

Notes on Rankings – as of 30th November 2023

We welcome the new BSA Board of Directors and wish them a successful tenure.

Well done to the new Champions – Kevin Lerena won the WBC World Bridger weight title in an absolute brilliant encounter against Kosovo born German boxer, Senad Gashi.

Too much delight of the KZN spectators, brilliantly Nthethelelo Nkosi captured the S.A. Super-Lightweight title stopping defending champion, Prince Dlomo in rd. 9. Well done to Nkosi in becoming the new champion and hats off to the former Champion, Prince Dlomo whom successfully retained the S.A. Title 4 times.

Lindokuhle Dlamini became the new KZN Super-Lightweight champion outpointing Nhlonipho Hlubi. The S.A. Female Super-Flyweight champion Thema Zuma successfully defended her title winning a split decision against EC Champion, Babalwa Ngqongqotha. December month schedule feature a number of S.A. and Provincial championship bouts and many good pre-liminary bouts and I am convinced we will have quite a change in the rankings come end of December.

New mandatory challengers includes Sanele Msimang (KZN) due to former mandatory challenger Nthethelo Nkosi took the title from Prince Dlomo. Prince Dlomo enters the rankings at nr 4.

Iviwe Ngema took over mandatory position in the Minimumweight division, former mandatory challenger Sphamandla Baleni lost in a 10 rounder against 5 fight novice, Uzbekistani's Hassanboy Dusmatov. Siphesihle Sityo moved into the second place.

Bathabile Ziqubu took over mandatory duties from Babalwa Nonqonqotho whom moved to 2nd position after the latter lost in her recent S.A. Title challenge in Durban against reigning champion, Thema Zuma.

Some good fights took place in the 2 events that was scheduled – well done to Shervontaigh Koopman and Cristiano Ndombassy as well as Darren Rossouw and Jami Webb for entertaining bouts. Good fight between Lindokuhle Dlamini and Nhlonipho Hlubi as well as newcomers in the middleweight division Nasiphi Vellem and Dario Barella. Prospects to follow Welterweights Ryan Johnson and Phumelele Ngcobo whom made their debuts in Durban. Internationally the South African boxers competing all on the losing side, Sivenathi Nontshinga lost the IBF Light Flyweight title to Mexican boxer, Adrian Curiel – I am 100% sure though that Sivenathi shall soon get back in there and make our country proud. As mentioned Sphamandla Baleni lost in Russia to Hassanboy Dusmatov. Cruiserweight Lebohang Mashitola lost to Claudio Squeo in Italy. Well done to Don-Juan van Heerden in his encounter against Ismael Seck in France for the IBO Continental Middleweight title – although Van Heerden lost on points most around ringside and those watching it live thought Van Heerden won. Upcoming International bouts feature South Africans during December, - Thato Bonoakane will be in action against Filipus Nghitumbwa in Namibia competing for the WBO Africa Super Bantamweight title. Emile Brits will take on Ibrahima Diallo in Guinea for the vacant WBA Pan Africa Super-Welterweight championship.

Locally we will also see some international action from S.A. Minimum weight champion Siyakholwa Kuse whom will take on Tanzanian Halid Kalama for the vacant ABU Title, good to see Azinga Fuzile making his return as he meets Tanzanian Emmanuel Amos in the ring.

Welcome to the rankings, Johny Muller (Heavy), Bonginkosi Ntlapo (Light Heavyweight) and Nasiphi Vellem (Middleweight)

We wish you and your families all a safe and enjoyable festive period and may 2024 be a Blessed year for us all.

Regards Willie and the Ratings Committee