

The Weekend Wrap

TKO in the tenth round saw Donjuan Van Heerden becoming the winner of Vacant ABU Middleweight title against Dean Promnick in an entertaining affair at Emperor's Palace, Kempton Park just outside Johannesburg on Saturday evening.

Van Heerden, 24-year-old southpaw, born in Meyerton, had a record of nine wins, three loses in twelve bouts going to the fight, and showed his experience against a Cape Town born, Dean Promnick who had five bouts, winning all of them before suffering his first defeat on Saturday. Van Heerden dominated the fight, even though Promnick, who is a year older, showed his resilience giving his opponent a run for his money.

The two boxers had fans on their feet on few occasions as the main bout lived up to expectations on what was once again a packed Emperor's Palace.

It was a night where three belts were up for grabs, and it was not a surprise as Beaven Sibanda, a Zimbabwean claimed the Vacant IBF International strawweight belt with an accomplished performance knocking out Richard Garde in the fifth round.

Sibanda won praises from football legend, Jomo Sono was a guest of his old friend and former lawyer, Rodney Berman on the evening. Sibanda aged 23, is highly regarded as one of the most exciting talents in the continent and is tipped by boxing analyst to become the first world champion hailing from Zimbabwe.

In the Vacant IBO Youth Bantamweight title, Charlton Malajika, younger brother to Ricardo Malajika continued to live up to the hype as he beat RV Deniega, with judges scoring the fight 100-90 (twice), and 98-92 in the South African's favour.

The new IBO Youth Bantamweight champion, Malajika is another one to look out for in the next couple months, his aggression, footwork and left punch that sent Deniega out of the ring in the eighth round left the fans in awe of the young boxer from Johannesburg.

On other bouts,

Light Heavy

Jackson Kaptein (Free State) vs Bryan Thysse (Gauteng)

Majority draw.

Light Heavy

Jonathan Sam (Gauteng) vs Tuvia Wewege (Eastern Cape)

Tuvia Wewege won via unanimous points decision.

Super Middle

Ntsako Miyambo (Limpopo) vs Jarred Hensberg (Gauteng)

Jarred Hensberg won via KO in round 4.

Super Middle

Sanele Mbatha (Gauteng) vs Seth Van Asweegen (Gauteng)

Seth Van Aswagen won via KO in round 3.

Boxing South Africa would like to congratulate the fighters who stepped on the ring at Emperor's Palace on Saturday at a tournament well put together by Golden Gloves to kick off what promises to be another exciting month of boxing.