

Weekend Wrap

Christian Centre was a hive of activity this past weekend as Xaba Boxing Promotions hosted its first tournament for the Calendar year, 2025 that saw Siyabulela Hem winning via unanimous decision against a tricky, John Zile to be crowned as the new WBO Youth Jr **featherweight** Champion on Friday, evening.

Christian Centre in Abbotsford, East London hosted its first boxing tournaments with the iconic, Orient Theatre undergoing minor renovations. A sizeable crowd on Friday, came out to watch some of the finest upcoming boxing talent in the land and they were not disappointed.

The main bout was a most talked-about with Hem, and Zile both going for the WBO Youth World Championship Junior featherweight, but it was 'ShowTime', who came tops with judges scoring the bout as follows, 97-92, 96-93 and 96-93.

A lot is expected of the 22-year-old, Hem was involved in his maiden international bout and his 9th win from 11 fights.

Meanwhile, Siseko Teyise retained his South African Junior Flyweight title defeating challenger, Abongile Jacob. The Judges scored the fight as follows 119-107, 116-110 and 117-109. This was a local derby that was exciting from the 1st round to the last.

The other bouts went as follows.

Makibeni vs Mdeliswa. Mdeliswa won via KO – KO Round-1

Sigaba def. Ngema. Sigaba won – TKO Round-5

Tyira def. Maloni. Tyirha won – Unanimous Points Decision

Philiso def. Mthintelwa. Mthintelwa won – Unanimous Decision

Jelwana def. Booi –Booi won- KO Round-1

WBO Africa Featherweight

Meanwhile, in Namibia, Abdul-Aziz Kunert put a spirited performance, losing on points over twelve (12) rounds on Saturday evening against unbeaten Mateus Heita in Windhoek, Namibia.

Boxing SA would like to wish, Kunert affectionately known as, "The Arabian Knight or Dulla," all the best on his future endeavours.

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