

One Weekend, Three crowned Champions

Gauteng was a hive of activity this past weekend as three sanctioned tournaments by the Regulator were hosted in the province.

The boxing festivities kicked off on Saturday, 14 September 2024, with a highly competitive and exciting development tournament at The Dome, Midrand promoted by Xaba boxing promotions showcasing rising talents like Moyisi Boozi and Ndabezinhle Phiri. Both boxers entered the ring undefeated.

Moyisi Boozi was an unlucky one, as Phiri emerged victorious, delivering a knockout to hand Moyisi his first defeat.

Next in line was an international bout that reignited long standing rivalry between the Eastern Cape and Gauteng, on who takes the title of being Mecca of Boxing in South Africa. In the bout, Bongani Mahlangu (45) from Gauteng went toe to toe with a much younger, Siyabulela Hem in what was a thrilling junior feather weight contest. Despite valiant effort from Bongani Mahlangu, he was dethroned, and Hem was crowned a new champion.

Kaya Busakwe, often underrated, successfully defended his title for the third consecutive time, marking his fourth championship victory against Sinethemba Blom. Meanwhile, Mpumelelo Tshabalala was crowned world champion.

Finally on Sunday, 15th September 2024, attention moved to Tuffourntein, South of Joburg where Bonglez Promotions tournament took a centre stage.

Lucky Munyembane successfully retained his ABU SADAC title against a skilful Zimbabwean contender, Ndodana Ncube.