

Dedication finally pays off as Thiem grabs US Open

First grand slam victory comes after years of sweat

New York – Dominic Thiem says he dedicated his whole life to winning a Grand Slam title and with his victory at the US Open on Sunday the Austrian expects more of the sport’s biggest prizes to come his way.

Thiem had lost his three previous Grand Slam finals – two to Rafa Nadal at the French Open and once to Novak Djokovic in Australia – and looked as if he had squandered another chance when Alexander Zverev won the first two sets in New York. But the Austrian staged a stunning comeback to win 2-6 4-6 6-4 6-3 7-6(6) in a nerve-jangling battle of wills and will now head to the French Open with renewed confidence.

“I expect it’s going to be easier for me now in the biggest tournaments,” said Thiem, who became the first player out-

side Nadal, Djokovic and Roger Federer to claim a Grand Slam title since Stan Wawrinka’s 2016 US Open triumph.

“I had it in the back of my head that I had a great career so far, way better than I could ever dreamt of, but until today there was still a big goal missing.

“With this achieved, I hope that I’m going to be a little bit more relaxed and play a little bit more freely at the biggest events.”

Thiem said his triumph in New York was a culmination of years of hard work and sacrifice.

“Definitely achieved a life goal, a dream, which I had for many, many years. Back then it was so far away. Then I got closer to the top and realised that maybe one day I could really win one of the four biggest titles,” he added.

“I dedicated basically my whole life until this point to win one. Now I did it. That’s for myself, my team and family, a great accomplishment. Today is the day where I gave back huge amount of what they did for me.” – Reuters



Dominic Thiem of Austria celebrates with the championship trophy. /REUTERS



Azinga Fuzile dominated Shavkat Rakhimov as he built a healthy lead until he was floored twice in the eighth round of their IBF elimination clash. /ALAN EASON

Rumble back in action

Boxing promoter to celebrate birthday with fist of fury

By Bongani Magasela

All boxers fighting under the banner of multiple award-winning Rumble Africa Promotions (RAP) must celebrate.

This East London outfit has decided to make an about-turn from its original decision of not staging any boxing tournament this year.

RAP CEO Nomfesane Nyatela told Sowetan last month that they were not going to stage a tournament any time soon due to the coronavirus.

But the 40th birthday celebration of the promotions’ chairman Thembaletu Ntuthu has prompted them to change their minds. Nyatela said Ntuthu – who turned 40 on Saturday – met with her and suggested that they include a tournament as part of his celebrations that will take place in November.

“I gave him conditions that if the country is on level 1 of the Covid-19 restrictions then we can do it because probably fans will be allowed then,” said Nyatela.

“We agreed for November 29, but then again I thought it will be unfair for our boxers to sweat for 11 weeks for nothing if fans are still not allowed and we cancel the tournament. So we will go ahead with or without fans.”

She said the company’s hot cake – Azinga “Golden Boy” Fuzile – will make a comeback since tasting defeat after 14 straight wins to Russian Shavkatdzhon Rakhimov in September last year. But Nyatela would not let the cat out of the bag as yet regarding Fuzile’s opponent.

But clearly it will be a local opponent because international flights still remain prohibited. When Fuzile lost to Rakhimov, the 24-year-old left-hander from Duncan Village, whose career is guided in



RAP CEO Nomfesane Nyatela

Johannesburg by accomplished trainer Colin “Nomakanjani” Nathan, was bidding for the No 1 spot in the IBF rankings.

Nyatela said the line-up for the tournament will be concluded in due time. But she made it clear that Fuzile and Luyanda “Pretty Boy” Ntwanambi will definitely appear on the card.

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