

Victory puts him on track to fight for bridgerweight belt

By Bongani Magasela

History was made at Emperors Palace on Saturday night when Kevin “Two Guns” Lerena won the WBC interim bridgerweight belt via a unanimous points decision against German Senad Gashi over 12 rounds.

The bridgerweight champion is Lukasz Rozanski from Poland, who is pencilled to defend against Canadian Badou Jack in February.

Lerena will face the winner of that bout.

WBC president Mauricio Sulaiman created the bridgerweight category in 2020 to cater for small heavyweights.

Only the WBC has 18 weight divisions. Other sanctioning bodies still sit with 17 weight categories.

Also on Saturday, Namhla Tyluba became the first female ring official to be a judge in that organisation’s world title fight.

The disappointment, though, was her score of 114 -113, which means Lerena won by a mere point.

Her colleagues – Thabo Spampool from SA and Robert Veruijs of the Netherlands – scored it 118-109 and 117-110, respectively, both in favour of Lerena.

In boxing, two boxers are even at 10-10 when the round begins. Lerena dropped Gashi in the 12th round.

The boxer who does well wins it by 10-9. The boxer who gets dropped loses that round by 8-10. If he gets dropped twice in the same round he loses it by 10-6; and if he is dropped three times in that very round the fight is stopped.

In Lerena’s case, early in round 12 Gashi lost a point for a low blow – which means he lost three points in that round alone.

WBC representative in SA Dr Peter Ngatane wouldn’t comment on the matter but instead corrected the misleading idea that Lerena is a co-champion.

Lerena outguns ‘Gachine Gun’ after 12 tough rounds



Kevin Lerena and Senad Gashi during the Double Down @ The Palace boxing tournament at Emperors Palace on Saturday night in Kempton Park on the East Rand. JAMES GRADIDGE / GALLO IMAGES

“That is nonsense,” he said. “Never in the history of boxing was there a co-champion. Kevin is the interim champion. He will only be the fully fledged champion if he beats the winner between champion Lukasz Rozanski and Badou Jack who must fight in February.”

Gashi, who was 99.50kg, came with a scary knockout record of 26 from 27 wins and three losses. He looked promising for the first three rounds while Lerena was still figuring him out.

From round four onwards, Lerena, who registered 100kg on the scales, initiated the pace, forcing Gashi to fight on the back foot.


Gashi did everything wrong – using his head, holding and punching and remonstrating with referee Mike Griffiths from Canada. Gashi probably needed a gun – he is nicknamed “Gachine Gun”.

Credit must go to trainer Peter Smith who has successfully converted Lerena – a former horse racing jockey – into a wonderful fighter who became the third local to win the WBC strap.

Earlier in the night, Kaine “K9” Fourie produced the upset of 2023 by knocking out veteran Lusanda Komanisi in the

fourth round. Fourie improved to 5-0-2 while Komanisi dropped to 27-8.

Unbeaten national junior-middleweight champion Shervontaigh “SK” Koopman completely outclassed Cristiano Ndombassy throughout their eight rounds to chalk up a deserved unanimous points decision.



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TENDERS ARE HEREBY INVITED FROM SUITABLY QUALIFIED SERVICE PROVIDERS TO RENDER THE FOLLOWING SERVICES WITHIN THE NKANGALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

Project No	Project description	Points	CIDB Grading	Technical Enquiries	Compulsory Briefing	Closing date
185527	Construction of bulk water supply and storage at Hlalanikahle & Extension 5 Emalahleni Local Municipality	80/20	6CE or Higher	Mr. BM Khoza- G Seal Consulting Engineers Tel: 082-961-6885 E:mail: banele@gseal.co.za/nkosis@nkangaladm.gov.za	Virtually on Microsoft Teams, on the 04 th December 2023 10:00 am	12 January 2024 at 12H00
176150	Installation of water tanks, booster pumps and/or boreholes for the Nkangala District Municipality building	80/20	5CE or Higher	Mr. Abraham Quaye - Ross Consulting Engineers Tel: 015- 230-0249 Email: guayeabraham127@gmail.com/mohlabinel@nkangaladm.gov.za	Virtually on Microsoft Teams on the 04 th December 2023 at 14:00 pm	12 January 2024 at 12H00


Documents will be available from the National Treasury e-tenders Website from the 30th November 2023 and can be downloaded free from www.etenders.gov.za
A briefing session link may be requested from mathebulanh@nkangaladm.gov.za or lobeserc@nkangaladm.gov.za

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Tenders are to be completed in black ink and completed in accordance with the conditions and rules contained in the tender documents. The Tenders and relevant documents must be sealed in an envelope and externally endorsed with the relevant project and be deposited in the Tender Box, Ground Floor, Nkangala District Municipality, 2A Walter Sisulu Street, Middelburg, Mpumalanga. The tenders will be immediately be opened in public on a specified closing date. The Tenders shall remain valid for a period of a minimum of 90 to a maximum of 120 days from the closing date. Telegraphic, telephonic, fax, telex e-mail or late tenders will not be accepted.

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M.M. SKOSANA – MUNICIPAL MANAGER
NKANGALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY



Cllr Nenguda DA - Speaker



NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN TERMS OF SECTION 19 OF THE MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS ACT NO.32 OF 2000 THAT VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY WILL BE HOLDING AN ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

DATE

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30 NOVEMBER 2023

VENUE

:

VHEMBE COUNCIL CHAMBER

TIME

:


14h00

THE SPEAKER CLLR NENGUDA D.A THEREFORE HEREBY INVITES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO ATTEND.


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