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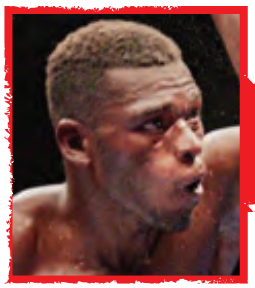
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THE REFEREE

THE MOST UNPOPULAR PERSON TO THE FANS

The referee in boxing is the individual charged with enforcing the rules of the sport during a match.

THE ROLE OF THE REFEREE

- Give instruction to both boxers before the match.
- Determine when to start and stop or count when the boxer is down.
- Determine when a foul is so egregious that a warning should be given or point taken away.
- Signal when the round is over.
- Determine when one boxer 's health will be endangered by more blows and thus stop a fight.

ATTIRE: Normally a white or blue shirt is worn as well as black slacks, black leather shoes and a black bow tie. Latex gloves are sometimes worn for sanitary reasons. For professional matches a patch is usually worn on the left breast bearing the insignia of the organisation sectioning the fight. The referee may also wear a patch on his or her left sleeve bearing the flag of his or her home country. This especially common in matches between boxers from different countries.



PUBLISHER'S NOTE

The Boxing and Martial Arts publication, SA BOXING EXTREME magazine, will be on shelf as of end September 2019 and going forward, you will enjoy a monthly publication.

We strive to bring you news on Boxing and Martial Arts, sourced from independent journalists, around our continent and globally.

One of our aims is to support the development of the sporting code, to empower even the disadvantaged. Yet another goal is to cover and promote the ever-growing prominent role of women in both sports. Our magazine celebrates, Boxers and Coaches, who have proven and are proving true excellence in their field and at the same time, the objective is to promote these sports across the continent.

We also believe, that with the discipline associated with these sports, they could easily be integrated into our schools extra-curricular activities.

Allow me to take this opportunity to express sincere gratitude to, Mail and Guardian Media for the vital role they have played in achieving the success of this publication, having provided support within their Marketing and Production department. I applaud you for the reinforcement of Small Business ventures.

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The past months have been abuzz with Boxing and EFC tournaments across the country, given our Women 's Month and Nelson Mandela 's Birthday celebration... Lets ensure that we keep the momentum going by having more of these tournaments, so that we bring both sports closer and more accessible to our communities.

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BOXING FANATICS ENJOYING THE ACTION

"BOXING PROGRESSING IN AFRICA"

— IBF PRESIDENT



International Boxing Federation (IBF) Africa is set to launch the UN Nelson Mandela Decade of Peace and Nelson Mandela Trail to Tanganyika 1962 on the Day of Reconciliation, popularly known as Boxing Day, 26 December.

In support of a historic United Nation Political Declaration, the continent's professional boxing is launching the annual Boxing Bonanza, an event which is set to take place in the Kilimanjaro region.

IBF President Onesmo Ngowi described former statesman Nelson Mandela as a "beacon of peace who inspired his people to cling to the struggles, giving the world a rainbow nation."

"This was Madiba's doing, and we have to champion this decade as the era of youth development and of narrowing the gap between the rich and the poor," said Ngowi.

Ngowi also said that IBF Africa is now championing two prongs of boxing tournaments with Nelson Mandela and Julius Nyerere.

The Boxing Day event is billed as the Peak of IBF Africa's 20th Anniversary, with local brand Damascus as the official designer and supplier for the Mandela Decade of Peace.

IBF Africa celebrated its 20th anniversary. Ngowi also expressed that the African continent has had its fair share of challenges. "Not a professional boxing promotion goes by when we don't have to deal with a unique and testing situation, but Africa continues to progress, grow and excite," he said.



SA MOURN DEATH OF LEIGHNDRE JEGELS

The boxing fraternity is still mourning the passing of South African Junior Bantamweight champion, Leighndre Jegels. Jegels was a champion in both boxing and karate. The 25 year old from East London has been the SA champion four times – 2009,2010,2011 and 2012 in the ladies under 55kg division and has won countless accolades.

She could not feature in the fight in Saudi Arabia on last year, July because o f country rules. She raised her sporting profile by winning her fifth professional boxing bout via an eighth round technical knockout over Argentina 's Mariana Clausi at the Orient Theatre, East London. She has been a karateka since 2009 and was doing well as martial art and determine to do well in both sports. She always pays tribute to former International Boxing Federation (IBF) featherweight kingpin Vuyani Bungu for moulding her into a good boxer.



MORUTI MTHALANE:

READY FOR UNIFICATION

Moruti Mthalane has fought everywhere, from the streets of Soweto to the glimmering lights of Las Vegas to the exotic Panama City. Yet this seasoned boxer believes that the best moments of his career still lie ahead. Mthalane, who has been a professional boxer for nearly half his life, and is a two-time flyweight world champion, looks for title unification showdowns in his career's final chapters. Mthalane has not lost a fight in more than a decade, and he is poised for huge fights in the coming months.

Mthalane turned pro as a 19 year-old in 2000. By Mthalane's own estimation, he finished his amateur career with a record of about 35 wins and 35 losses—not exactly the kind of pedigree that would inspire success in his future career prospects.

Two decades later, however, Mthalane is in his second reign as the International Boxing Federation (IBF) he made his second defense when he took on mandatory challenger Masayuki Kuroda in Japan. When he turned pro, Mthalane applied himself to a degree he never had before, realizing success in boxing could be a path to monetary security.

"I didn't even know when I started boxing that you fight for money when you turn professional," Mthalane said.

"I was happy with being an amateur and getting some medals, trophies and certificates. I was happy with that. So when I turned professional, I realized that in boxing you fight for money."

Mthalane is ready to face World Boxing Council (WBC) flyweight champion Charlie Edwards. The Englishman won his piece of the title with a unanimous decision over Cristofer Rosales, a rising star in the same division.

Mthalane's trainer, Collin Nathan, expressed a desire to see a unification fight between Mthalane and Edwards or WBO titleholder Kosei Tanaka.

A fight between Tanaka (13-0, 7 Kos) and Mthalane (37-2, 25 Kos) would pit the top-two ranked Ring magazine Fighters in the division against each other and would mean that the winner would win a Ring Magazine title, something only one south African boxer— former IBF strawweight champion (Hekkie Butler) — achieved.





KEVIN LERENA

SA cruiserweight Kevin Lerena makes fifth defence of IBO belt against Sefer Seferi.

The 27 year old fighting from southpaw won the vacant ibo Cruiserweight belt on a split decision against Youri Kayembre. He has made successful defence against Dmytro Kuchen, Roman Golovaschenko, Arthur Mann and Basil Ducal.

The only loss on Lerena 's record came against Johnny Muller on points in November 2014.



ZOLANI TETE

Zolani Tete after a long layoff may be back to the ring to defend his title against Johnreil Casimero. Casimero become the mandatory challenger after retaining his WBO interim bantamweight against Cesar Ramirez. The showdown is expected before the end of the year.

Tete, the WBO banatamweight champion has not seen action since last year. The injury ruled him out of facing WBA Super champion Nonito Donaire in the unification bout.

A REMATCH ON THE CARDS FOR VISSER AND MOYO



The South African heavyweight boxing champion Ruann Visser successfully defended his title in Tshwane by sending his number one challenger, Justice Siliga, to the canvas in the first round. Visser proved the old saying that "everything out of America is bigger and better" wrong when he beat Siliga in a single round on 23 June.

Visser proved himself a remarkably different fighter than the one who faced Elvis Moyo previously, with his innovative new onslaught and style in the ring. Visser's career was stagnating under American trainer James Ali Bashir; however Visser saw the need to replace Bashir, and this proved a worthy gamble.

Although Siliga did not seem likely to beat Visser, his experience cannot be undermined. He is an experienced fighter with fifteen professional fights under his belt, and he was the official number-one contender for Visser's South African heavyweight title. The one aspect that would excite boxing experts is the fact that Visser, for the first time in his career, really looked like a man the boxing world is due to notice.

It is almost unbelievable how his new coach, 68 year-old Steve Kalakoda from Cape Town, transformed him in less than four months. Kalakoda revealed beforehand that he immediately realized that Visser's major shortcoming in his onslaught was his inability to properly and positively use his advantage in length and reach distance. Visser's new attacking style was noticeable during his bout with Siliga, who did not get a single opening against Visser.



ROWAN CAMPBELL

South Africa's Rowan Campbell showed his true potential when he retained the IBO All-Africa super middleweight title with a seventh-round TKO victory over the DRC's Patrick Mukala at Emperors Palace.

Both fighters came out rather cautiously in the opening round as they sparred for openings but in rounds two and three Campbell, closed the gap and began to find openings as he shaded the rounds.

Mukala, had a better round-four as he caught the champion with some jolting uppercuts, but the superbly-conditioned Campbell kept pressing forward.

Campbell continued to apply the pressure in round five but there was a lot of mauling and holding in the sixth-round as Mukala began to tire.

It was a confident Campbell who came out for the seventh-round as he continued to attack and after a series of blows to the head and body referee Tony Nyangiwe who did a good job, stepped in to stop the fight off at 2min 42sec into the round.

Campbell improved his record to 11-0; 7 and Mukala's record dropped to 11-2-1; 10

MAGAGANE REACHES FOR THE STARS



Jeff "911" Magagane retained the World Boxing Association (WBA) Pan African featherweight championship after outclassing opponent Paul Mangxilana. Magagane following in the footsteps of his brothers, Godfrey and Oscar Magagane, who were full-time boxers, and is looking to compete on the world stage. Magagane represented both Gauteng and South Africa at the boxing tournament. His achievements are listed chronologically:

2007
started as an amateur boxer and joined the Booysens boxing club in 2010;

2011
represented Johannesburg and Gauteng at the Championship, winning a bronze medal;

2012
won Bronze at the SA Championship;

2013
won Bronze at the Zone 4 Championships held in Botswana;

2014
competed at the SA Championship lightweight divisions and won a silver medal;

2015
turned professional, fought Nigerian Oubu Moseli and Sipho Xaba and won both fights by first-round TKO;

2016
fought against Luvo Ntlebi and Gift Bholo, winning in the fifth round by TKO against Ntlebi and by unanimous decision against Bholo; he was also nominated for Boxing SA's Prospect of the Year award;

2017
lost the title against Ayanda Nkosi and also lost to Siphosewthu Mvula;

2018
fought against Thembani Hobyani and won on a unanimous point decision.



"HE WAS THE BEST BOXER I MET IN THE RING"

Akani Phuzi retained his WBA Pan African cruiserweight title on a hard-earned majority 12-round point's decision over the vastly more experienced Willbeforce Shihepo.

In what was a gruelling affair against Shihepo (25-11; 18), who knew all the tricks of a wily old veteran, he closed down the 25-year-old champion at times, and made him work for victory which augurs well for his future career. " It was a fight against the best opponent/ Thanks for victory.

I didn't perform to the best of my abilities. I can do better than that. I have learned a lot from the fight," said Phuzi.

Shihepo (87.90kg) came out fast at the opening bell to surprise the champion and score with some big lefts and rights to the head to take the round.

INNOCENT "TYCOON" MANTENGU

Innocent "Tycoon" Mantengu is the newly crowned South African junior featherweight champion. Mantengu won the vacant national title in a 12- round split decision over opponent Thato Bonokoana.

Judges Thabo Spampool and Namhla Tyluba scored it 115-113 for Mantengu, and Judge Mfundo Mvandaba was closer to the mark with a score of 116-112 for Bonokoane.

However, in round two Bonokoane (54.90kg) scored with big right hands to the head and, through rounds four, five and six, backed up the southpaw Mantengu (55.20kg) to win the rounds.

Mantengu came back to shade rounds six and seven but it was Bonokoane who was the better fighter through the last five rounds as he crowed his tiring opponent.

This was their second meeting inside ring after a draw decision in the first encounter. Mantengu is scheduled to meet Ayabonga Sonjica in September.





MILLER READY FOR COMBACK TO THE RING.

Mellisa " Honey Bee" Miller, Boxing SA's female Boxer of the Year will be in action to defend her title, SA Bantamweight champion.

Miller has moved her training camp to be under Lucky Ramagole at Orlando Boxing club in Soweto. "Get used to it. It's a man's sport- that's what everyone told me," said Melissa 'Honey Bee' Miller, a female boxer from Eldorado Park Extension Two who is determined to make a success of herself. "I truly love the sport and that's the one thing that pushes me to always do my best no matter what," said Miller.

I started boxing at the age of 16. I used to be an athlete so I gained weight. Then I needed to drop some weight so I started training with boxers and watching them training actually got me interested in it.

The hard work, the dedication, and the teamwork drew me to it. Because running is an individual sport and I know boxing is a contact sport, and I know you and you alone in the ring, but preparing for a fight is more teamwork than anything else. That's what I loved a lot about boxing.

"Don't get me wrong. I am not saying it's easy. If anything, it gets very challenging at times. This sport requires extreme discipline," she added.

Miller, who has been boxing for a few years now, said that the key to her success is determination.

"You have to be committed to whatever it is you want to achieve. When training for matches I leave home at 5am to go for a jog, training doesn't stop there because I train with my trainer in the afternoon as well. It takes hard work, perseverance, determination and patience to be great in whatever you do," said Miller.

The female boxer made her community proud once again when she defended the Bantam weight title she won last year,,. "I trained and prepared for the match a full month in advance," said Miller.

She also admitted that the Port Elizabeth match felt different compared to other matches. "I don't know how to describe it but this match was different. I was ready but my head wasn't in the game. That said, I won because of staying committed to my training," Miller added.

ANISHA BASHEEL



Malawian boxer Anisha Basheel has lost her 10-round WBC elimanator bout against the UK's Chantelle Cameron via a unanimous points decision of the three judges. The bout took place at Brentwood Arena in United Kingdom.

Before this match up Basheel had gone unbeaten eight times, Cameron took her unbeaten run to 11 bouts. She dominated the bout but Basheel stood her own.



TERRY HARPER VS NOZIPHO BELL

Terry Harper (22) became Britain's youngest female world champion when she defeated South Africa's Nozipho Bell in the eighth round to win the vacant IBO super Featherweight crown. It was a well-timed straight right that landed clean on the chin of Bell that caused the referee to declare: "Enough!"

Bell had the fight under control with her movement. She frustrated her opponent by keeping a distance, but her defense was not enough to stop Harper's strong punches. "Terri Harper was the best boxer on the day," Bell's coach Caiphus Nate said. "We lost to a better boxer."



NONINA TO CHALLENGE WORLD TITLES

Nonina "Anaconda" Bukiwe relinquished her WBF Bantam-weight title after a cancelled tournament. She had the title since 2017.

Nonina is the first female boxer in South Africa to defend her SA title five times and keep the belt. The Best Female Boxer of the Year voted in 2016 and 2017 and nominee in 2018.

She parted ways with trainer Emmunuel Motavhatsindi after five years. She recently signed a managerial contract with Makhosi Ngcoza. She has passion for boxing and wants to realise her dream to female world champion.



NONI TENGE

Noni Tenge convincingly defeated Mapula Ngubane for the third time to retain her WBF Junior middle-weight crown.

Tenge is the South African first female World boxing champion. The fight was stopped in the sixth round when trainer Samson Ndlovu threw the towel because of nose bleeding.

Tenge is to honour WBO's invitation to fight Layla Mccarter for the WBO welterweight title in the UK.

BATHABILE ZIBUGU

Bathabile Zibugu won in her debut fight against Lufuno Mutshayi at tournament under TLB Promotions.

Zigubu is a post graduate and qualified teacher started boxing at amateur level.

It was her first professional fight.



ESTHER PHIRI A ROLE MODEL IN BOXING

In the country where only four percent of girls graduate from high school , women and girls are turning to boxing to escape poverty, inspired by Esther Phiri, who rose to capture successive international boxing titles , women 's boxing in Zambia has eclipsed men 's popularity.

The country prides itself on six female professional boxers with Phiri having led the way by winning the global Boxing Union female World Super Featherweight title.

Zambia Professional Boxing and Wrestling Board(ZPWB) Secretary Davies Nseluka says girls are filling the gyms and women are swelling the nation's ameteur ranks.

Many are seeking a livehood through boxing. " When we talk of boxing in Zambia today, female boxers are the ones that come to one's mind," he said "The women have raised the bar in boxing. This is encouraging to young girls and women."

Phiri has been joined in the top ranks by Cathrine Phiri, the world title holder and a UNICEF brand Ambassador and Barbara Banda, a boxer who has just broken into the professional ranks.

The three encourages girls and boys to try the sport and also concentrate on their studies. Phiri once a vegetable vendor bust into boxing 2008 and is now a household name in Zambia.

She says she found boxing after being shamed into going to the gym because of her weight."I had no intentions of becoming a boxer," she said "I was fat and people used to lough at me. One day some guys encouraged me to join them at the gym. It was at the gym that i discovered how fit i was and encouraged to start boxing."

After her initial world victory in 2008, she went on to win the Women's International Boxing Association world lightweight title in 2010 when she fought Brazil 's Duda Yankovich. Phiri later defended that tile in 2011 and the same year captured the International Boxing Organisation world female super lightweight title beating Lely Luz Florez of Colombia in 2011.

Born and raised in the slum of Mtendere, having dropped out of school in the sixth grade, she became a single mother at 16, just a year before she began boxing. Anthony Mwamba says his gym has become popular among the girls and boys in the neighborhood because of Phiri's fame. " We have more girls coming to the gym because they see themselves as future champions like Esther." Said Mwamba.

Phiri says she is using her celebrity status to inspire young people to take up boxing and avoid engaging in illcit activities."Our gym has attracted a lot of gilrs and boys and keep them away from vices like sex,drugs and stealing."

Currently she is focusing her energy on academic work. " i have been studying even when i was active in boxing, but now i need to focus more." On the future , Phiri hopes to own her own boxing academy for girls to increase women participation in boxing and to be self reliant. " Gilrs are vunerable and need support," she says " Everything favours men. Even when a girl falls pregnant she is the one that drops out of school while the boy or man continues to enjoy life."



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NORMAN HLABANE: MZANSI'S BEST TRAINER

There are a number of attributes that make a good trainer: patience, caring for their fighters, and expecting dedication and hard work from their fighters. Top South African boxing trainers like Job Sebalo, Norman Hlabane, the late Nick Durandt, Theo Mthembu, Richard Samuels and David Motsumi definitely possessed (or still possess) the qualities to be amongst the best trainers.

Norman Hlabane, who fought as a welterweight and had 21 fights as a professional, met top fighters like Enoch "Schoolboy" Nhlapo (on two occasions), Morgan Moledi, Gordon Goba, and McKeed Mofokeng.

He was badly injured while doing roadwork and was forced to retire from boxing in 1982 before he began training fighters at John Middleton's gym in Johannesburg. Among the fighters he trained were Ditau Molefyane, Peter Mgojo, Keith Rass, and Bobby Chisale.

His greatest achievement as a trainer was guiding Mzansi boxing legend Dingaan Thobela in recent years to winning the South African junior-lightweight and super-middleweight titles, the WBO and WBA lightweight world titles and the WBC super-middleweight title. Welterweight champion David Putsane was also trained by the Hlabane camp.

In the 2000s Hlabane started training intercontinental fighters from Tanzania. He was introduced to Rashid Matumia and Mbwana Matumla. Hlabane worked hand in hand with Lehlohonolo Ledwaba and already has Khaya Busakwe tipped to be one of the best boxers to come from Soweto.


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Boxing ring announcer Sipho Mashego known for his catchphrase “ Kuyafiwa”

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STARS WHO PRAISE COACH FOR THEIR SUCCESS

Heroes in the history of boxing in South Africa gathered at the function organised by REM MEDIA and DAMASCUS SPORTS to honour boxing legend coach Norman Hlabane. Dingaan " The Rose of Soweto" Thobela, Lehlohonolo " Hands of Stone " Ledwaba, Ditau " Di a Rora " Molefyane and Jan Bergman.

GHANA'S HOTTEST WORLD TITLE PROSPECT

Ghana's hottest world title prospect Bastie Samir (17-0-1, 16KOs) signed a mega 3 year promotional deal with Mr. Michael Nii Yarboi Annan's Don's Promotions.

The former Ghana amateur boxing team captain who once represented Ghana and won silver at the 2007 All-Africa Games was very grateful for the opportunity granted.

"Not only do I want to win the world title but I also want to unify the light heavyweight division." He said "You know, there is a lot of stuff going on the internet but I really want to thank this man, Mr. Annan for the opportunity, and my coach Ofori Asare, Alhaji Innusah and all my fans." Bastie Samir.

The tough boxer who ticks all the boxes to become a world champion is ready for a shot, and at age 33, the Ghanaian has tested and experienced boxing at its highest pinnacle as his exploits in the United States made the likes of Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Oscar Dela Hoya's Golden Boy Promotions rush for the signature of this tenacious boxer.

When quizzed on his previous deals, especially those of Golden Boy Promotions, the self-styled 'Beast' minced no words.

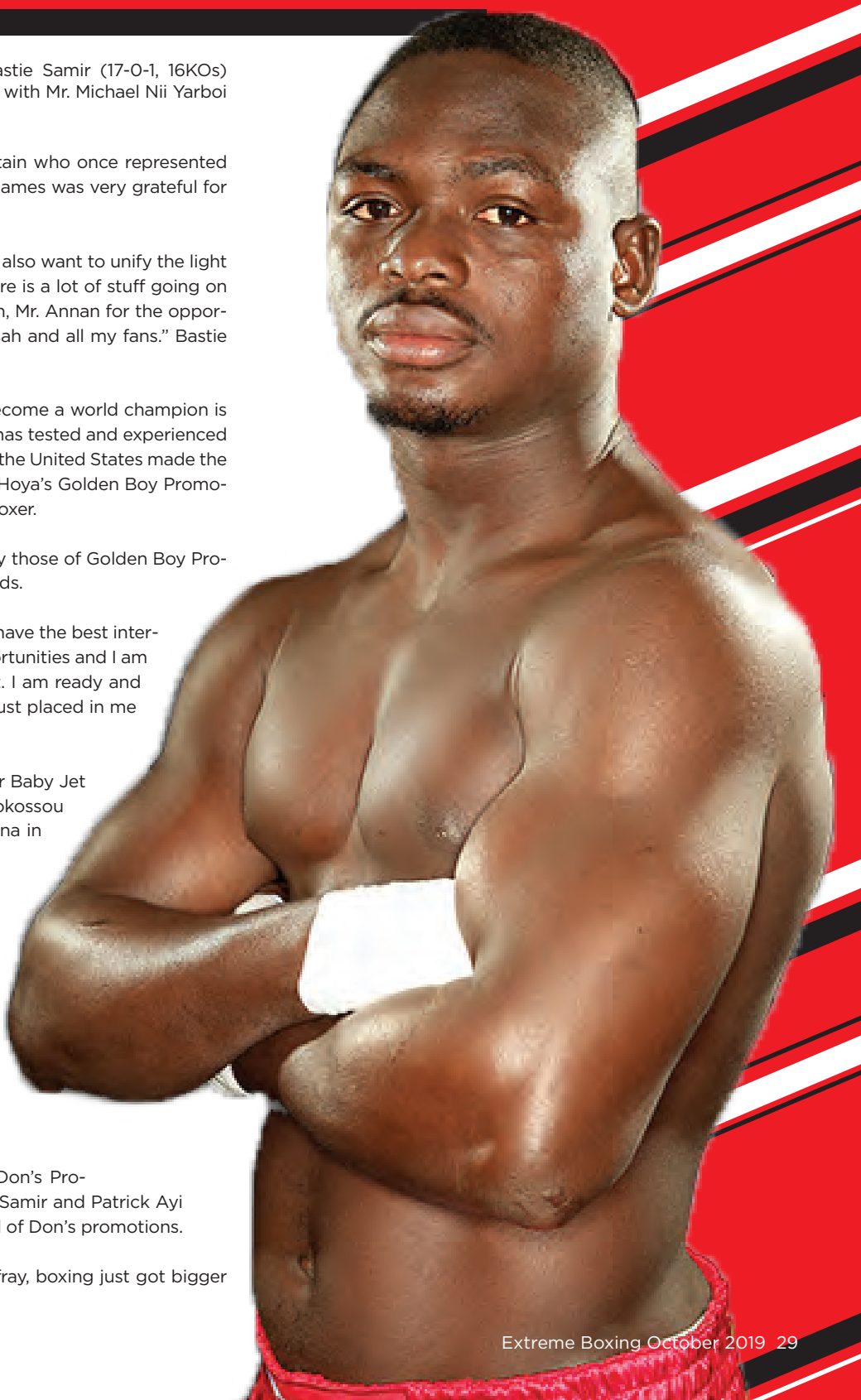
"They (Golden Boy Promotions) do not really have the best interest of black boxers. For me it's about the opportunities and I am glad that Mr. Annan is willing to offer me that. I am ready and prepared to pay back that opportunity and trust placed in me with a world title." Bastie Samir expressed.

Bastie Samir's last ring battle took place under Baby Jet Promotions, when he brutally KOed Raoul Lokossou of Benin in round 2 at the Bukom Boxing Arena in Accra-Ghana.

Now Don's Promotions have secured his promotional rights for the next three years which sees him with an almost perfect clear-cut plan towards a world title shot. He joins other cracked boxers already on stables. Don's Promotions is fast capturing the hearts of boxing fans with it's mega signings which includes Nigeria's Felix Williams, young 20-0 undefeated Patrick Ayi and ever promising Theophilus Tetteh.

According to the Chief Executive Officer of Don's Promotions, Mr. Michael Nii Yarboi Annan, Bastie Samir and Patrick Ayi are going to headline the next promotional bill of Don's promotions.

With Samir Bastie, the knockout artist in the fray, boxing just got bigger and exciting.





SA BOXING EXTREME CORRESPONDENCE IN WEST AFRICA, RICHARD MBOWE, speak to Ghana's International Boxing Federation(IBF) lightweight titlist Richard Commey, a man feared for his hard punching power.

Q: Kindly tell us how you started professional boxing.

A: I started off as a soccer player and kickboxing. When kickboxing become known in Ghana I was chosen as one of the best and eventually started to travel abroad. There are people who always telling me that I can be a good boxer and I started boxing in 2010.

Q: So boxing was not your thing at the initial stage.

A: No soccer was my thing because I played for under 12 national team but had to travel abroad and that when the Boxing bug started.

Q: Comparing kickboxing and professional boxing now what is the difference.

A: They are both governed by rules and regulations. In kickboxing can use legs, your elbows and can punch as well. But in boxing you only use your upper body.

Q: Now you are a fulltime professional boxer and people got to know Richard Commey when he stormed UK and won Commonwealth gold medal.

A: Obviously I was still in the learning process but now things are different. I moved from one coach to the other from one manager to the other but now am stable with my team.

Q: If you unify all four belts will you be thinking of staying at lightweight or will move up.

A: No I haven't felt that at the moment. Am praying that I become the undefeated and undisputed champion. If I have to move up and feel that it is time for me to move up than I will do so.

Q: At the lightweight level everyone is targeting Lomachenko, are you ready for rematch with Robert Easter Jr.

A: Why not. Maybe they bring another title and then we can meet in the ring.

Q: How would you assess Ghana Boxing.

A: In Ghana we still have raw talent but we need the association to lift up the sport. The government should take boxing serious not as a second class sports. There should be understanding between manages, promoters and boxers as well. Boxing is a long term investment.

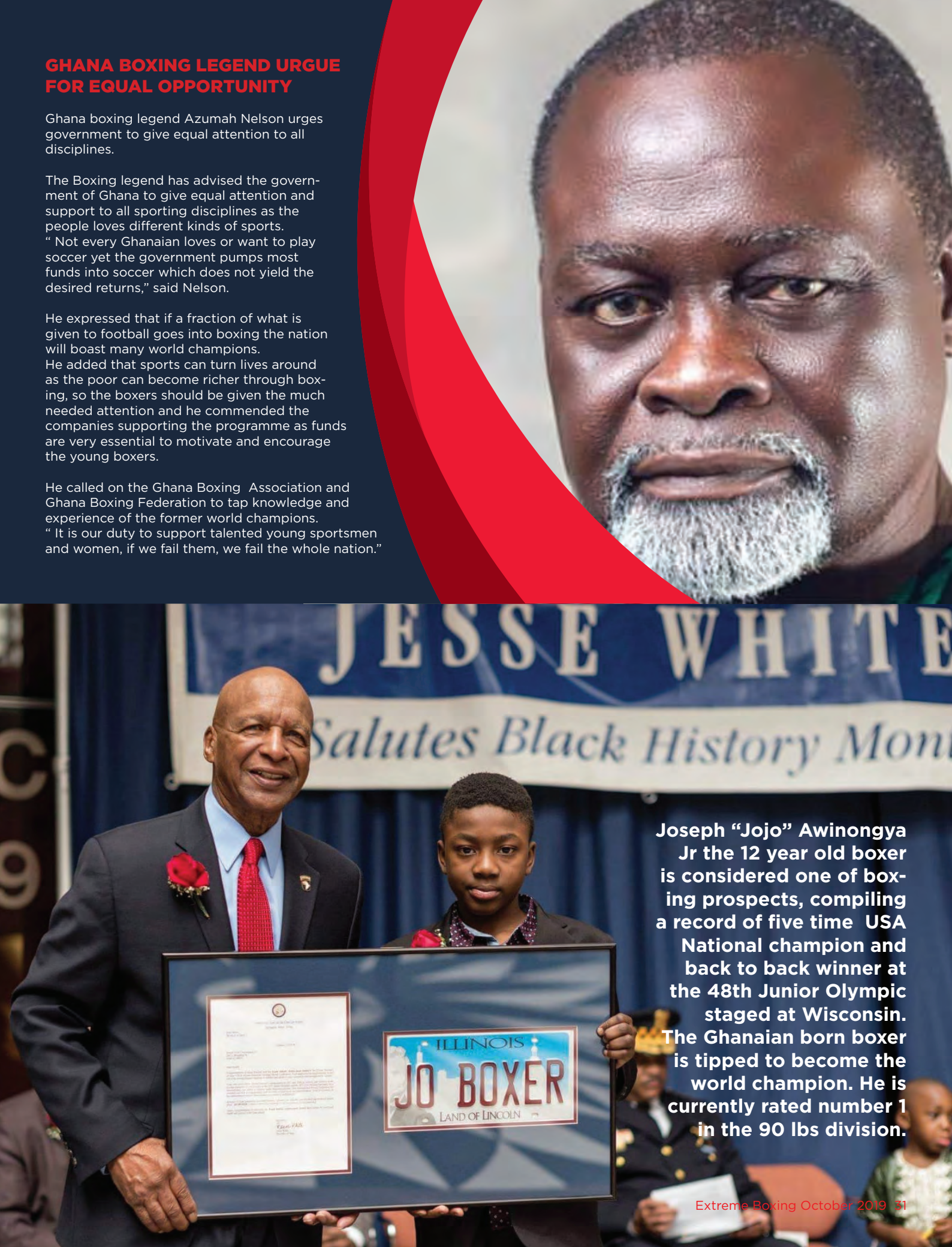
GHANA BOXING LEGEND URGUE FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Ghana boxing legend Azumah Nelson urges government to give equal attention to all disciplines.

The Boxing legend has advised the government of Ghana to give equal attention and support to all sporting disciplines as the people loves different kinds of sports.
" Not every Ghanaian loves or want to play soccer yet the government pumps most funds into soccer which does not yield the desired returns," said Nelson.

He expressed that if a fraction of what is given to football goes into boxing the nation will boast many world champions.
He added that sports can turn lives around as the poor can become richer through boxing, so the boxers should be given the much needed attention and he commended the companies supporting the programme as funds are very essential to motivate and encourage the young boxers.

He called on the Ghana Boxing Association and Ghana Boxing Federation to tap knowledge and experience of the former world champions.
" It is our duty to support talented young sportsmen and women, if we fail them, we fail the whole nation."



Joseph "Jojo" Awinongya Jr the 12 year old boxer is considered one of boxing prospects, compiling a record of five time USA National champion and back to back winner at the 48th Junior Olympic staged at Wisconsin. The Ghanaian born boxer is tipped to become the world champion. He is currently rated number 1 in the 90 lbs division.







WOMEN PUNCH IN MALE BASTION.







Women are more playing a leading role in the development of Boxing in the country. South Africa not only has women playing role as boxers and referees but in the management and hosting boxing tournaments.

Onicca Moloi former MEC of Sports, Arts and Culture in Limpopo will be remembered as a pioneer for change after a successful drive promoting boxing in the province. Moloi and her department provided financial assistance to the province's promoters to ensure that they are able to stage boxing tournament in the parts of the province where the sport was almost on its knees.

Phathutshedzo Dongola of Limpopo Promoters Association said the province appreciate the foundation laid to rebuild boxing. " Now boxing in the province is active, we have tournaments across the province and there is bright future. Moloi played her role." said Dongola.

Top female boxing promoter Mbali "Don Queen" Zantsi is known for giving female boxers a platform to showcase their skills. Zantsi 's promoting company, SHOWTIME Promotions has been promoting female boxers and developed boxers such as Noni Tenge, Unathi Myekeni and Bomikazi Klaas to compete at world level.

The World Boxing Federations (WBF) Promoter of the Year believes programmes aimed at the development of women boxers is a step in the right direction." This will help to keep women in the gym. We also want to see more facilities at rural and township areas. We will be happy if boxing become part of school activities so that former boxers can share their knowledge and experience."

Another role player Promise " The Iron Lady" Moyo is to be the second female boxing promoter following the footstep of Mbali Zantsi, to break the high entry barriers of this patriarch sports. " We have to work hard as women. Not wait for favours, we have good mentors that can inspire other women, if you work hard anything is possible." said Moyo " There were times I would put forward a proposal and be told that maybe another sport not boxing but today when one mentions the word boxing they give you attention."

Sylvia Mokaila, top referee and judge in the country, was recently appointed by International Boxing Federation (IBF) as a commissioner for a boxing tournament. She won the Female Ring Official of the Year award in 2017. Makaila set her sight on winning a world honour. She started officiating in the amateur ranks in 1996 and graduated to professional in 1999. She has managed international contest in countries such as Mexico,USA,Germany, Namibia,Ghana and Zimbabwe. "

I am in the process of ploughing back by assisting the youth to develop not only as professionals but have an amateur boxing academy." said Mokaila.

Colleen McAusland was voted Manager of the Year at the BSA awards for 2018. McAusland manages the Boxing promotion, UNLEASHED Sports. "The aim is to raise the bar to the development of professional boxing," said McAusland. She teamed up with trainer Lionel Hunter. Joyce Kungwane Chairperson of Gauteng Promoters Associatio of TLB Promotions teamed up with former professional boxers, Lehlohonolo Ledwaba and Jan Bergman. " The aim is to develop boxing as a professional sport. People should understand boxing as a Sport and words like 'fighters' gives a negative image to the sports. This sport is not violent," said Kungwane. She expressed that sports departments should give a fair share of their budget to develop boxing. "We need facilities around the country because it can help to elevate poverty."



Naoya Inoue is hopeful that the biggest fight of his career to date is also a family affair. The unbeaten, pound-for-pound entrant and reigning bantamweight titlist is awaiting final confirmation of a date and location for his title unification clash with Nonito Donaire. The bout serves as the finals of the World Boxing Super Series Bantamweight tournament, with the event being targeted for November.

Should the bout land in Japan—with the Kyocera Osaka dome among the venues under consideration—the hope among Ohashi Promotions is to arrange for Inoue's younger brother Takuma Inoue (13-0, 3 KOs) to appear in a title consolidation clash with unbeaten reigning WBC 118-pound title claimant Nordine Oubaali, who is due to honour his mandatory (what) following a knockout win over Arthur Villanueva in an optional defense earlier this month (August? If so, update)

Donaire (40-5, 26 Kos) and Inoue (18-0, 16 Kos) both stormed into the finals on the heels of spectacular knockout wins earlier this year. A long delay in getting to the WBSS semi-finals also saw Donaire endure an opponent change late in the game, settling for Stephen Young whom he annihilated in six rounds this past April. The win counts the same in the tournament bracket, but was downgraded from a unification bout to a title defense after originally-scheduled Zolani Tete suffered an injury just days before the fight and was forced to withdraw.

Inoue pleaded his latest case in-ring as to why he should be regarded as the sport's best pound-for-pound boxer today. He became a three-division titlist with a bang, upgrading from his interim bantamweight title status with a two-round destruction of previously-unbeaten title claimant Emmanuel Rodriguez in Glasgow, Scotland.

Inoue entered the semi-finals following his 70-second wipeout of former titlist Juan Carlos Payano in his Yokohoma hometown. The bout formally kicked off season two of the WBSS.



MANNY PAQUIAO

There were many times when we could have seen the last of the phenomenal Filipino Manny Paquiao. It is incredible that he is still going, and not only because he won his first world title almost two decades ago. While it is true that Paquiao, who is also a senator, has a country to inspire and political goals to achieve, he may have nothing left to prove in the ring—there have been many opportunities for him to walk.

He could have quit after inflicting grievous bodily harm on Antonio Margarito, whom he effectively finished. He could have left even before Floyd Mayweather agreed to face him. He could have left after losing that disastrously-controversial decision to Timothy Bradley, and many doubted he would fight again after the vicious knockout defeat to old rival Juan Manuel Marquez.

Perhaps he could have left boxing after it appeared the magic had dissipated when he came back but failed to shine against Brandon Rios in Macau or even righting the wrong against Bradley. He could have vanished after breaking the bank against Mayweather, or after getting ripped off on the road against Jeff Horn. He would have gone with his head held high after any of his last fights before Thurman, in stopping Lucas Matthyssee in Kuala Lampur and outpointing Adrien Broner in Las Vegas.

It would also, naturally, be an ideal time for Paquiao to retire on his own terms following an exciting win after having had defeated another member of the generation that followed his own peak, with many believing that only Errol Spence and Terence Crawford would top him at 147.

Yet the exciting thing about Pacquiao is that he lives how he fights: he has no brakes. It doesn't seem like he knows how to stop.



MARSHALL READY TO SQAURE UP AGAINST SHIELDS

Savannah marshall is convinced that she would make it two wins from two fights against claressa shields if the former amateur rivals were to meet again in the professional ranks.

Marshall, undefeated,the 28-year-old 'silent assassin' remains the only boxer to have inflicted a ring defeat on undisputed middleweight world champion shields. Marshall outpointed the us golden girl in china en route to cementing herself as britain's first ever female amateur world champion in 2012. She was last seen demolishing tough bulgarian borislavagoranova in one round at victoria warehouse and believes her link up with eddie hearn's promotional outfit will provide her with the perfect platform to secure a mega fight will long-term rival shields.

"I've been pro now for just on two years and it has been quite slow in the sense that i haven't moved forward as quickly as i would have hoped," admitted marshall. "Matchroom are the biggest promotional company in the game, they have shows all the time so for that reason the fights are there for me."

"I'm in this sport to become a world champion. I'm not the type of person to do something half-heartedly. I've been boxing since i was 11 years old and if i didn't feel like i was at world level then there would be no point in me being here.

"Claressa is the undisputed middleweight champion so in that aspect she is ahead of me. I believe that fight will happen soon and that i will beat her again, like i did as an amateur. I think i'm twice the fighter now than i was when we last fought, so it makes no difference to me where the fight takes place, i'll beat her again.'

"I had almost 100 amateur bouts and i've come up against all sizes and styles of opponents. I've boxed all over the world so there's not that many styles i haven't come across. I just want to show the world what i am capable of and what i can do. I will win in good fashion."

Undisputed middleweight champion claressa shields and former world champion ivanahabazin squared-off and exchanged words, as they previewed their battle for the wbo junior middleweight world championship. Shields will aim to make history as the fastest fighter in boxing, male or female, to become a three-division world champion, in her first professional fight in her hometown.

Claressa shields recently criticised the statement by wbc officialthe supposed need for two-minute rounds in women's boxing by claiming those that run sanctioning organizations and commissions must protect women fighters from themselves.

Unlike male boxers, he claimed women in this sport aren't built to withstand competing for three full minutes per round.

Shields took exception to that explanation.
"I'm 24 years old," shields said, "i've been grown for a very long time. I don't need to be protected in boxing. If that's the case, you also need to protect the men. They have more knockouts because of the three-minute rounds and 12 rounds. If that's the case, we shouldn't be in the sport.

"We need to be treated fairly and given the same, equal opportunities. And that's what three minutes and 12 rounds is. I don't need someone protecting me and telling me what i can and can't do. If the rule is to fight three minutes [per round] and 12 rounds, i'm going to get my ass in the gym and get ready for three minutes and 12 rounds."

That official's comments, made two days before her unanimous-decision victory over femkehermans piqued shields' curiosity. Shields determined after doing some research that two-minute rounds actually hurts women who box.

The ibf, wba and wbc middleweight champion is convinced that two-minute rounds have prevented some of the top women's boxers in the world from scoring more knockouts.

One of the most common criticisms of shields is that the two-time olympic gold medalist doesn't knock out her opponents. She felt that she hurt hermans twice during a 10-round fight hbo broadcast from carson, california, yet shields (8-0, 2 kos) ran out of time in both of those rounds to finish the job.

Each of shields' past four fights have gone the 10-round distance. Her opponent, wbo middleweight champ christina hammer, is 24-0, but only 11 of those victories have come by knockout.







HEAVYWEIGHT KNOCKOUT SPECIALIST DANIEL DUBOIS IS THE SPECIAL ONE

British, Dubois, 21 years old, became one of the youngest fighters to claim the British heavyweight title, knocking out Nathan Gorman inside five rounds

"He is the most exciting heavyweight and one of the most exciting prospects in the world.".

Dubois and Gorman knew one another from time spent in the same Great Britain boxing squad that groomed former unified world heavyweight champion Anthony Joshua.

The past three British heavyweight title bouts between two unbeaten boxers were won by Lennox Lewis, Tyson Fury and Anthony Joshua.

He might go, even if we take into account the two above him in terms of how quickly they got to the British title - Herbie Hide and Joe Bugner fought for world titles.

Dubois is under the guidance of promoter Frank Warren as well, it must be in his mind to have a heavyweight world champion he has developed from cradle to the championship. Daniel Dubois is in safe hands given that burning ambition.

British heavyweight top 10 are Tyson Fury, Anthony Joshua, Dillian Whyte, Joe Joyce, Daniel Dubois, Dereck Chisora, Nathan Gorman, Hughie Fury, David Price and Dave Allen.



JOSHUA VS WILDER

The last time an undefeated American heavyweight champion and an unbeaten British were on a collision course, the fighter from England got knocked out by an unheralded American who wasn't supposed to win. When Riddick Bowe and Lennox Lewis occupied the parts played today by Deontay Wilder and Anthony Joshua, and fans relied on newspapers and magazines for their boxing news.

Like Lewis, Joshua has suffered an unforeseen defeat that has made many boxing observers wonder whether Wilder will ever face Joshua. Ruiz so badly battered Joshua physically and mentally that what was considered this to be the biggest fight in boxing is in serious jeopardy.

Whether it ever occurs will depend in large part if Joshua can bounce back from his poor performance against Andy Ruiz Jr. like Lewis did after Oliver McCall knocked him out in the second round.

Unlike Lewis, Joshua will be afforded an immediate opportunity to prove he's better than he showed at Madison Square Garden in New York, where thousands of Joshua's stunned supporters watched Ruiz drop him four times and stop him in the seventh round.

Lewis obviously recovered from that shocking knockout defeat to McCall and became an unquestionable Hall-of-Famer, the best heavyweight of his era. He beat an emotionally unstable Oliver McCall in their rematch, defeated Evander Holyfield twice (a split draw was a ridiculous result in their first fight), dismantled Mike Tyson and fended off Vitali Klitschko in what emerged as Lewis' last fight.

Joshua (22-1, 21 KOs) has a comparable opportunity to quickly correct what went wrong when he was a favourite. His setback against Ruiz, a late replacement for Jarrell Miller, was different from Lewis' loss to Rahman, though.

Lewis was knocked out by a single, devastating right hand the former champion didn't see coming that devastating night 18 years ago in South Africa. Joshua got beat up by Ruiz (33-1, 22 KOs), whose resilience and hand speed surprised the 6-feet-6, 245-pound physical specimen. The newly crowned champion knocked down the British superstar four times – twice apiece in the third and seventh rounds – and stopped an exhausted, dejected Joshua at 1:27 of that seventh round.

The 29-year-old Joshua's body language before, during and after his first professional defeat didn't exactly inspire confidence regarding the ex-champion's chances in their next fight. Eddie Hearn, Joshua's promoter, still said Tuesday that the 2012 Olympic gold medalist has exercised his clause for an immediate rematch, which likely will take place in November or December in the United Kingdom.

If Wilder withstands second encounters with Ortiz (31-1, 26 KOs, 2 NC) and Fury (27-0-1, 19 KOs), and Joshua conquers Ruiz in their re-match, Joshua's shocking setback probably won't have done as much damage to that huge heavyweight fight as it seems in its immediate aftermath. In that case, the huge heavyweight fight that almost wasn't would go the way of Lewis-Tyson – just more competitive, hopefully.



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Inside EFC – World leading MMA organisation

Get to know the stars inside and outside of the hexagon

AMANDA "MADDOG" LINO



Hailing from Ballito KZN, Amanda was the first female in EFC to feature on the main card of an event. Amandas rise to the top of the ranks in the ladies' division in MMA started merely as an attempt to lose weight, challenge and push herself to the limits. Well, as they say, the rest is history. After a few classes of MMA, she got hooked on the sport and is currently the women's Flyweight and Bantamweight Champion. Also, Amanda is making strides in the fitness arena, she owns and runs her own gym in Ballito.

However, it's not all just about fighting in the hexagon. MMA is a very disciplined sport and takes rigouorus preparation physically, mentally and in what you eat. It is about having a balanced life, motivation, dedication and the will and tenacity to want to be the best at everything you do.

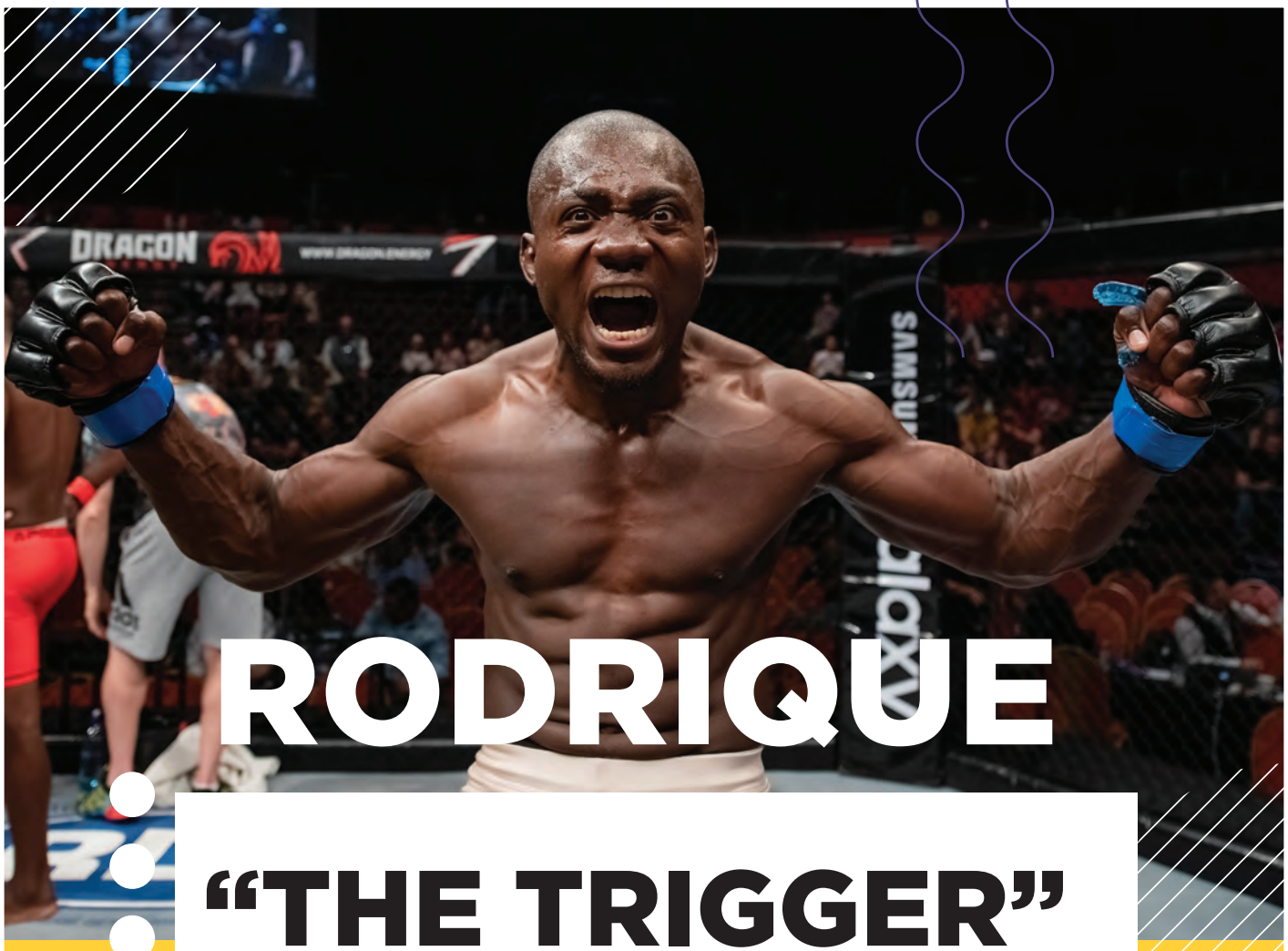
"MMA is no longer a male dominated sport, women are progressing in tremendous strides both locally and internationally. Wether you're training purely for fitness or prepping for a competition, MMA is not only about strength and physical ability, but mentality and the willingness to learn technique". Says Amanda.

"The increased confidence I have seen in my female clients has been phenomenal", she continues. I have been fortunate enough to have seen this with the women who come into my gym (KO Fighting Fitness) for fitness training. Watching the mental strength develop in each of these women has been inspirational.

Mom's, gran's, aunt's, housewives, business women alike. Increased physical strength is a given with MMA training, it's an all body workout - the mind too begins to focus, and that is when their training goes to a whole new level.

I advise all women, regardless of their age to train in MMA, for physical strength, mobility, confidence and yes, self defence.

Step out your comfort zone, that's where growth takes place. You're stronger than you think."



RODRIQUE "THE TRIGGER" KENA

This "Quick Striking" fighter, born out of DRC, now trains out of Northcliff, Johannesburg and is contracted to MMA powerhouse EFC.

Having started training at the age of nine, Rodrique credits his successes to his father, for making him the person he is today.

From childhood, Kenna did karate, judo and some kickboxing and transitioned to MMA at the age of 18, where he combined his fighting styles. This combination is indicative of why MMA remains the sport of choice both in Athletes and fans.



JON JONES

It was a close call, with Jon Jones losing on a scorecard for the first time in his career, but he successfully retained the UFC Light Heavyweight Championship against Thiago Santos at UFC 239.

Both men traded throughout the first round, each landing decent shots but Santos did manage to tag Jones quite a few times with power shots. As the second came around, however, it appeared Santos tweaked his knee, though to his credit, still managed to produce an even round with the defending champ.

The tide turned in round three, however, as Jones tagged Santos throughout and busted him open with an elbow. And to make matters worse for Santos, the condition of his knee continued to deteriorate.

After a quiet fourth round, which saw Santos stay mostly defensive, the two stayed patient once again and traded shots in the fifth and final round. Jones seemed to be the more aggressive; however, he did have to take more of Santos' power.

In the end, one judge gave Santos the fight 48-47; however, the remaining two judges gave 48-47 scores in Jones' favor, allowing him to yet again retain the UFC's 205-pound title.

The win also allowed Jones to tie Georges St Pierre for most title fight victories in UFC history.



TUMISANG "THE PRESIDENT" MADIBA

Tumisang is a natural competitor and an all-round friendly guy, but, you don't want to go face to face with him in the hexagon. With good ground and pound, this EFC fighter trains in both MMA and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

Tumisang started fighting in MMA in 2012 with absolutely no martial arts background. With a desire and drive to prove to himself that he could do anything he sets his mind to, EFC was the perfect platform to do so and he continues to push himself within this sport powerhouse.



IGEU KABESA

The Congo's Igeu Kabesa (12-1) defended his EFC featherweight title for the sixth time against Croatia's Karlo Caput (8-1) at Carnival City's Big Top Arena. Zimbabwe's Themba Gorimbo (7-2) defeated Brazil's Jose da Rocha (10-5) to secure himself a welterweight title shot.

The featherweight champion Kabesa, with only one defeat in his career, was confident throughout the build-up to the bout, and backed his word inside the hexagon. Kaput began by pressuring the champion with punches.

Kabesa circled, and at just over the one minute mark, connected with a calculated overhand right that crumpled Kaput to the canvas.

Kabesa's victory was brutal and decisive. He now cements himself as one of the greatest champions in EFC history.
The first round of the Grand Prix to determine the organisation's new welterweight champion kicked off with Zimbabwe's Gorimbo returning after almost two year's absence, to face Brazil's da Rocha.

The first round featured a blizzard of leather with both men throwing punches. Da Rocha landed the more telling blows, but Gorimbo made use of his own speciality by tying the Brazilian up in the clinch and controlling the fight there.

However, da Rocha had Gorimbo in deep trouble in the last ten seconds, head-hunting a wobbling Gorimbo who was saved by the bell. No doubt aware of potentially having lost the first round, Gorimbo immediately took the Brazilian down in the second and controlled the fight on the ground, landing regular strikes to almost certainly make it a round a-piece going into the third.

Gorimbo stuck to his winning formula, controlling the fight on the ground to take a decisive decision victory, and the chance to move on to the final to determine the new EFC welterweight champion.



JACOBS VS ZULU

Faeez Jacobs defeated Nkazimulo Zulu via split decision for the interim bantamweight title.

The bout showcased Jacobs' consistent striking and Zulu's sharp takedown attempts.

The judges scored five taxing rounds 49-46 to Jacobs, 49-46 to Zulu and 48-47 to Jacobs.

"I can't even explain what I am feeling now. This is an unreal moment for me. I'm a kid from Mitchells Plain – where I come from people become gangsters and drug addicts. I became a world champion," enthused Jacobs.



PIETIE COXEN

From boxing to a career in MMA with leading sport powerhouse EFC

Pitting Boxing and MMA against one another is no matchup; Yes both are about fighting, but each discilpine has a different set of rules and a different set of tactics for engagement, and this is something which Pietie Coxen has come to master. Spanning from a boxing background to a career in MMA with sport powerhouse EFC, Coxens debut to EFC back in 2013 saw him win the fight with a KO. Having had a solid boxing background, transitioning to MMA was easy for Coxen together with the honour of stepping into the Hexagon as an EFC fighter. “It means the world to me”, stated Coxen.

RATINGS

Heavyweight (unlimited)			
WBC	**WBA**	**IBF**	**WBO**
	Andy Ruiz		
Deontay Wilder	**Manuel Charr**	**Andy Ruiz**	**Andy Ruiz**
	WBA Gold: Joe Joyce		
1. Dillian Whyte	1. Trevor Bryan	1. Kubrat Pulev	1. Oleksandr Usyk
2. Tyson Fury	2. Oleksandr Usyk	2. NOT RATED	2. Tyson Fury
3. Anthony Joshua	3. Anthony Joshua	3. Adam Kownacki	3. Anthony Joshua
4. Luis Ortiz	4. Otto Wallin	4. Agit Kabayel	4. Tyrone Spong
5. Adam Kownacki	5. Sergey Kuzmin	5. Anthony Joshua	5. Adam Kownacki
6. Joseph Parker	6. Filip Hrgovic	6. Tyson Fury	6. Junior Fa
7. Alexander Povetkin	7. Adam Kownacki	7. Sergey Kuzmin	7. Luis Ortiz
8. Kubrat Pulev	8. Michael Hunter	8. Gerald Washington	8. Daniel Dubois
9. Agit Kabayel	9. David Price	9. Luis Ortiz	9. Agit Kabayel
10. Dereck Chisora	10. Alexander Povetkin	10. Michael Hunter	10. Evgeny Romanov
11. Filip Hrgovic	11. Kyotoro Fujimoto	11. Otto Wallin	11. Joseph Parker
12. Joe Joyce	12. Oleksandr Teslenko	12. Filip Hrgovic	12. Michael Hunter
13. Oscar Rivas	13. Ivan Dychko	13. Hughie Fury	13. Carlos Takam
14. Domonic Breazeale	14. Mladen Miljas	14. Joseph Parker	14. Tom Schwarz
15. Michael Hunter	15. Fres Oquendo	15. Daniel Dubois	15. Oscar Rivas

Cruiserweight/Jr. Heavyweight (200 lbs)			
WBC	**WBA**	**IBF**	**WBO**
VACANT	**A. Goulamarian**		
Mairis Briedis	**WBA Gold: Alexey Egorov**	**Yunier Dorticos**	**Mairis Briedis**
1. Ilunga Makabu	1. Ryad Merhy	1. NOT RATED	1. K. Glowacki
2. Krszysztof Glowacki	2. Lawrence Okolie	2. NOT RATED	2. Imre Szello
3. Krszysztof Wlodarczyk	3. Yury Kashinsky	3. Yury Kashinsky	3. Firat Arslan
4. Noel Gevor	4. Firat Arslan	4. Imre Szello	4. Yury Kashinsky
5. Kevin Lerena	5. Kevin Lerena	5. Ruslan Fayer	5. Lawrence Okokie
6. Michael Cieslak	6. Richard Riakporhe	6. Ryad Merhy	6. Dilan Praspvic
7. Yury Kashinky	7. Andrew Tabiti	7. Andrew Tabiti	7. Nikolai Milacic
8. Mike Perez	8. Imre Szello	8. Bilal Laggoune	8. Edin Puhalo
9. Mateusz Masternak	9. Murat Gassiev	9. Firat Arslan	9. Juergen Uldedaj
10. Andrew Tabiti	10. Kane Watts	10. Yves Ngabu	10. Michal Cieslak
11. Ruslan Faifer	11. Jai Opetaia	11. Kevin Lerena	11. Evgeny Tischchenko
12. Lawrence Okolie	12. Krzysztof Wlodarczyk	12. Jai Opetalia	12. Ilunga Makabu
13. Dmitry Kudryashov	13. Yves Ngabu	13. Lyndon Arthur	13. Yves Ngabu
14. Thabiso Mchunu	14. Jianzheng Wang	14. Aleksei Papin	14. Jai Opetaia
15. Fabio Turchi	15. Constantin Bejenaru	15. Krzysztof Wlodarczyk	15. David Light

RATINGS

Light Heavyweight (175 lbs)			
WBC	**WBA**	**IBF**	**WBO**
Oleksandr Gvozdyk	**Dmitry Bivol**	**Artur Beterbiev**	**Sergey Kovalev**
1. Gilberto Ramirez	**1. Marcus Browne**	1. Meng Fanlong	1. Anthony Yarde
2. Marcus Browne	2. Felix Valera	2. NOT RATED	2. Gilberto Ramirez
3. Jean Pascal	3. Dominic Boesel	3. Dominic Boesel	3. Dominic Boesel
4. Igor Mikhalkin	4. Joshua Buatsi	4. Joshua Buatsi	4. Umar Salamov
5. Dominic Boesel	5. Sven Fornling	5. Sven Fornling	5. Jesse Hart
6. Badou Jack	6. Jesse Hart	6. Umar Salamov	6. Maxim Vlasov
7. Jesse Hart	7. Umar Salamov	7. Callum Johnson	7. Robert Parzeczewski
8. Eleider Alvarez	8. Charles Foster	8. Leon Bunn	8. Eleider Alvarez
9. Blake Caparello	9. Badou Jack	9. Jesse Hart	9. Emil Markic
10. Sullivan Barrera	10. Callum Johnson	10. Adam Deines	10. Blake Caparello
11. Callum Johnson	11. Blake Caparello	11. Max Vlasov	11. Lenin Castillo
12. Sven Fornling	12. Craig Richards	12. Felix Valera	12. Steve Ward
13. Joe Smith Jr.	13. Mathieu Bauderlique	13. Igor Mikhalin	13. Fanlong Meng
14. Felix Valera	14. Ahmed Elbiali	14. Karo Murat	14. Joshua Buatsi
15. Joshua Buatsi	15. Jean Pascal	15. Enrico Koelling	15. Alfonso Lopez
15. Michael Hunter	15. Fres Oquendo	15. Daniel Dubois	15. Oscar Rivas

Super Middleweight (168 lbs)			
WBC	**WBA**	**IBF**	**WBO**
	Callum Smith		
Anthony Dirrell	**Saul Alvarez**	**Caleb Plant**	**Billy Joe Saunders**
David Benavidez	**WBA Gold: Lennox Allen**		
1. Avni Yildirim	1. John Ryder	1. NOT RATED	1. Erik Bazinyan
2. Chris Eubank Jr.	2. Chris Eubank Jr.	2. NOT RATED	2. Rohan Murdock
3. David Lemieux	3. Fedor Chudinov	3. Vincent Feigenbutz	3. Zach Parker
4. Azuzbek Abdugofurov	4. Peter Quillin	4. Peter Quillin	4. Zac Dunn
5. Fedor Chudinov	5. Vincent Feigenbutz	5. Caleb Truax	5. Roamer Angulo
6. Caleb Truax	6. Aidos Yerbossynuly	6. Fedor Chudinov	6. Vincent Feigenbutz
7. Rocky Fielding	7. Cem Kilic	7. Jose Uzcategui	7. Willie Monroe
8. Jayde Mitchell	8. Zach Parker	8. Chris Eubank Jr.	8. Aslambek Idigov
9. Juergen Braehmer	9. Zac Dunn	9. Zach Parker	9. Aidos Yerbossynuly
10. Stefan Haertek	10. Kevin Sadjo	10. Stefan Hartel	10. Juergen Braehmer
11. Vincent Feigenbutz	11. Erik Bazinyan	11. Evgeny Shvedenko	11. Fedor Chudinov
12. Jose Uzcategui	12. Caleb Truax	12. Juergen Braehmer	12. Emmanuel Martley
13. Vladimir Shishkin	13. Julio Alamos	13. Leon Bauer	13. Lerrone Richards
14. Peter Quillin	14. Bilal Akkawy	14. Zac Dunn	14. Stefan Haertel
15. Robin Krasniqi	15. Vladimir Shishkin	15. Erik Bazinyan	15. Mate Kis

BOXERS PROFILE INFORMATION

UNLEASHED
COMBAT SPORT EVENTS



SIMANGELE HADEBE
FEMALE

DIVISION: **FLYWEIGHT**
BOXING RECORD: **6W - 3L - 2D**
COACH: **LIONEL HUNTER**
MANAGER: **COLLEEN McAUSLAND**



MULUMBA KAMANGA
MALE

DIVISION: **JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT**
BOXING RECORD: **11W - 4L**
COACH: **LIONEL HUNTER**
MANAGER: **COLLEEN McAUSLAND**



KABANDANI BUKASA
MALE

DIVISION: **MIDDLEWEIGHT**
BOXING RECORD: **4W - 1L**
COACH: **LIONEL HUNTER**
MANAGER: **COLLEEN McAUSLAND**



SIYABONGA MABENA
MALE

DIVISION: **JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT**
BOXING RECORD: **5W - 2L - 1D**
COACH: **LIONEL HUNTER**
MANAGER: **COLLEEN McAUSLAND**



FARADAY MUKANDILA
MALE

DIVISION: **WELTERWEIGHT**
BOXING RECORD: **5W - 1L - 1D**
COACH: **LIONEL HUNTER**
MANAGER: **COLLEEN McAUSLAND**



LEBOGANG MASHITOA
MALE

DIVISION: **CRUISERWEIGHT**
BOXING RECORD: **6W - 1L**
COACH: **LIONEL HUNTER**
MANAGER: **COLLEEN McAUSLAND**



WALTER DLAMINI
MALE

DIVISION: **MIDDLEWEIGHT**
BOXING RECORD: **17W - 6L - 4D**
COACH: **LIONEL HUNTER**
MANAGER: **COLLEEN McAUSLAND**



KHOLOSA NDABAYINI
FEMALE

DIVISION: **LIGHTWEIGHT**
BOXING RECORD: **12W - 7L**
COACH: **LIONEL HUNTER**
MANAGER: **COLLEEN McAUSLAND**



MZIWODUMO MANGXILANA
MALE

DIVISION: **JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT**
BOXING RECORD: **6W - 5L - 5D**
COACH: **LIONEL HUNTER**
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