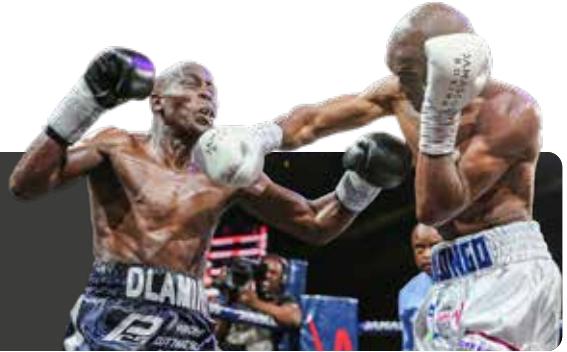


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CHIEF EDITOR'S NOTE

We are excited to bring you Boxing South Africa's first of many weekly newsletters to keep you informed and up to date about the growing world of boxing in South Africa.

The feature includes, but not limited to:

- All provincial boxing events/activities;
- Breaking news; and
- Upcoming events!



1. KZN BOXING ASSOCIATION HOLD SUCCESSFUL AGM

On the weekend of the 16th of September 2023, the KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) Boxing Association, with the aid of the Provincial Government, hosted a successful Annual General Meeting (AGM) and elected a New Executive Committee (NEC) that will serve the organisation for the next two years.

The KZN Boxing Association aims to continue developing the sport in the province and decided to elect an NEC under the following categories:

1.1 KZN PROFESSIONAL BOXING FEDERATION

The Federation is the overarching structure that oversees matters that concerns all BSA Licensees in a province.

- **Chairperson:** Mr. Hlula Dladla
- **Deputy Chairperson:** Mr. Gcina Mjadu
- **Secretary:** Ms. Nomvelo Shezi
- **Deputy Secretary:** Ms. Thelma Zuma
- **Treasurer:** Mr. Xolani Malinga
- **PRO:** Mr. Fazel Malinga
- **Cooperative Development:** Mr. Nhlanipho Gumede

1.2 KZN RING OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION

The Ring Officials' Association oversees any concerns of the officials.

- **Chairperson:** Mr. Eric Khoza
- **Deputy Chairperson:** Mrs. Phumza Dube
- **Secretary:** Mr. Sipho Zondo
- **Deputy Secretary:** Mrs. Thulile Buhlalu
- **Treasurer:** Ms. Bulelwa Mthembu

- **Additional Members:** Nombulelo Hadebe, Thokozani Ncube and Mr. Fazel Malinga

1.3 KZN PROMOTERS' ASSOCIATION

Consisting of three members, the KZN Promoters' Association is constitutionally responsible for overseeing the concerns of Promoters.

- **Chairperson:** Mr. Sandile Vilakazi
- **Secretary:** Ms. Nomvelo Shezi
- **Treasurer:** Mr. Cebiso Xulu

1.4 KZN PROFESSIONAL BOXERS' ASSOCIATION

The Boxers' Association committee adheres to the needs and concerns of the boxers.

- **Chairperson:** Ms. Thelma Zuma
- **Deputy Chairperson:** Mr. Nkosinathi Sibya
- **Secretary:** Mr. Khanyisani Mbokazi
- **Deputy Secretary:** Mr. Nhlonipho Hlubi
- **Treasurer:** Ms. Noxolo Mkhaisibe
- **PRO:** Mr. Lindelani Sibisi
- **Additional Member:** Mr. Mpilo Cele

1.5 KZN MANAGERS AND TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

The Managers' Association Committee adheres and champions to the needs and concerns of Managers and Trainers.

- **Chairperson:** Mr. Xolani Malinga
- **Deputy Chairperson:** Mr. Gcina Mjadu
- **Secretary:** Mr. Bheki Mngomezulu
- **Deputy Secretary:** Mrs Balungile Mazibuko
- **Treasurer:** Mr. Pro Cabe
- **PRO:** Mr. Bhunu Mthalane
- **Additional member:** Mr. Sizwe Mthembu

Reacting to the newly elected committee, the KwaZulu Natal Provincial manager, Mike Dube, said the province is showing excellent growth.

"I think we are growing from strength to strength. I've been a provincial manager for three years, and I think this is a more balanced committee, which is a sign of growth."

"What I'm happiest about, is that our boxers will be represented. Sadly, most of the time boxers are left out, but in reality they are the main stars in boxing. So I'm really happy that they are represented by Thema Zuma," Dube added.



"Having said that, we are fortunate to have the likes of Dr. Dladla, involved. Dr. Dladla is a municipal manager, so he knows a great deal about public administration and he has served in many high profile portfolios in several government institutions. And the people he serves with are qualified people, so I am overjoyed," Dube concluded.

The BSA has thanked the KZN Provincial government for sponsoring and supporting the KZN AGM which turned out to be a success. 

2. BSA AND SABC SPORT RAVISHING KNOT CONTINUES TO PUT SA BOXING IN THE LIMELIGHT

In the second phase of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between BSA and South African Broadcasting Cooperation (SABC), BSA is glad to announce that they have reached an agreement regarding the dates for tournaments.

The bouts will take place in different provinces from 27 October 2023 to 29 March 2024.

BSA and SABC aim to take boxing fights back to South Africans through the television broadcasting and give well-deserved exposure to the Boxers and Promoters.

Both Parties have agreed on the following dates:

ITEM NO	DATE	PROVINCE
1	27 October 2023	Free State
2	24 November 2023	KwaZulu-Natal
3	8 December 2023	Gauteng
4	26 January 2024	Eastern Cape
5	9 February 2024	Limpopo
6	23 February 2024	Western Cape
7	29 March 2024	Eastern Cape

The Promoters are welcome to bid on the given dates to ensure that they have enough time to prepare their tournaments and logistics.

National Secretary of Professional Boxing Promoters Association, Zandile Malinga, said they appreciate BSA and SABC's effort regarding this initiative.

"We really appreciate BSA and SABC's efforts to broadcast boxing. BSA made this their priority to bring boxing to the public broadcaster - to our viewers at home, because we are making Champions and we want them to reach fame and fortune! We also hope that these Champions will come to understand that they are role models to viewers everywhere," said Malinga.

Malinga believes that BSA and SABC are showing that they prioritise national as well as provincial fights.

"SABC and BSA are prioritising the SA national and provincial titles. By this, boxers are encouraged to fight and win at home before they go out of the country."

"We really appreciate that this initiative is happening. By rolling out the dates, it has become a reality," Malinga added. 

3. EASTERN CAPE GOVERNMENT'S PARTNERSHIP WITH BSA CONTINUES TO BOOST THE FINANCIAL MUSCLE OF THE BOXING DEVELOPMENT IN THE PROVINCE

The Eastern Cape Government has rolled out a grant for the development of boxing in the province.

This grant hopes to increase the number of boxing activities and assist promoters in their endeavors to unearth talent that will reinstate the pride of boxing in the Eastern Cape.

The province will see several bouts in the development stage.

"We are very happy as the province because it is going to give the Promoters a chance to stage tournaments.

"We are getting four tournaments from the department, so four Promoters will be able to do tournaments this financial year. We will also add three professional tournaments that will be aired by SABC, making it seven tournaments. It is a lot of work that will take place and will give the Boxers something to hope for," said The Eastern Cape Promoter's Association Secretary, Sibongile Matiti Mpofu.

Mpofu, who is already enthusiastic about boxing development in the province, insists this grant will also contribute to the growth of more women in the sport of boxing. ☺



4. THE RISE OF WOMEN IN BOXING SETS TO STAGE FIRST CLASS ACTION IN SERIES THREE AND FOUR

Following a successful Series of the Rise of Women in Boxing that took place in North West on the 16th and 17 September 2023, the committed BSA will move to Limpopo for Series Three.

The evening event of six fights is set to take stage on the 29th of September (19h00), at Meropa Casino, with the following line-up:

- **International Bantamweight 8 Rounds:** Sharadine Fortein (SA) VS Patience Mustara (Zimbabwe)
- **Jnr featherweight 6 Rounds:** Lufuno Mutshayi (SA) VS Adidya Mimu (Malawi)
- **Lightweight 6 Rounds:** Bernice Fereira (SA) VS Cecilia Pitisan (Zimbabwe)

- **Super Middleweight 6 Rounds:** Caroline Rabali (Limpopo) VS Wendy Gcado (SA)
- **Cruiserweight 6 Rounds:** Lilian Molala (SA) VS Ngorothe Mugari (SA)
- **Middleweight 6 rounds:** Noxolo Mkhase (SA) VS Emily Kubwalo (Zimbabwe)
- **Fly Weight 6 rounds:** Ayanda Simelane (SA) VS Nthando Ncube (SA)
- **Featherweight 4 Rounds:** Gudani Mudau (Limpopo) VS Ntobeko Thusi (KZN)



BSA spoke with the season Ring Announcer, Sipho Mashego, who had this to say about the exciting upcoming action in Limpopo:

4.1 SHERADEEN FORTUIN (SA) VS PATIENCE MUSTARA (ZIM)

This is a mouthwatering encounter as two experienced campaigners headline the Mama Rocks WIB Bill and a humdinger in prospect.

Patience Mustara comes into this contest with 18 bouts with 5 Wins, 9 Losses, and 4 Draws.

However, she comes up against a Boxing dynamo and prolific performer in the Former IBO Intercontinental and World Champion, Former WBA Pan Africa Champion, and the current SA Female Bantamweight, Champion Sharadene Sheenzow Fortuin (SA). This international contest is scheduled for 8 Rounds.

LUFUNO MUTSHAYI (LIM) VS ADIDYA MIMU (MALAWI)

This main Supporting Bout pits 2 equally talented Boxers on this exciting bill for an international contest. Adidya Mimu who has a fight record of 3 Fights with 2 Wins and 1 Loss will be hoping to upset Limpopo Boxer Lufuno Mutshayi who is a seasoned campaigner with 12 Fights, 2 Wins, 8 Losses, and 2 Draws.

These 2 Female Boxers will provide plenty excitement as the Boxers will come prepared to fight and impress the judges on this Main Supporting Bout scheduled for 6 Rounds.

BERNICE FERREIRA (SA) VS CECILIA PITISENI (ZIM)

Bernice Ferreira will be hoping to continue with her winning streak after registering 3 Wins in as many Fights. But first she will have to overcome the-tough-as-nails competitive opponent in Cecilia Pitiseni who will put her opponent to the test.

Pitiseni boasts a fight record of 10 Fights with 2 Wins, 7 Losses, and 1 Draw. Boxing Fans are in for a royal treat when the bell rings on this Epic Mama Rocks WIB Bill.

CAROLINE RABALI (LIM) VS WENDY GCADU (KZN) (UNDERCARD)

Caroline Rabali makes her debut and hopes to spring a surprise against a formidable opponent in KZN Boxer Wendy Gcadu with an unbeaten, unblemished record 3 Fights, 3 Wins. It will be nonstop action and both boxers will aim to win this encounter. Catch this exciting bout on Mama Rocks WIB Bill.

LILLIAN MOLALA (SA) VS NGOROTHE MUGARI (LIM) (UNDERCARD)

This is a massive contest of Cruiserweights and should provide enough entertainment for WIB on this card.

Ngorothe Mugari will hope to make a winning debut against her game opponent in Lillian Molala who does not lack experience having registered 16 Fights, 2 Wins, 12 Losses and 2 Draws.

Fight Fans should anticipate an explosive contest in this bout scheduled for 6 Rounds.

NOXOLO MKHASIBE (KZN) VS EMILY KUBWALO (ZIM) (UNDERCARD)

Another exciting bout in prospect on this Mama Rocks WIB Bill Noxolo Mkhaisibe will be looking at improving her record of 1 Win 2 Losses against her Zimbabwean opponent Emily Kubwalo. Expect nonstop action from these female gladiators.

GUDANI MUDAU (LIM) VS NTOBeko THUSI (KZN) UNDERCARD

This is the bout to kick off festivities in Limpopo Meropa Casino as Mama Rocks hosts the long awaited WIB Tournament. As the opening Bout this Female bout will make a statement for the subsequent bouts and both boxers will seek to impress the fans.

Gudani Mudau, the local favorite, will be looking at making her winning debut in front of a cheerful home crowd but will not find it easy against her KZN opponent, Ntobeko Thusi, who will also be looking at registering a Win for her followers.

AYANDA SIMELANE (SA) VS NOTHANDO NCUBE (SA)

Ayanda Simelane will hope to continue her winning form as she faces a tough opponent in Notthando Ncube. This fight will be a test for both these female boxers as they campaign for favorable ratings in their quest for Flyweight glory.

4.2 THE RISE OF WOMEN IN BOXING SERIES WILL CARRY ON TO STAGE SERIES FOUR ON 30 SEPTEMBER, IN GAUTENG, MIDRAND AT VODAWORLD.

Another event to serve the audience with the following thrilling line-up:

Main bout – Abu Bantamweight: Melissa Miller v Monica Mkandla

Main supporting bout – SA Female Lightweight: Raider Muleba v Bonita van Jaard

International bout- Junior lightweight: Bukiwe Nonina v Consolita Musanga

International bout- Super middleweight: Ritta Mrwebi v Monalisa Sibanda

International bout- Bantamweight: Anam Xuza v Pamela Matunga

Mashego, who believes that the bouts of The Rise of Women in Boxing Series, keeps shattering the glass ceiling, had this to say about the Gauteng feature:

MELISSA MILLER (SA) VS MONICA MKANDLA (ZIM)

It doesn't get bigger than this as ABU Female Bantamweight Champion makes her first defense against a game opponent in Monica Mkandla from Zimbabwe. The Champion boasts 23 contested Fights, with 7 Wins, 12 Losses, 4 Draws whilst her opponent will come into the fight hoping to maintain her winning streak of 5 Wins in as many Fights.

This Title bout certain to bring the house down as Champion comes up against a challenger who fancies her chance.

RAIDER MULEBA (SA) V BONITA VAN JAARD (SA)

A humdinger of a fight as we witness a local derby for the SA Lightweight Championship scheduled for 10 Rounds. Raider Muleba will be making her first defense against a formidable challenger in Bonita Van Jaarsveldt who will be looking at annexing this prestigious SA Title from the Champion.

Expect both boxers to come to fight as they both have eyes on the main prize of being crowned the SA Female Lightweight Champion on this TLB Boxing Promotions WIB Bill.

BUKIWE NONINA (SA) VS CONSOLATA MUSANGA (KENYA)

Former WBF World Champion and Former SA Champion, Bukiwe Anaconda Nonina, will be hoping to make a winning return to the ring as she comes up against experienced Zimbabwean Boxer, Consolita Musanga. Nonina boasts a record of 25 Fights with 20 Wins, 4 Losses, and 1 Draw whilst her opponent has fought 20 times with 10 Wins, 6 Losses, and 4 Draws.

This bout surely will wet fistic game fans appetite as these two Female Boxers dazzle in the square jungle ring.

RITA MRWEBI (SA) VS MONALISA SIBANDA (ZIM)

Former SA Female Welterweight champion, Rita Mrwebi, is back in the ring as she faces a confident and capable boxer in Monalisa Sibanda from Zimbabwe. WIB provides these boxers an opportunity to showcase their prowess and finesse in the ring and fans can expect an all-out war.

Action live courtesy WIB TLB Boxing Promotions from Vodaworld.

ANAM XUZA (SA) VS PAMELA MUTUNGA (ZIM)

This bout will feature two boxers who want to register their very first Win in the professional ranks. Anam Xuza has lost her only fight and hopes to register her first Win against Zimbabwean, Pamela Matunga, who has lost 2 Fights and Drawn 2. A lot is at stake for the 2 boxers featuring on the WIB Bill hosted by TLB Boxing Promotions. 



5. BOXING SOUTH AFRICA UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	PROMOTOR	PROMOTION	VENUE	MAIN BOUT	TITLE
29 Sept '23	Mama Rocks	Modipadi Kgasago	Meropa Casino	LP	Lufundo Mutshayi vs Adidya Mimu International Female Junior Featherweight Contest
30 Sept '23	Joyce Kungwane	TLB Boxing Promotions	Vodaworld Midrand	GP	Raider Muleba vs Bonita van Jaarsveld SA Lightweight
30 Sept '23	Joyce Kungwane	TLB Boxing Promotions	Vodaworld Midrand	GP	Bongani Mahlangu vs Luthando Mbumbulwana SA Junior Featherweight Title
1 Oct '23	Euphrosene Studdard & Telias Tshabalala	Studdard & Fantastic Two Boxing Promotion	Propoganda Pretoria Central	GP	Joshua Studdard vs Akani Sambu WBF Inter-Continental Bantamweight Title
6 Oct '23	Manny Fernandes	BRD Boxing Promotion	Turffontein Race Course	GP	Jason Medi vs Jackson Masamba Super Middleweight Contest



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