

Mhlongo versus Bopape duel cancelled

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The rapid rise in Covid-19-positive case, which resulted in the country moving to level 4 lockdown, has knocked out a boxing tournament that was scheduled to take place on July 30 at Graceland Casino in Mpumalanga.

“Rising numbers in Covid-19-positive cases and the banning on inter-provincial travelling left us with no option but to cancel our tournament,” said Arnold Nododile, CEO of J4Joy Promotion.

His tournament was to be headlined by fan favourite Nkululeko “Bulldog” Mhlongo in his pursuit to ending John “Section 29” Bopape’s five months of fame by dethroning him as the WBA Pan African middleweight champion. Bopape, from Alexandra, made headlines in March by defeating Mhlongo in Durban.

The main supporting bout of J4Joy’s

Level 4 knocks out J4Joy Promotions tournament



Nkululeko Mhlongo drills a straight on John Bopape in a fight won by the latter in Durban. /SUPPLIED

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tournament would have seen pocket-sized SA bantamweight female champion Melissa “Honey Bee” Miller from Eldorado Park, Johannesburg defending against Sharadene “Shinzo” Fortuin from the Eastern Cape.

“This is a blow to all of us, especially to boxers who are now being denied the opportunity to earn some money,” said Nododile. “Like any other concerned South African, we urge our people to stick to Covid-19 health protocols for positive cases top drop so that we can continue with our beloved sport.”

Nododile added that contrary to reports

they had no exclusive deal with the SABC. The national broadcaster aired live action from J4Joy Promotions tournament at Sandton Convention Centre last month.

“We negotiated our deal knowing too well that they will not pay us for broadcasting rights. We assured SABC that we will provide our own crew at no cost and these were the terms and conditions for

our deal. Some promoters are not aware of that,” he said of the move, which raised murmurs from other promoters who have been trying to get live television dates with the SABC without success.

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Proteas put Windies in a spin to level series

Shamsi, Lindi stifles hosts as SA go 1-1

South Africa spinners Tabraiz Shamsi and George Linde stifled West Indies’ chase as the visitors claimed a 16-run victory in the second Twenty20 international on Sunday to level the five-match series at 1-1.

After being sent into bat in St George’s, Grenada, the Proteas of South Africa posted a below-par 166 for seven in their 20 overs. However, the home side’s fast start was halted by the spin duo and they were restricted to 150 for nine.

Left-arm wrist spinner Shamsi recorded figures of 1-16 in his four overs and the tall orthodox Linde posted 2-19 as they frustrated the home side in the middle of the innings and took the momentum out of their chase.

West Indies had cruised to an eight-wicket victory in the first match with 30

balls to spare on Saturday, but the tourists were vastly improved with their skills with the ball, as well as in the field.

The Proteas also made a fast start to their innings as opener Reeza Hendricks (42 from 30 balls) and captain Temba Bavuma (46 from 33 balls) took the attack to the bowlers, but once they were out the innings stuttered.

They scored 81 runs from the first eight overs and just another 85 from the next 12 as the West Indies bowlers slowed the scoring rate with a mix of slower balls and yorkers.

Seamer Obed McCoy (3-25) and off-break bowler Kevin Sinclair (2-23) were the pick of the home attack.

The third match in the series will be played at the same venue tonight. – Reuters