



1. BSA HOLDS HANDS WITH SANABO TO HOST AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boxing South Africa (BSA) has taken hands with South African National Boxing Organisation (SANABO) to host the African Championships named after of the late Dr. Nelson Rhalihlahla Mandela, “Mandela African Boxing Cup”.

The Continental Competition is set to take place on the 09th – 14th of October 2023 at International Convention Centre, Durban, KwaZulu-Natal.

The IBA president Mr. Kremlev has committed to provide financial support for the delivery of the competition, including provision of free accommodation with meals for all participating national teams from the continent.

SANABO leadership has welcomed the project, recognizing the role our global icon played in liberating our country, whilst promoting worldwide peace and stability. SANABO views this award as a privilege and hopes that it will play a role restoring the name of our icon and as well promoting developmental boxing in the country.

All champions from this cup will form part of an African team that will later compete against other continents. There will also be International training courses for the coaches and technical officials that will happen alongside this competition.

International Boxing Association (IBA) Board of Directors will host its meeting in Durban and later form part of the event.



The sequence of events is as follows:

- Arrival of teams: 06 – 08 October 2023
- Opening ceremony: 08 October 2023
- Competition: 09 – 14 October 2023
- African Congress: 13 October 2023
- Finals and closing ceremony: 14 October 2023
- Departure: 15 October 2023

“This is a great initiative by IBA and we would like to congratulate SANABO for being awarded this project! BSA has an MOU with SANABO, and we are excited to be able lend a hand to ensure that this event becomes a success,” concluded Acting CEO of BSA, Mr. Erick Nsikayezwe Sithole. 🇿🇦

2. BSA DELIVERED AN ACTION-PACKED RISE OF WOMEN IN BOXING SERIES DOUBLE HEADER!!!

Another jam-packed weekend saw two series events taking place in Limpopo and Gauteng on 29 and 30 September 2023 respectively.

Considering empowering and women in the sport boxing, The Rise of Women in Boxing Series Three, which took place in Limpopo at the Meropa Casino, saw female fighters displaying their skills in the ring.

The Limpopo Series, hosted by Mama Rocks Promotions, set the stage for female boxers in what was pure entertainment with six bouts. Sharadine Fortuin earned the Bantamweight title in a bruising battle against Zimbabwe's Patience Mustarathe for the international headline fight.

The exhilarating eight-round battle saw Fortuin win the belt by unanimous points.

"Today I feel so great that I won the fight," said Fortuin.

"I made a statement that I'm going to win, and so I did. I'd like to thank my manager for being there for me, my team for helping me through the preparations and my promotions for giving me this opportunity today."

The main supporting bout was one to remember as Malawian warrior Adidya Mimu outclassed Lufuno Mutshayi, to win in the fourth round by TKO.

Female promoter Modipadi Kgasago of Mama Rocks promotion said she was grateful for the opportunity.

"I would like to take this opportunity and thank everyone who made this event a success," said Kgasago.

"I'm grateful to our partners Limpopo Department of Sport, Art and Culture, Limpopo Tourism, Meropa Casino, and all our sponsors the support is highly appreciated," added Kgasago.





Meanwhile Series 4 in Gauteng ended emotionally, but victorious, for Bonita van Jaarsveld after she bagged a win after 10 rounds as she downed Raider Muleba for the SA Lightweight belt in the main fight at VodaWorld, Midrand on Saturday night.

A successful clash, made possible by TLB Promotions.

“I just want to say thank you to Boxing South Africa for the opportunity, Joyce from TLB Boxing Promotions and everyone who came out to support us tonight,” said Jaarsveld.

Van Jaarsveld, not only capture the hearts of the crowd with her fighting skills, but also when her father, who was supported her on her to walk towards the ring, slowly went to embrace the newly crowned South African Champion.

In another bout, Bukiwe Nonina was knuckling up with Chiedza Homakoma, the fight ended in a technical draw after they both suffered an accidental headbutt.

Joyce Kungwane of TLB Promotions was ecstatic following the success of the Gauteng Series.

“The Rise of Women in Boxing Gauteng Series 4 is done and dusted, special thanks to The Gauteng Department of Sport, Art, Culture and Recreation for jumping on board and BSA for making sure the event was a success. We appreciate the necessary support we received from our sponsors Bloc and making sure our girls looked beautiful, next year this event will be bigger and better,” Kungwane concluded. 🙌

THE FULL RESULTS FOR SERIES THREE AND FOUR WINNERS:

SERIES THREE WINNERS

TITLE	FIGHT	WINNER
Main Bout: International Bantamweight	Sharadine Fortuin vs Patience Mustara (Zimbabwe)	Sharadine Fortuin (Unanimous points)
Main Supporting Bout: Junior Featherweight	Lufuno Mutshayi vs Adidya Mima (Malawi)	Adidya Mima (TKO, round 4)
Lightweight	Bernice Ferreira vs Cecilia Pitisani (Zimbabwe)	Bernice Ferreira (TKO, round 3)
Super Middleweight	Caroline Rabali (Pro Debut) vs Wendy Gcado	Technical Draw
Middleweight	Noxolo Mkhasibe vs Emily Kubwalo (Zimbabwe)	Noxolo Mkhasibe (Unanimous Points)
Featherweight	Gudani Mudau (Debut) vs Ntobeko Thusi	Ntobeko Thusi (TKO, Round 2)

SERIES FOUR WINNERS

TITLE	FIGHT	WINNER
Main Bout: SA Lightweight	Raider Muleba vs Bonita Van Jaarsveld	Bonita Van Jaarsveld
Main Supporting Bout: Super Middleweight	Ritta Mrwebi vs Monalisa Sibanda (Zimbabwe)	Monalisa Sibanda
Bantamweight	Anam Xuza vs Pamela Matunga (Zimbabwe)	Pamela Matunga
International Junior Lightweight	Bukiwe Nonina vs Consoli Musanga	Technical draw

3. SAMBU WINS WBF INTER-CONTINENTAL BANTAMWEIGHT TITLE IN A CONTROVERSIAL BOUT

Pretoria was in for the spoils as Studdard and Fantastic Two Boxing promotion, in partnership with BSA, staged an exciting sparring event on Sunday 1 October 2023.

The main bout saw Akani Sambu win the vacant World Boxing Federation (WBF) Intercontinental Bantamweight title, defeating Joshua Studdard by unanimous decision.

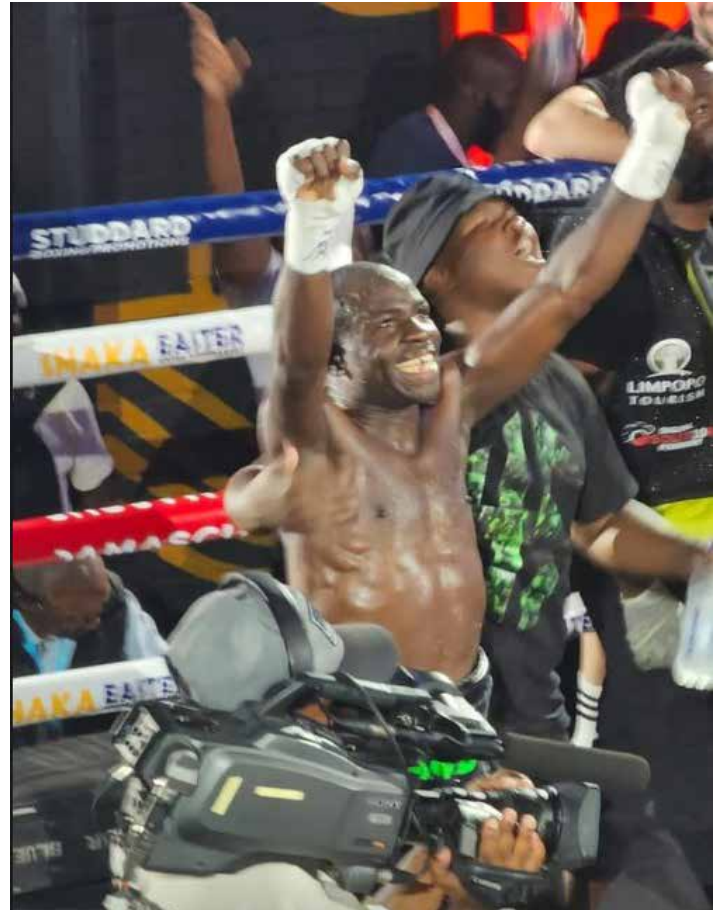
While it was an entertaining fight with well experienced boxers, it was not without any drama as Studdard was incorrectly announced as the winner by split-decision.

Sambu dominated the first six rounds, but Studdard gave the last, lasting impression when he woke up towards the end and chased down Sambu in the last rounds.

Things almost ended in controversy, Studdard was incorrectly announced as the winner because of two judges filling in their scorecards incorrectly. However, the decision was recalled.

The Gauteng Boxing Provincial Manager Mr. Lehlohonolo Ramagole has thanked the leadership who jumped in to make correct amendments.

“Joshua (Studdard) might have taken the later rounds; he was on top for the last three rounds, but from the beginning of the fight – first to sixth round Akani (Sambu) already had it in the bag and he had to survive for him to win.



“So, after six very clean rounds it should have been given to Akani as he deserved to win. However, due to an unfortunate, blunder it was given to Studdard, but thankfully under the leadership of Mr. Haward Goldberg, he audited the scorecard and the decision was reversed, and the right man won,” said Ramagole.

The correct scores were 117-111, 115-114 and 115-113 for Sambu.

Mr. Ramagole was left impressed by the tournament staged by Studdard and Fantastic Two Boxing promotion in partnership with BSA and provincial government.

The events saw several sponsorships coming to party according to Ramagole.

“Yesterday’s tournament happened in one of the biggest clubs in the country and it went successfully, there were no problems or fights among the spectators,” the Gauteng Boxing Provincial Manager explained. 🇿🇦



4. NGXEKE BEATS QUIBIDO IN A WBO GLOBAL BANTAMWEIGHT TITLE

Xaba promotions, side by side with BSA, hosted another successful event when they stage their 4th annual heritage celebration on Sunday 1 October, in East London Orient Theatre.

Another boxing event with exciting sparring line-up saw Landile “Man Down” Ngxeke snatch the WBO Global Bantamweight title against Denmark Quibido in unanimous decision, after a fight of ten rounds.

Ngxeke beat Quibido in the same venue where he was crowned IBO Intercontinental junior bantamweight champion after topping Michael Mendoza during a 12-round unanimous points decision, early this year.

“Man Down” has hailed his opponent strength that took him by surprise.

“The fight did not go as I initially thought, I thought I was going to finish him in the fifth round, but he proved to be a good strong fighter. He is not just a mere boxer, and he is fit,” said Ngxeke.

Ayanda Matiti, of the Xaba promotion, acknowledged that the Philippine born Quibido gave Ngxeke a tough fight for the title.

“Yes, it was a difficult fight but “Man Down” needed to close the ring, not to follow him and when he started doing that, the boy from abroad was clear that he had enough and was careful not to prolong the fight,” Matiti explained.

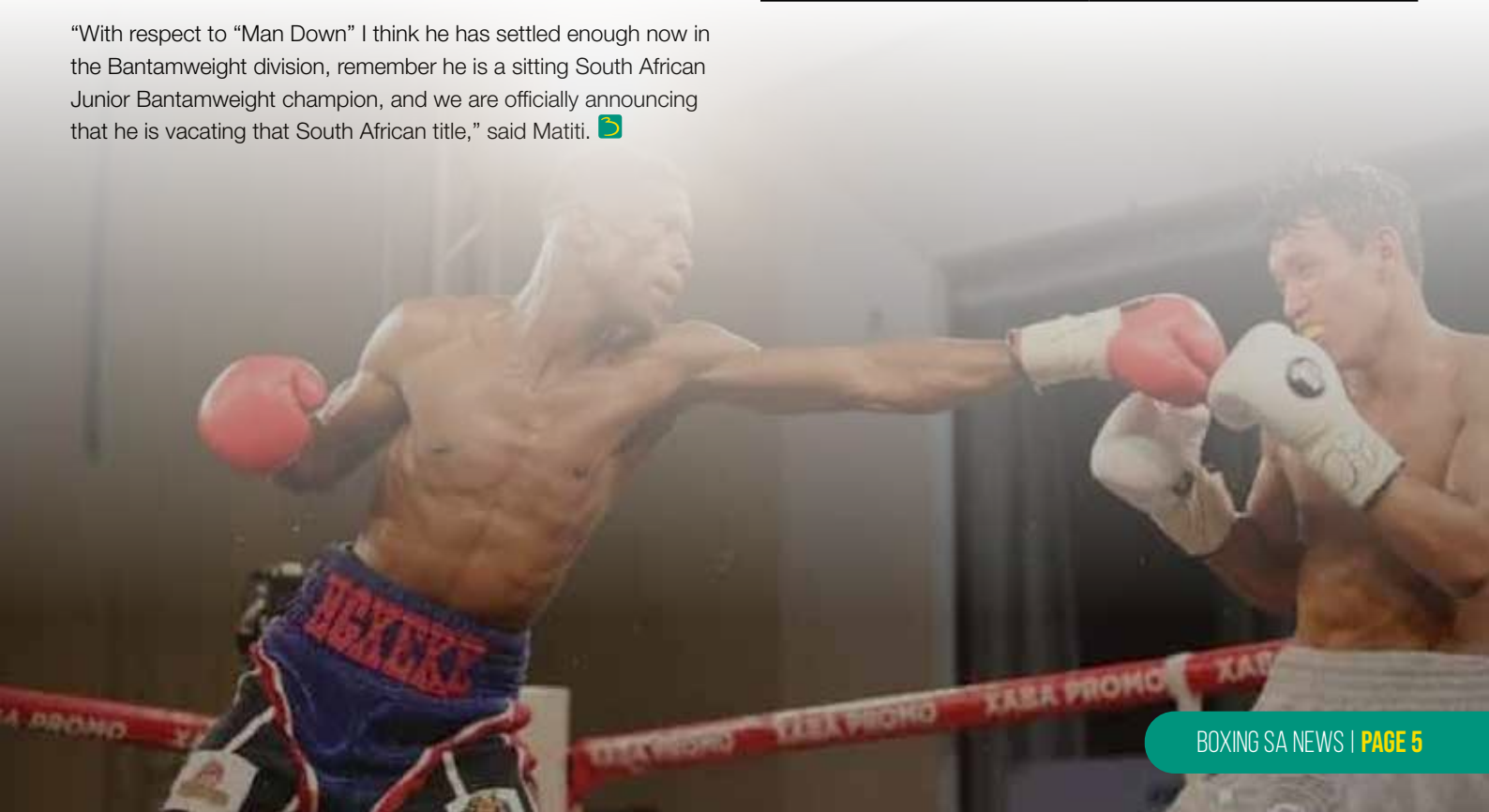
Matiti also announced that “Man Down” is vacating his South African Junior Bantamweight title.

“With respect to “Man Down” I think he has settled enough now in the Bantamweight division, remember he is a sitting South African Junior Bantamweight champion, and we are officially announcing that he is vacating that South African title,” said Matiti. 🇿🇦



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

DIVISION	WINNER
Lightweight	Azisashe Jamani
Bantamweight	Likho Sigaba
SA Flyweight	Jackson Chauke
WBO Global Bantamweight	Landile Ngxeke
Junior Flyweight	Moyisi Boo
Bantamweight	Tiisetso Matikinca
Junior Flyweight	Siseko Teyise



5. IBF LIGHT-FLYWEIGHT WORLD CHAMPION NONTSHINGA READY TO DEFEND THE TITLE

South Africa's pride, the IBF light-flyweight world champion Sivenathi "The Special One" Nontshinga is raring for his upcoming bout that will be staged on the 4th of November 2023.

Nontshinga will be looking to defend his world title against Mexican boxer, Adrian Curiel Dominguez in Monte Carlo, Monaco, and this quest will be the second one for him.

The 24-year-old who is the only South African fighter to hold one of the main organisation belts, is confident to retain his crown.

"I'm defending my title, it's voluntary defence, I'll be fighting with boxer Adrian Curiel Domingue from Mexico. I have seen him, I have watched a lot of his tapes, I won't disrespect him. I respect him like any other athlete. This is a game, at end of day it is unpredictable, but I promise everybody that I will get inside the ring fit – mentally, spiritually and physically, and yah once again I will defend my title," said Nontshinga.

With an impressive unbeaten career record, the South African Boxer of the Year retained the IBF title against the mandatory challenger Ritchie Sukanob from Philippine, in East London, in July this year. And heading to knuckle up in Monaco, Nontshinga remains confident in his hard work and the preparations that are on track.

"I did not rest; I think I spent two weeks at home, then I came back to gym and yah I am still working hard as you can see that I am in shape. So we have started preparations and so far so good, the weight is fine, we started with a diet because I believe we only have five weeks to go," Nontshinga concluded.

BSA wishes Sivenathi "The Special One" Nontshinga the best of luck, and we say Mayibuye! 🇿🇦



6. UPCOMING BSA EVENTS

DATE	PROMOTER	PROMOTION	VENUE	GP	MAIN BOUT	TITLE
6 Oct '23	Manny Fernandes	BRD Boxing Promotion	Turffontein Race Course		Jason Medi vs Jackson Masamba	Super Middleweight Contest



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