

FRESH OFF VICTORY, IRON DRAGON NOW TARGETS KHUMALO

● Boxing manager says her charge is ‘back and dangerous’

By BONGANI MAGASELA

Award-winning boxing manager Colleen McAusland is open to a showdown between her charge, newly crowned African Boxing Union (ABU) middleweight champion Donjuan van Heerden and SA and ABU SADC holder Phikelelani “Stinger” Khumalo.

That will be a cracker of a fight between two left-handers, with the winner taking all the belts on offer.

“Iron Dragon”, which is Van Heerden’s ring name, won the ABU belt on Saturday evening, and is now in the mandatory position to challenge Khumalo for the national title. “We want the fight against Khumalo,” said McAusland yesterday.

Van Heerden – whose corner was manned by Arafatt Koch – had been out of

the ring since suffering a points loss to Khumalo’s gym mate, Snamiso Ntuli, in the super middleweights in August.

“Donjuan is back and very dangerous,” warned McAusland. “He is a very strong middleweight contender who did not win the BSA 2023 Prospect of the Year award for nothing. His loss [to Ntuli] taught him a lesson that talent does not beat discipline.”

Van Heerden’s stoppage win last weekend was his seventh short route victory in 10 wins against three losses.

Khumalo said he drove from Durban to Emperor’s Palace to watch Van Heerden.

“I wanted to be there and be ready to jump in the ring because I knew that he was going to call me out after the fight.

“I congratulated him because he is a good guy. I warned him, though, to enjoy his reign while it lasts

Phikelelani Khumalo, boxer

“Indeed, he called me out, but I was prevented by the security from entering the ring,” said Khumalo.

“I went to his dressing room to congratulate him because he is a good guy. I warned him, though, to enjoy his reign while it lasts.”

Khumalo wants the fully fledged ABU belt because it comes with recognition from the World Boxing Council.

Trained by his father Mvinjelwa Khumalo and managed by Colin “Nomakanjani” Nathan, Khumalo dethroned vastly experienced SA champ John “Section 29” Bopape via a deserved unanimous points decision over 12 rounds at Town Hall in Estcourt, KZN, in March.



Donjuan van Heerden is the new African Boxing Union middleweight champion./James Gradidge /Gallo Images

Rising teams ignite hope for Bloemfontein derby – Sello

By SIHLE NDEBELE

Marumo Gallants chairman Abram Sello has made it clear that the emergence of Siwelele FC in Bloemfontein doesn’t threaten Bahlabane Ba Ntwa, saying they want to “emulate” the Soweto derby.

Siwelele came into the picture after sport minister Gayton McKenzie’s son, Calvin le John, bought SuperSport United’s Premiership status last week.

Le John wanted to resurrect Bloemfontein Celtic but couldn’t use that name as it belongs to businessman Edward “Eddie” Modise.

“Now we have a situation of other clubs emerging in the area and we’re very much happy. There’s a Soweto derby and we want to emulate that particular derby with Siwelele and become the best as well,” Sello said at a presser to officially introduce their new coach, Alexandre Lafitte, alongside new recruits at Sandton’s Sky Hotel, Johannesburg, yesterday morning.

“We want to learn from our big brothers Chiefs and Orlando Pirates and have something similar, where fans would share love.

“We have seen fans of both Chiefs and Pirates sharing love during the Soweto derby and that healthy rivalry is always nice, so we welcome Siwelele.”

Marumo relocated to Bloemfontein last August, having been based in Polokwane. Bahlabane Ba Ntwa enjoyed a lot of support from Celtic fans last season. With



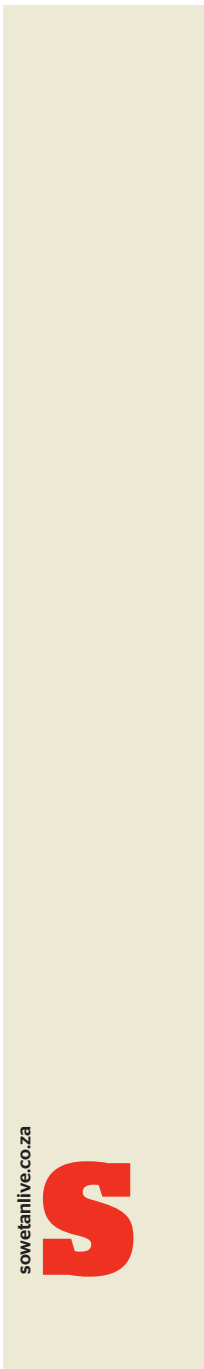
Marumo Gallants coach Alexandre Lafitte and club chairman Abram Sello. /Daniel Hlongwane/ Gallo Images

Siwelele in the picture now, it remains to be seen whether Bahlabane Ba Ntwa will maintain that strong support base.

“We’re looking forward to the nice derby and making a difference by boosting the economy and tourism in the area of Mangaung, so the arrival of Siwelele and possibly Celtic as a first division team as media reports say, isn’t a threat to us at all.

“We were in Limpopo and we have more than five teams there and we were happy because that’s how football is,” Sello said.

“We enjoy the support of the Mangaung municipality and that of the Free State provincial government...the support we get from the people as well is marvellous.”



THEMBISILE HANI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

2025/ 2026 FINANCIAL YEAR SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER AND SECTION 56 MANAGERS

Pursuant to Section 53 (1) (c) (ii) and (iii) of the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003), the Executive Mayor of Thembisile Hani Local Municipality (THLM) has approved the 2025/ 2026 Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) on the 24th of June 2025, notwithstanding the Performance Agreements of the Municipal Manager and Section 56 Managers that have since been signed after the approval of the 2025/ 2026 Municipal Budget on the 27th of May 2025.

The above-mentioned documents of THLM are available for inspection from the 08th of July 2025 at the Municipal Head Office in Mthombomuhle (Kwaggafontein), Municipal Satellite Offices in KwaMhlanga and Tweefontein K, Municipal Public Libraries at Mthombomuhle, Phumula and Verena, and on the Municipal Website (www.thembisilehanilm.gov.za).

Enquiries regarding the notice may be addressed to our Performance Management Systems (PMS) Manager, Ms. Sinah Moripe, through 013 986 9123/ 9142 and/ or moripes@thembisilehanilm.gov.za.

Municipal Manager

Mr D.J.D. Mahlangu

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THEMBISILE HANI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

BIDS ARE HEREBY INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

Contract No.	Description	Price Per Bid Document	Compulsory Briefing	Technical Enquiries	Availability of Tender Documents	Closing Date
THLM/SCM12/2024-2025/F01	Appointment of Panel of Service Providers for the Supply, Repairs & Maintenance of Municipal Fleet and Equipments for Thembisile Hani Local Municipality for a period of 36 months.	R1,478.62	15 July 2025 @ 10H00 Venue: Municipal Shelter	Mr R. Makhubele T: 013 986 9198 E: MakhubeleR@thembisilehanilm.gov.za	14 July 2025 @ 08H00	11 August 2025 @ 12H00

Prospective Service Providers are encouraged to download the tender documents from the E-Tenders Portal according to the dates indicated above at www.etenders.co.za. The only time hard copies will be made available is if there are technical challenges from the E-Tenders portal.

Cash and EFT payments will be accepted and must be made payable to Thembisile Hani Local Municipality only for hard copy tender documents, any tender documents which are downloaded from the E-Tender portal are free of charge, the price per document is not applicable to them. Sealed envelopes marked with the tender number as indicated above, must be placed in the bid box at the Municipality's Offices, Stand Number 24, Mthombomuhle (Kwaggafontein C), no later than 12h00 on the above-mentioned dates.

Please take note that no bid documents will be given to couriers unless the courier company is in the possession of a letter on an official letterhead, confirming on behalf of the company the full details of the specific bid(s) to be collected and the payment of the full amount payable for bids is required.

The Council reserves the rights to either accept the whole or part of any bid, or not to appoint. Facsimiles or e-mailed documents will not be accepted. No awards will be made to a person who;

- Is in the service of the state,
- If that person is not a natural person, of which any director, manager, principal shareholder or stakeholder is a person in the service of state, and/ or
- Who is an advisor or consultant contracted with the municipality or municipal entity.

A Preferential Point system shall apply whereby a contract will be allocated to a bidder in accordance with the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, Act No 5 of 2000 and as defined in the Conditions of Tender in the tender document, read in conjunction with the Supply Chain Management Policy of Thembisile Hani Local Municipality and the Preferential Procurement Regulations of 2022 where 80/ 20 points system will be applied wherein 80 points are for price and 20 for Specific Goals.

SCM Enquiries: Ms. L.S. Sehlako through 013 986 9187, Email: SehlakoL@thembisilehanilm.gov.za and/ or Mr. G.M. Rapolai through 013 986 9103, Email: MadimetjaR@thembisilehanilm.gov.za.

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