

# LUTHULI CHALLENGES NGXAKA FOR VACANT MINI-FLYWEIGHT BELT IN SEVEN-BOUT CARD

● Nkandla boxer will be hoping to win title for KZN, but ‘The Militant’ could kill that dream

By **BONGANI MAGASELA**

The spotlight falls on Thami “Bhubesi” Luthuli to increase the number of SA boxing champions from KwaZulu-Natal, which boasts five national title holders at the moment.

Luthuli, from Nkandla, will challenge for the vacant SA mini-flyweight belt.

His dance partner at East London’s Orient Theatre will be Mdantsane-based Mthokozisi “The Militant” Ngxaka from Mthatha, Eastern Cape.

Trained by Zolani Tete, Ngxaka is rated No 1, a spot above Johannesburg-based Luthuli, whose career is guided by trainer Sechaba Maboya.

Maboya barked instructions in the corner when Phikelelani “Stinger” Khumalo from Mthwalume near Durban ended the reign of John Bopape as the national middleweight title holder on March 15.

In that tourney, staged by Zandile Malinga at the Estcourt town hall,

Nkosingiphile Sibisi from Glencoe in KZN retained his national flyweight belt.

Current national title holders from KZN are Thabiso Mchunu, Mapule Ngubane, Wendy Gcadu, and Khumalo and Sibisi.

Maboya said: “The chance for Thami to challenge for this title was supposed to have happened when Siyakholwa “The One” Kuse was still the champion. I don’t know exactly what happened, but the fight did not happen.”

Kuse vacated both the South African and African Boxing Union (ABU) Africa belts a few days after winning the World Boxing Council silver belt in December.

Maboya said Luthuli will be in the fight for as long as Ngxaka is still standing, implying a short-route win for his charge, who is undefeated after nine fights.

But ABU marketing and communications director, Tshele Kometsi, tipped Ngxaka to emerge victorious.

“I already knew when Kuse vacated the South African and ABU Africa titles that Ngxaka would be the next champion,” he said.

“Without fear or doubt, Ngxaka will be crowned the new champ and will soon be challenging for the ABU Africa title. Ngxaka has been preparing for a long time.”




Thami Luthuli and trainer Sechaba Maboya /Supplied

Tete, Ngxaka and Azinga Fuzile – who will face Sultan Zaurbek for the World Boxing Association Continental junior lightweight belt in Kazakhstan on April 5 – have been preparing for the fight in Johannesburg.


In the main supporting bout, the

Eastern Cape featherweight champion, Bongani “KingKiller” Fule, will defend against Yamkela Phalisa.

The tournament is dubbed “Battle of Left Handers” because 90% of the boxers on the card are southpaws. Action from the seven-bout card will begin at 2pm.



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**INVITATION TO BID**

These are subject to the PPPFA as amended and the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022 and the General Conditions of Contract and, if applicable, to any special conditions of contract.

Bid No & Description	Compulsory briefing And Technical Enquiries	Requirements	Nonrefundable bid fee	Closing Date and Time
<b>EPMLM/8/3/514</b> – APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR QUARTERLY MAINTENANCE OF FIRE DETECTORS IN REGISTRY, FILE STORAGE CENTRES AND ICT SERVER ROOM FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS	<b>No briefing session</b> R Mkhwanazi: 0132618404 / <a href="mailto:rmkhwanazi@emogalelm.gov.za">rmkhwanazi@emogalelm.gov.za</a>	- Proven similar past experience	R 720.00	06/05/2025 At 12:00
<b>EPMLM/8/3/515</b> – APPOINTMENT OF A CONTRACTOR FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MATLEREKENG SPORTS FACILITY	<b>Compulsory briefing session</b> Date: 07 April 2025 Venue: Matierekeng Pink Hall (Latitudes-24°58'38"S Longitudes-29°04'09"E) Time: 10:00 S Marima: 0132618471 / <a href="mailto:smarima@emogalelm.gov.za">smarima@emogalelm.gov.za</a>	- Estimated CIDB grading of 6CE or higher - Proven relevant past experience	R1 200.00	05/05/2025 at 12:00
<b>EPMLM/8/3/506</b> A LEASE CONTRACT WITH A FULLY FUNCTIONAL BACK OFFICE TO MANAGE ALL TRAFFIC RELATED INFRINGEMENTS AND OFFENCES AT NO CAPITAL COST TO COUNCIL FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS-(RE-ADVERT)	<b>Compulsory briefing session</b> Date: 8 April 2025 Platform: Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 312 399 722 539 Passcode: 42L9vn2p Time: 10:00 J Mashishi: 0132618479 / <a href="mailto:jmashishi@emogalelm.gov.za">jmashishi@emogalelm.gov.za</a>	- Proven similar past experience	R1 200.00	06/05/2025 at 12:00

**Bid Documents will be available from Tuesday, 01 April 2025 at the cashier's office for the non-refundable bid document fee as indicated above on weekdays during working hours (08:00 to 15:30) or for free download on [www.etenders.gov.za](http://www.etenders.gov.za)**

The project/s will be subjected to functionality (quality) evaluation whereby a minimum qualifying score has to be obtained for bidders to be further evaluated for procurement points. The functionality criterion is as follows per project and further explained in the bid document:

Project No	Functionality Criterion and Weighing:	Minimum qualifying points
<b>EPMLM/8/3/514</b>	Company experience =50; Professional registration= 30; Quarterly maintenance plan=20; <b>Total = 100</b>	60 Points
<b>EPMLM/8/3/515</b>	Company experience =40; Management and key staff= 30; List of plant and equipment = 20; Financial Capacity=10; <b>Total = 100</b>	75 Points
<b>EPMLM/8/3/506</b>	Back office for fine collection =15; Equipment = 20; Company Experience= 5; Financial Capacity= 10; Presentation=50; <b>Total =100</b>	70 Points

The municipality will adjudicate and award bids in accordance with the approved SCM Policy and amended. Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022 using the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system, where **80/90 will be allocated to price and 20/10 specific goals. Bids will remain valid for 90 days after the closing date.**

**Completed bids in sealed envelopes, clearly marked with the relevant bid number and description, should be deposited in the bid box situated at the offices of the Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, 2 Ficus Street, Marble Hall, 0450, where bids will be opened in public. Bids not clearly marked and in sealed envelopes will not be considered.**

**NB:** Bidders should ensure that bids are delivered on time to the correct address and properly bind the tender document together. **Late bids will not be accepted.** Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any bid and reserves the right to accept any bid as a whole.

**Any additional communication/addendums that might be issued will be published on the municipal website, notice boards and on the etenders website.**

Administrative queries can be directed to the SCM Unit at 013 261 8450/8462/8496/8448/8541 or by email to [ephmlsupplychain@emogalelm.gov.za](mailto:ephmlsupplychain@emogalelm.gov.za)

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**Bid Notice and Invitation to Bid**  
Bidders are hereby invited to bid for the following projects: