



SA and ABU champions from Sibongile Boxing Gym in Dundee with trainer Nathi Hlatshwayo. /Supplied

KZN BOXING NOW PACKS A PUNCH LIKE A CHAMP

● Boxing SA’s KZN manager says govt support has improved the sport’s development and ‘future looks bright’

By **BONGANI MAGASELA**

KwaZulu-Natal’s steady progress in producing provincial and SA boxing champions has rapidly restored the province’s respect among the country’s boxing fraternity, says Boxing SA’s KZN manager, Mike Dube. “This province was one of the power-houses when you talk boxing,” he told Sowetan yesterday. “But, somehow, things went awry when many fighters relocated to other provinces and nobody was coming through the amateur ranks.”

Gauteng was the biggest beneficiary, and it claimed credit for the huge success of KZN fighters, including Thulani “Sugar Boy” Malinga and Moruti “Baby Face” Mthalane, because they won world titles under the late Gauteng trainer Nick “Mthakathi” Durandt.

Dube says KZN’s promoters were worried about the drain of talent but that fortunately the provincial government came to their aid, and promoters were now able to stage development tournaments. “There was one provincial champion when I started as the provincial manager in November 2020,” he said.

“The provincial ratings had fallen apart, and we brought it back with both the provincial promoters’ association and the provincial federation. With government backing the sport, promoters got busy, and results started showing in the national ratings, and we began producing provincial champions, and

most recently SA champs. I think we [now] have 30 boxers in the national ratings.”

KZN has seven national champions. Its eighth SA titlist – Ntethelelo “Baby G” Nkosi – vacated his junior welterweight belt in March to participate in the inaugural WBC Grand Prix Series in Saudi Arabia. Nkosi from Mtubatuba, who is trained in Johannesburg by Nick Durandt’s son, Damien Durandt, has progressed to the quarterfinals, which take place in August.

“We also received good amateurs turning professional –about 90% of them come from Sanabo [the SA National Boxing Organisation],” said Dube, who credited Nathi Hlatshwayo, the national team trainer, who is also involved with the productive

Sibongile Boxing Gym in Dundee.

Hlatshwayo works with Nathi Thusi and Mtuseni Dube, and they have produced two provincial champions, Nhlakanipho Kunene and Mncedisi Duze, a WBF Africa titlist in Sakhile Hlatshwayo, ABU holder Mxolisi “Nation”

Zuma, and two SA titlists, Lindelani “Bhodlela” Sibisi and Nkosingiphile Sibisi (not related).

They also train Phiwokuhle “Ben 10” Mnguni, the first SA woman amateur boxer to participate in the Commonwealth Games. She won a bronze medal in the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

The list of national champions includes Thabiso “The Rock” Mchunu (cruiserweight) and Phikelelani “Stinger” Khumalo (middleweight), and three women – Mapule “Thunder” Ngubane (super middleweight), Wendy Gcado (middleweight) and Nomusa “Bozza” Ngema (junior-featherweight).

“The future looks bright,” said Dube.

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Mike Dube, Boxing SA’s KZN manager



ERRATUM:

Please note that the tender description for the provision of integrated financial system (mScoa compliant) with support and maintenance for a period of three years,LIM473/ Financial System/24/25/042 is cancelled.

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Closing date: 18 July 2025.



MR. ML MAHLANGU- ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER

ERRATUM

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DESCRIPTION: APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO PROVIDER PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF JOHANNESBURG FOR THE HOSTING OF URBAN 20 (U20) SUMMIT IN SEPTEMBER 2025.

The City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality (the City) wishes to inform all interested parties that there has been an omission of certain pages in the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the abovementioned tender.

This erratum has been issued due an error in the tender document initially issued on 23 June 2025. It was discovered that the Terms of References had missing pages, as stated in the terms of reference and published on the City's website and e-tender platform. This discrepancy could materially affect the tendering process.

As a result, the City has uploaded a complete document with all the pages addressing the issue. All bidders should download the latest version. The document is available on the City's website at www.joburg.org.za and at the National Treasury's e-tender portal at www.etenders.gov.za

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