

Boxing Weekend Preview:

Emperors' Palace of Dreams will be divided into two when Siyakholwa Kuse goes toe to toe with Bevan Sibanda in what is one of the most anticipated bouts of the season under the lights at Emperor's Palace, Kempton Park, Johannesburg on Friday, 6 December 2024.

The South African, Siyakholwa Kuse will need to beat the Zimbabwean born, Bevan Sibanda, to win the WBC Silver Title.

Hosted by Golden Glove, fireworks are expected to fly to what is the last boxing event of the year at iconic, Emperor's Palace.

Reigning SA and ABU Strawweight boxing champion, Siyakholwa 'One Way' Kuse, twenty-one who hails from the Mecca of Boxing, Mdantsane has ten (10) career fights to his name, seven (7) wins, two (2) losses and one (1) draw.

Speaking to Boxing SA Media on Tuesday evening, Kuse expressed his respect for his opponent, Sibanda, but feels, the latter has been elevated quickly to heights he does, "not deserve,"

"I have a lot of respect for him (Sibanda), but if you look back on his career, he has not achieved much to be elevated in the manner he has been elevated," said the strait talking boxer who admitted that he ended up being a boxer after he was sent to the gym because he was, "naughty", growing up in Mdantsane.

"I have not seen much of Sibanda. People talk about his style. I respect him as an opponent, and I do not take this opportunity for granted.

"I feel like at this moment in time I am in the best shape of my life. I have been working hard in the gym and will be ready on Friday. What is going to get Sibanda in trouble, he has been talking too much. I will do my talking in the Arena," added Kuse.

Meanwhile, Sibanda, 23, revealed to Boxing SA Media that he is not fazed by his opponent, "This is my time! I have worked all my life for a night like Friday, and I will not disappoint my fans, both in South Africa and Zimbabwe.

"I want to go for WBC Gold, and for me, the first step is to win on Friday. I have always dedicated my life to training. This is my first title fight, and a life changing opportunity for me. In Zim, only Charles reached these levels, but I want to do more and make history. This is not only for my country, but on Friday, people beyond our African borders will witness what we are made of in this continent," added Sibanda.

Affectionately known as, 'The One' Sibanda's record stands as follows; seven fights and seven wins.

The international tournament dubbed as “Rivalry Relouided,” is set to kick start a series of tournaments this December, as boxing takes centre stage with tournaments taking place around the country to the 28th of December.

Legend, Phillip Ndou said he will not miss the fight for anything; “I will be glued on the screen on Friday evening. I am excited to see what the two boxers will offer as they are both talented boxers. I am a big boxing fan, even today. I love all our boxers; Sivenathi (Nontshinga), Mbenge, Cafu, and others.

We need to support the current generation of boxers as Legends. Most importantly, Boxing SA should support the current generation make sure they do not repeat the mistakes we made during our time. I wish both Kuse and Sibanda all the best,” said Ndou, who could not choose which boxer he will be following on Friday.

Not only the boxers are confident, but trainers on both camps Vusi Mtolo, who trains Sibanda and Zolani Tete, who trains, Kuse said this week they are, ‘ready.’

There will be more bouts at Emperor’s Palace.

Main Supporting bout: Vacant SA title

Bonke Duku vs. Keanu Koopman

WBA Pan-African Title

Sabelo Cebekhulu vs. Charlton Malajika

Non. International 10-Round Bout

Roarke Knapp (South Africa) vs. Adones Cabalquinto (Philippines)

This action-packed event promises to deliver an unforgettable night for boxing enthusiasts, see you on Friday!

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