbembe's main bout against

Samuel Malinga of South Africa in the battle for a vacant WBO African welterweight title in Windhoek.

This will be Izinyoka's toughest-ever encounter during his successful professional boxing career. Izinyoka is undefeated in 10 out of 10 fights with eight knockouts while his challenger (Kuchocha) has also a telling record of 11 fights 10 wins with a solitary defeat.

This will be Junior Welterweight non-title fight for six rounds.