

KUSE SHOULD HAVE WON ‘CLOSELY CONTESTED’ TITLE FIGHT

By **BONGANI MAGASELA**

So near, yet so far. That is how best to describe the outcome of the World Boxing Council (WBC) mini flyweight boxing championship between reigning titleholder Melvin Jerusalem and SA challenger Siyakholwa Kuse.

Their 12-rounder, which took place at the Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City, Manila in the Philippines on Wednesday night, was a closely contested affair. Surprisingly, all three judges scored it in favour of the Filipino. Scores were 115-113 (twice) and 116-112.

Opening scores after four rounds, as per the WBC’s procedure, had Jerusalem up on two cards and down on the other after eight rounds.

Kuse’s trainer Manny Fernandes, the boxer’s manager Brian Mitchell, and trainer Colin Nathan, feel Kuse could have won or drawn had the fight taken place in SA. “It was a very close fight; obviously, we were in his [Jerusalem] backyard. I’m



Siyakholwa Kuse
/Antonio Muchave

● Challenger’s corner believes he would have taken it in SA

very proud of Kuse; he will learn a lot from this fight [his first outside SA],” said Fernandes.

Mitchell, who assisted Fernandes in the corner, said: “Close one, maybe a draw or win in SA.”

Nathan said: “Kuse put in a tremendous effort. Had the contest been in SA, Kuse might have won by the same scores.”

His former manager Mlandeli Tengimfene said: “Kuse has a big heart, and I saw improvement in his punching; they have eliminated the wild

punching. I still believe that he has all the tools to be a world champion; he is a monster, no fear, nothing. I think he lost it in the championship rounds; I suspect he gassed out during the later rounds; that’s understandable, the pace was high.”

There were no knockdowns. Rated No 2, lesser-experienced Kuse gave vastly

experienced Jerusalem tough challenges. A decorated amateur, 22-year-old Kuse was involved in his 13th fight, with nine wins, three losses, and a draw.

Jerusalem, 31, hiked his record to 25 wins against three losses.

Their tournament, staged by MP Promotions of legendary Manny “Pac Man” Pacquiao, featured the IBA heavyweight championship between new champ Chris “The Wolf” Thompson and Russian Georgiy Yunovidov.

All bouts were broadcast live by

SuperSport. They were part of the 50th anniversary of the iconic “Thrilla in Manila” heavyweight fight, the third between Muhammad Ali and Joseph “Smokin’ Joe” Frazier, which took place on October 1 1975.

Ali stopped Frazier in the 15th round at the same venue as the Kuse-Jerusalem fight.

Pacquiao, the only eight-division world champion, who is widely regarded as one of the greatest professional boxers of all time, was ring side on Wednesday.



THE GAUTENG PROVINCE, DEPARTMENT OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT REQUESTS INTERESTED TENDERERS TO BID FOR THE FOLLOWING TENDER:

TENDER NO: DRT 03/10/2025
The Traffic Signal Maintenance, Technology Upgrades, And Geometric Upgrades to Cater for New Installation for a period of 36 months in the Gauteng Province as and when required.

TENDER NUMBER	SERVICE	CIDB LEVEL	COMPULSORY SITE BRIEFING	CLOSING DATE
DRT 03/10/2025	The Traffic Signal Maintenance, Technology Upgrades, And Geometric Upgrades to Cater for New Installation for a period of 36 months in the Gauteng Province as and when required.	8CE & 8EP or Higher	Venue: Main Boardroom, Department of Roads and Transport 1215 Nico Smith Street Koedoespoort Pretoria Date: 11 November 2025 Time: 10h00 am NB: Failure to attend site briefing will result in dis-qualification	01 December 2025 Time: 11H00 Tender Box Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport, Ground floor, Life Centre Building, 45 Commissioner Street, Johannesburg.

NB: Refer to the tender document for the evaluation process of this bid that is accessible on the E-tender Publication Portal website (www.etenders.gov.za)

The 90/10-point system is applicable for this bid with the following Specific Goal Requirements and documentary proof as per the bid document must be provided for claiming points for specific goals:

Price		90 Points
Specific Goals: Total Points	PROOF OF EVIDENCE	10 points
HDI	The bidder must submit a valid B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit with at least 51% black ownership to claim points.	1
Woman	The bidder must submit a valid B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit with at least 51% owned by women to claim points	3
Youth	The bidder must submit a valid B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit with at least 51% owned by youth to claim points.	2
Disability	The bidder must submit a valid B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit with at least 51% owned by people with disability to claim points.	2
Locality	The bidder must submit a copy of a municipal rates & taxes invoice or statement not older than three (3) months in the name of the Bidder or proof of lease agreement in the name of the Lessee signed by both parties.	2

OBTAINING TENDER DOCUMENTS

Prospective tenderers can download and print their own version of the tender document (free of charge) by accessing the E-Tender Publication Portal **website (www.etenders.gov.za)**. Tenderers are advised to ensure that all tender documents are properly bound upon submission on the closing date and time. Documents will be available on the E-tenders publication portal from **31 October 2025**.

SUBMISSION OF TENDERS

Clearly indexed Tender Documents together with all applicable attachments must be deposited in the tender box at the foyer of the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport, 45 Commissioner Street, Life Centre Building, Johannesburg, Ground floor, by no later than 01 December 2025 @ 11:00 on the closing date indicated above.

Late tenders (tenders submitted after the closing date and time) will NOT be accepted.

Not submitting all the required pages of the tender document may result in the tenderer either being disqualified or forfeiting the available tender evaluation points, depending on the nature of the submission.

Electronic submission of tenders will NOT be accepted.

Telegraphic, telephone, telex, facsimile, email or similar apparatus of tenders will NOT be accepted.

The Department’s requirements, preferred criteria, proposed terms and conditions to be applied in the sealing, addressing, delivery, opening and assessment of tenders are stated in the tender documents.

All technical enquiries may be directed to Email: Eyase.Ramokhoase@gauteng.gov.za

IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS TO TAKE NOTE OF:

- The Department reserves the right to cancel **OR** not to award this tender to any party.
- In addition, the Department reserves the right to conduct a detail risk assessment prior to the award of the bid.
- Only Bidders registered on the Central Suppliers database and within the applicable CIDB grading of this bid or higher as listed in this advert will be legible to submit bids.
- The Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport will not compensate the bidder for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid offer, including the costs of any testing necessary to demonstrate that aspects of the offer comply with requirements.

ERRATUM

CANCELLATION NOTICE

THIS ERRATUM NOTICE SEEKS TO AMEND PREVIOUSLY ISSUED CANCELLATION NOTICE FOR TENDER NUMBER COJ/JTC001/25-26.

THE CORRECT BID DESCRIPTION IS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FROM INTERESTED, QUALIFIED SERVICE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE ADVERTISING AND MARKETING SERVICES USING THE 360 DEGREES APPROACH FOR ABOVE-THE-LINE, THROUGH-THE-LINE AND BELOW-THE-LINE APPROACH FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED BID HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

THE CITY OF JOHANNESBURG WILL ADVISE ON THE RE-ADVERTISEMENTS OF THE BID.



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BID NOTICE AND INVITATION TO BID

Bidders are hereby invited to bid for the following projects:

No	Project Number	Project Description	Closing Date
01	LIM473/EPWP-PPE/25/26/021	Supply and delivery of protective clothing for EPWP participants	14/11/2025 @ 12:00

The employer is Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality represented by the Municipal Manager.

Bid documents will be obtainable from Makhuduthamaga Local Municipal offices from **05 November 2025 from (Mon-Fri from 08:00-16:30)** from the cashiers; at a non-refundable deposit of **R560.00** payable in cash or bank-guaranteed cheque. Bid documents can also be downloaded from an online service (www.etender.gov.za) at **no cost**.

Completed and signed tender documents must be sealed in an envelope and marked with the relevant project number and project description and be deposited in the tender box at Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality Offices in Jane Furse before the closing date and time.

The municipality shall evaluate bids in accordance with the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 5/2000 and revised procurement regulation with effect 16 January 2023 read with amended regulation 14 December 2023 at 80/20 where 80 points are for the price and 20 points for municipal specific goals (according to the said legislation).

The lowest tender will not necessarily be accepted and the municipality reserves the right not to consider any tender not fully completed. Tenderers are required to initial each page of the tender document and sign where necessary.

For enquiries contact:

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