



Mapule Ngubane and Charity Mukami during their middleweight fight at the Ridge Casino in Emalahleni, Mpumalanga. /Veli Nhlapo

# BSA KOs MRWEBI, NGUBANE TITLE BOUT

● The challenger, Rita, lost her last match

By BONGANI MAGASELA

Boxing SA's sanctioning committee has turned down a proposed 10-rounder for the SA middleweight title between reigning champion Mapule Ngubane and Rita Mrwebi planned for February 28 on the basis that the challenger lost her last match.

Promoter Zandile Malinga had intended staging this national title fight at Greyville Convention Centre in Durban where her Starline Boxing Promotion will stage two national title fight and a KwaZulu-Natal championship.

Mrwebi – who owns the BSA welterweight championship belt after defending it successfully three times – lost to Ngubane in a non-title contest in December.

But the same committee approved Wendy Gcado to oppose Noxolo Mkhasibe for the vacant SA female super middleweight clash – a championship contest Gcado won on points – in December. Gcado was coming of a loss to Nobengazi Booth.

Sanctioning committee chairman Irvin Buhlalu said: “The committee decided to stick with the rule regarding challenging for the SA title ... you must be coming off a win or a draw to be able to challenge for the SA title. We have been lenient in

implementing that rule in provincial title fights.”

Pressed to comment on the Gcado-Mkhasibe match-up, Buhlalu said: “We have to start somewhere. If we are to refer to what happened in the past, then we won't go anywhere. No one is being targeted here; the committee wants to implement rules and regulations.”

Females can't be treated the same way as their male counterparts. There is just not enough of them. There are only 31 females rated in different weight divisions of boxing's 17 categories.

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Malinga told Sowetan: “I am disappointed with the progress of women in boxing, they're facing serious challenges. At times regulations are not conducive for women because there's just not enough female boxers; that's why they fight each other over and over again.”

Malinga said Ngubane and Mrwebi will still feature in her tournament but in an eight-round fight.

“This does not help the champ who must enjoy the fruits of being a champion and also make the required number of defences to become the outright owner of the belt,” she said.

# Cardoso reveals why Lorch, De Reuck and Maboe left Downs

By NEVILLE KHOZA

Mamelodi Sundowns coach Miguel Cardoso has revealed that Thembinkosi Lorch was no longer happy at the club after signing a six-month loan deal with Wydad Casablanca on Sunday.

Lorch was unveiled by Wydad on Sunday where he has reunited with coach Rulani Mokwena as he looks to revive his career a year after joining Masandawana from Orlando Pirates.

The attacking midfielder made one appearance under Cardoso as a substitute during their defeat to Raja Casablanca in the CAF Champions League group match as he struggled for game time.

“Regarding Lorch, as you might imagine, he was not happy here and it's important that the players can be happy,” Cardoso told the media after his side beat Golden Arrows 4-0 at Lucas Moripe Stadium on Sunday to move six points clear ahead of second place Pirates.

“We cannot sustain players not in an environment where they can feel they can perform. Sometimes, it's important to give them air. They need to breathe so that they can express themselves and also get the game time that they need.

“Lorch is not a young player. In the last year he has not played that much, so it was important to let him go. I called him and every player after every decision was analysed. I called Lesiba [Nku], it is important that everyone is happy because we work with men who are not only football players.

“They have families, children. For



Thembinkosi Lorch has signed on loan to Wydad Casablanca in Morocco. /Wydad Casablanca

example, with Lesiba, I said it's time for you to go because you cannot arrive home and are unhappy.

“People need to have lives and have things work out in the right way so that they follow their path.”

With game time not guaranteed in the star-studded Sundowns team, Cardoso also revealed that Rushine De Reuck and Lebogang Maboe asked for loans to go elsewhere and get game time as they both struggled. Maboe has joined SuperSport United, while De Reuck has joined Maccabi Petah Tikva in Israel.

“Rushine asked ‘Let me go play. I need to play’ and that's why we made a move on him. I can also speak about Lebo, who is a wonderful person and an important one. He also asked ‘Coach I want to go play so that I can perform for you to see me’, so we gave him this opportunity.”



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### BID NOTICE AND INVITATION TO BID

No	Project no	Description	Closing date
01	LIM473/Photograph equip/24/25/028	Supply and delivery of photography and videography equipment.	21/02/2025 @ 12:00

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

Bid documents will be obtainable from Makhuduthamaga Local Municipal offices from **07 February 2025 (Mon-Fri from 08:00-16:30)** from the cashiers; at a non-refundable deposit **R560.00** for each payable in cash or bank-guaranteed cheque. Bid documents can also be downloaded from 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 adjudicate and award tenders in accordance with the **Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 5/2000** and revised procurement regulation with effect 16 January 2023 read with amended regulation on 14 December 2023 on 80/20 for points system where 80 points is for the price and 20 points is for municipal specific goals (according to the said legislation). Details of specific goals are in the bid document. Bid will remain valid for 90 (Ninety) days.

The lowest and any tender will not necessarily be accepted and the Municipality reserves the right not to consider any tender not fully completed

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