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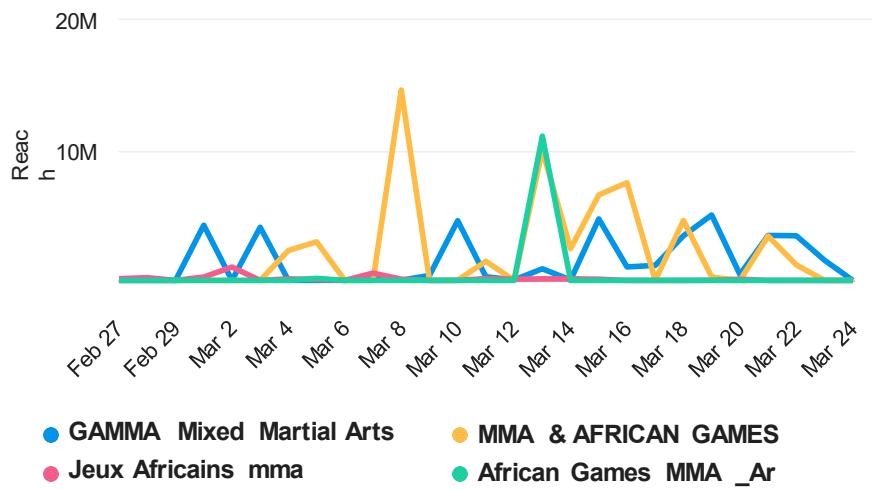
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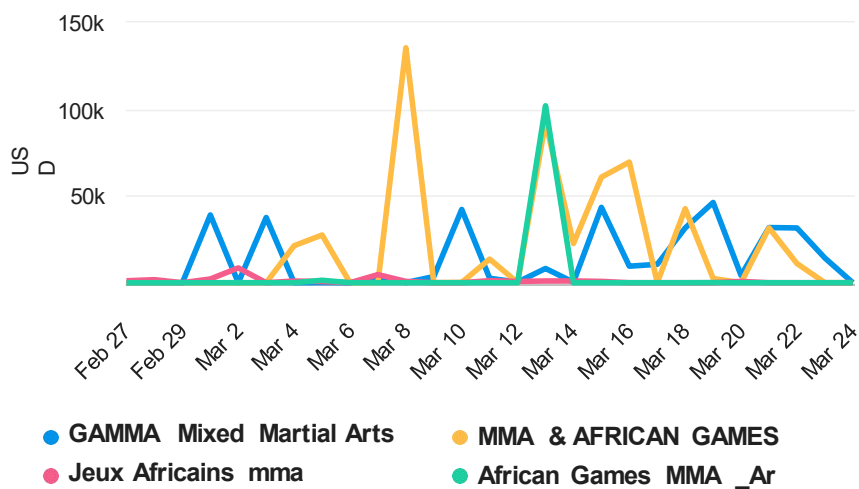
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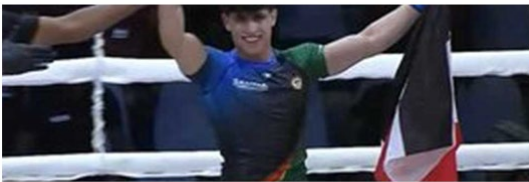
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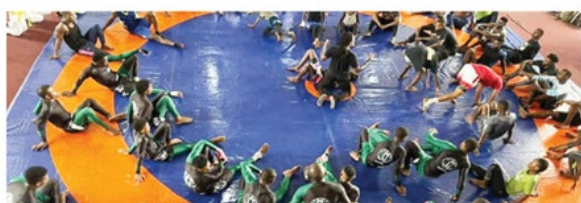
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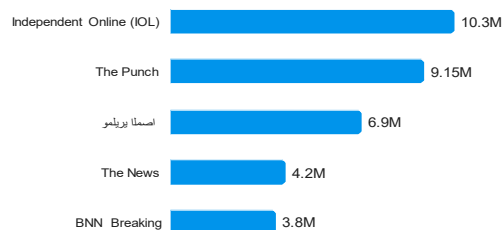
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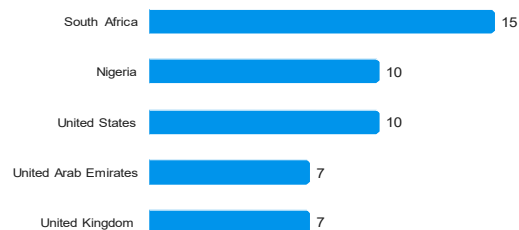
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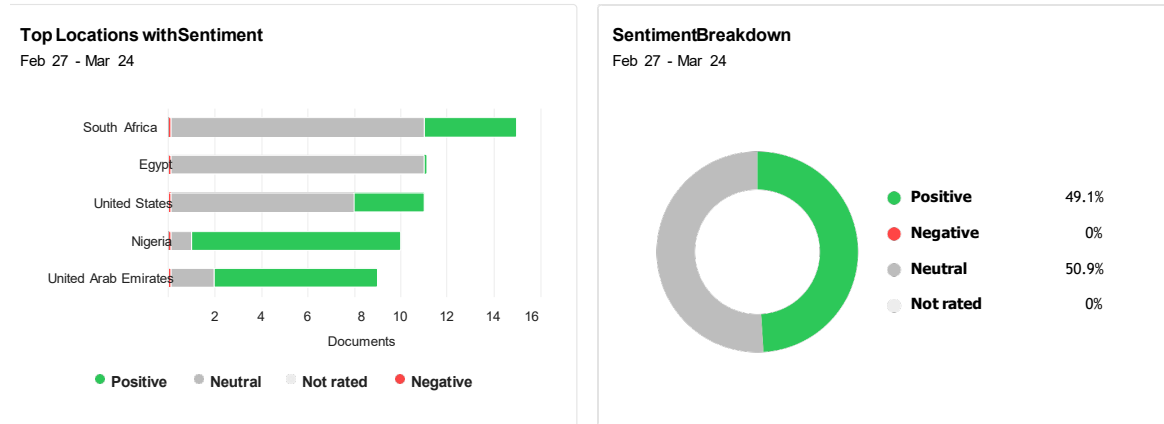
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Global Association of Mixed Martial Arts has confirmed Nigeria's appearance at the Mixed Martial Arts event at the 13th African Games in Accra 2023. MMA will be featured for the first time as a demonstration sport on Monday, March 12. Other countries listed for the event include the Ivory Coast, Egypt, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Libya and hosts Ghana.

Following the closure of registration, medical checks and weigh-in, the draw took place on Saturday, March 9, ahead of the commencement of the event on March 10.

Eight men and five women are representing Nigeria at the event at the MMA in the Lagos Boxing Hall of Fame in February.

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The amateur MMA rules competition, under the GAMMA, will join six other demonstration sports among 30 total disciplines. Eight of these will be qualifiers for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Acceptance into the African Games provides a milestone for the sport as it advances MMA's quest for recognition. As for Africa, the achievement is an accolade for Africa's MMA athletes as the sport continues to grow across the continent.

GAMMA president, Alexander Engelhardt said, "We stand at a great moment for MMA as it is welcomed into the Olympic programme at the African Games in a first for the sport. Not only is this a tribute to the development of MMA in Africa and the efforts of our members, but a fantastic platform for African MMA athletes and one which will no doubt spur further growth."

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The 13th edition of the four-year multi-sports event runs from March 8 and will end on March 23.

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PACKING A GOLDEN PUNCH

With a display of skill, grit and determination, Egypt's Dalia Abodeff wins the first Mixed Martial Arts competition at the African Games

Cover Story



**'Suffer today
so you can
become a
champion
tomorrow'**

As MMA makes its debut on the continental Olympic platform, Egypt's Dalia Abodeff reflects on her historic victory in Ghana and how it will open up avenues for the sport in the Middle East

By Dalia Abodeff

Abodeff is a professional MMA fighter and a member of the Egyptian national team.

As a woman in a

dangerous sport like

MMA, the decision to

participate wasn't taken

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are scared of the pain

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sport, but I chose to

follow my dream and

seize the opportunity.

I believe in myself and

my team. We worked

hard every day to

prepare for this

moment. I am proud

to represent my

country and to win

the gold medal. It

was a historic

moment for Egypt.

I hope this will

inspire other women

to take up MMA

and other sports.

I will continue to

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African Games: MMA semi-finals, Ghanaian boxing legend in attendance

[By Keith Stroud](#)
[7 December 2010 09:00](#)



Mixed Martial Arts competition arrived on Tuesday in Ghana as the event's main event was the African Games. The event was held in Accra, Ghana, and was the first of its kind in the country. The event was held in the Accra Sports Complex, and was the first of its kind in the country. The event was held in the Accra Sports Complex, and was the first of its kind in the country.

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Jeux Africains Accra 2023 / MMA: La bonne moisson des athlètes togolais

La 13e édition des jeux africains bat son plein actuellement dans la capitale ghanéenne. Plusieurs athlètes venus des quatre coins du continent vont compétitionner dans plusieurs disciplines olympiques mais également dans les « nouveaux sports » (non olympiques) dont le MMA. Et c'est bien dans cette dernière, les Arts Martiaux Mixtes que le Togo brille à Accra. Les athlètes togolais ont donc récolté deux médailles d'or et une médaille de bronze.

Sylvain Kokou dans la catégorie 65,8 kg et Weïkè Amssiou dans la catégorie 61,2 Kg se sont donc distingués en remportant l'or et le bronze respectivement. Douhadji Eloua récolte la médaille de bronze dans la catégorie 77,1 Kg.

11 pays ont été représentés à Accra dans cette compétition à savoir le Bénin, le Burkina Faso, la Côte d'Ivoire, l'Égypte, le Ghana, la Libye, la Mauritanie, le Nigeria, le Soudan, le Togo et l'Éthiopie.

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Rappelons que le MMA tout comme d'autres disciplines en compétition à Accra ne sont pas encore reconnues officiellement par le mouvement olympique. Elles sont donc gérées par des associations dont GAMMA (Global Association of MMA) pour le MMA.

Voici ce que déclarait son président Alexander Engelhardt en marge de ces jeux africains : « Nous sommes absolument ravis que les organisateurs nous aient inclus dans les sports de démonstration et nous espérons que cela servira de catalyseur pour l'inclusion dans d'autres jeux multisports à l'avenir ».

Compte tenu de son caractère non olympique, les athlètes MMA togolais n'ont pas fait partie de la délégation officielle pilotée par le ministère des sports.

Hervé AKAKPO

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The Nation and Taiwo Allen | March 17, 2014



Team Nigeria to the first ever Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) event of the 31st African Games, were not given any chance to do well in Ghana.

Valentine Morah, Acting President, Global Association of Mixed Martial Arts (GAMMA), who was in Ghana said the team was faced with challenges and almost gave up on the Ghana trip.

"We had to take a bus spending over 11 hours on the road to get to Ghana. Our team was even denied the national sports' apparel which all National teams from all sports were wearing so we had to do our own. We were not provided accommodation, allowances, or any other support that other members of National teams received. I am raising this point to attract the attention of Minister of Sports Development, John Enoh, whom we are sure is not aware of such actions.



The nine fighters representing Nigeria however dig deeper to come out with a medal each

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Chenai's nine medals in Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) in the 2022 Asian Games would reflect on Table

Julius Rosenberg



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GAMMA President Commends Ghana For A Successful Organization Of MMA At 13th African Games

By AmaGhana - March 13, 2024 0



Author: Sammy Heywood Okine

Mr. Alexander Engelhardt, President of the Global Association of Mixed Martial Arts (GAMMA) has congratulated the Ghana Mixed Martial Arts Association, LOC of the 13th African Games and the people of Ghana for the successful staging of the event which MMA stood to the test and produced new champions.

Mixed Martial Arts was added to the 13th African Games in Accra and Ghana claimed a total of nine medals one gold by Perpetual Obodal, three silver and five bronze medals in an existing display at the Bukom Boxing Arena.

He disclosed visiting Ghana on three occasions for meetings on the Games and loves the hospitality.

"I have not gone out to see Accra well, like the tourists site, but I love what I saw tonight with the children dancing and everyone happy," he expressed.

Mr. Jeff Taylor, President of Ghana Mixed Martial Arts Association said the tournament was very important for the recognition of the sports.



He noted that Ghana has benefited and showed that it is possible.

He expressed lack of financial support, hoping that the government and authorities on sports as well as the corporate entities would invest in MMA.

Vice President of the Ghana MMA, Mr. Kwab Asamoah described his team as the best and most decorated at the moment.

He inspired the players to be focused and train for more experiences coming up.

Present at the cheerful arena was Major General Ahmed Nasser of the Technical Committee of the African Games.

Nigeria dominated the ring with 12 medals in the Mixed Martial Arts, but had it tough against candidates from Burkina Faso, Togo, Mauritius, Ivory Coast and Ghana.

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Team Nigeria's MMA squad relishes African Games experience

By **Faith Akpan**
19 March 2024 | 6:15 am

Mixed Martial Arts (MMA)

Team Nigeria's Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) athletes, comprising nine fighters, are relishing their experience at the ongoing 33rd African Games in Ghana, where they featured in nine weight categories.

The fighters, against all odds, won five gold, three silver and one bronze medals in the MMA category.

Muzam Richard won the gold medal in the men's 120.5kg by beating Cote d'Ivoire's Dego Fanny. Eze Daniel (83.9kg), Busayo Idowu (52.2kg), Olanike Sodiq (61.2kg) and Joy Obanla (65.8kg) also won gold medals in their respective categories.

The silver medallists are Blessing Koro (61.2kg), Bernard Eweh (65.8kg) and Winifred Peter (47.6kg), while the solo bronze medallist is Albert Idowu (70.3kg).

To qualify for the African Games, the athletes went through the MMA Championship held in February by the Boxing and MMA Hall of Fame, which represents the sport's global ruling body, the Global Association of Mixed Martial Arts (GAMMA).

Speaking during a reception for the contingent by the management of Continental Hotel, Lagos, recently, the athletes regretted that the country paid scant attention to their preparation for the Games, saying that the nine MMA fighters made a tortuous road trip, lasting over 10 hours, to be in Ghana.

They added, however, that their determination to excel against strong competition from Benin Republic, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Libya and hosts, Ghana, pushed them to success.

Gold medalist, Obanla, said she was buoyed by the Nigerian 'No gree for anybody' spirit, adding that she was determined to put the country's name on the MMA

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Victorious Nigerian fighters in the Mixed Martial Arts event at the 2023 African Games in Ghana were on Friday felid by the management of the Lagos Continental Hotel, in honour of their medals haul at the Games.

MMA made its first appearance as a demonstration sport at the ongoing 13th African Games in Ghana and Nigeria topped the medals table with five golds, three silver and one bronze medal among other countries like Benin Republic, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Egypt, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Libya and hosts Ghana.

The gold medalists are Mutaz Richard (120.5kg), Eze Daniel (83.9kg), Busayo Idowu (52.2kg), Olanike Sodiq (61.2kg) and Joy Obanla (85.9kg).

The silver medalists are Blessing Kero (81.2kg), Bernard Eweh (85.9kg) and Welford Peter (47.8kg) while the lone bronze medalist is Albert Idowu (70.3kg).

The nine fighters were selected among 60 athletes that took part in the national tournament which held February 15, at the Twinn Bologun Stadium, Surulere, Lagos.

In order to achieve their dreams, the fighters made a road trip of about 10 hours to Accra.

Silver medalist Idowu, who started as a boxer described her Accra experience as "worthwhile", stressing that it has strengthened her resolve to make a name for herself in MMA.

General Manager of Continental Group Nigeria, Karl Hale, described the medalists as role models for Nigerian youths.

"We are proud of your performance in Ghana and this is another importance of sports and youth support, which we hope will bring a bright future and hope for a long and fruitful partnership with Boxing and MMA Hall of Fame (HOF)," Hale said.

General Secretary of Boxing and MMA Hall of Fame and official representative of the Global Association Of Mixed Martial Arts (GAMMA) in Nigeria, Kehinde Soyannwo also said, "Boxing and MMA Hall of Fame's mission, as our honorable founder, Wale Edun said, is to give a chance to excel and make Nigeria proud on the World stage as amateurs and even professionals. And we are witnessing this moment of pride now."

Officially MMA has been recognised in Africa by the Association of African Sports Confederations (AASC), GAMMA has 20 recognised and active member federations on the continent, including the host federation – Ghanaian Mixed Martial Arts Association.

GAMMA's vision is to see Mixed Martial Arts formally recognised as a sport by the Olympic movement and listed at the Olympic Games.

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The finals of MMA in the African games is set to take place tonight in Accra, Ghana, with a host of nations represented following an extremely successful three day tournament.

The event marks the inaugural time MMA has been featured in the continental Olympic event programme, in what is a significant step forward towards the vision of the sport eventually being included in the Olympic games.

The Amateur MMA rules competition has served as one of six other demonstration sports, among 30 disciplines- with 8 of which serving as qualifiers for the 2024 Paris Olympic games.

Under the Global Association of Mixed Martial Arts (GAMMA), MMA has thrived throughout the games and the athletes competing in tonight's finals will no doubt continue to look to shine a positive light on the sport.

The MMA portion of the 2023 African Games has ran from 10-12 March. There have been a host of African Nations taking part throughout the tournament including the likes of Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Egypt, Ghana, Libya, Mauritius, Nigeria, Sudan, Togo and Uganda.

GAMMA's vision is to see mixed martial arts formally recognised as a sport internationally by the Olympic movement and to one day enter The Olympic Games. Acceptance into the African Games provides a milestone for the sport as it advances MMA's quest for recognition.

As for Africa, the achievement is an accolade to Africa's MMA's athletes as the sport continues to grow across the continent.

GAMMA President Alex Engelhardt said:

"We stand at a great moment for MMA as it is welcomed into the Olympic programme at the African Games in a first for the sport. Not only is this a tribute to the development of MMA in Africa and the efforts of our members, but a fantastic platform for African MMA athletes and one which will no doubt spur further growth. Of GAMMA's twenty nations, eleven countries are fielding a team this time and putting a stake in the ground. We are proud that MMA is taking its place in the 2023 edition of the African Games and look forward to many more to come, in which MMA's footprint is only set to grow."

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The African Games' landmark Mixed Martial Arts tournament concluded yesterday in Ghana with competition finals and medals ceremonies on the continental Olympic platform.

National teams representing in the finals were Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Egypt, Ghana, Libya, Mauritius, Nigeria, Sudan, Togo and Uganda.

Following the disqualification of Holonou Song (Benin) and Muammar Felfel (Libya) due to breach of GAMMA's Code of Conduct, Sookhoo Bhirsing faced Kotoka Felix to determine the silver and bronze medallists for the 56,7 KG / - 125 Lbs category.

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The amateur rules MMA tournament played out from Sunday 10 to Monday 12 March under the Global Association of Mixed Martial Arts (GAMMA), joining 6 other demonstration sports among 30 total disciplines. 8 of these are holding qualifiers for this summer's Paris 2024 Games.

The 13th edition of the four-year, multi-sport event runs from 8 to 23 March, organised by the African Union (AU), the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), the Association of African Sports Confederations (AASC) and the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA)

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After the announcement of the Martial Arts Federation (GAMMA) would participate in the Games, the Martial Arts Federation were about how GAMMA manages MMA at the African Games.

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This year's sporting festival served up the opportunity of a lifetime for MMA practitioners who got to represent their respective countries and compete on an Olympic platform for the first time.

Amateur MMA — under the regulation body GAMMA (Global Association of Mixed Martial Arts) — achieved a milestone with the announcement of its participation in the games, considering the quest for MMA to receive International Olympic Committee (IOC) recognition and eventually become a mainstay sport at the Olympics in the future.

The three-day MMA tournament ran from March 10 in Accra, serving as an actual GAMMA Championship competition as eleven African teams (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ghana, Libya, Mauritius, Nigeria, Sudan, Togo, and Uganda) entered before the finals and medal ceremony brought the curtain down on a successful event on March 21st.

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Overcoming war and heartbreak — The true story of the Sudan team competing for MMA glory at the African Games

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Born in a war-torn Sudan, surrounded by violence, two noble athletes have risen from the depths of tragedy to represent their beloved country in MMA at the African Games 2023, as the sport makes its debut on the continental Olympic platform under GAMMA.

A civil war between two rival factions of the military government of Sudan, the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) under Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) under Hemedti, began during Ramadan on April 15, 2023. By December 29, over 5.8 million were internally displaced, with more than 1.5 million others fleeing the country for safety and seeking refuge elsewhere.

Tragically, the harrowing violence has resulted in untold tragedy, with many civilians in Darfur reported dead as part of the 2023 Masalit massacres.

The devastating circumstances were nothing short of horrifying, with bantamweight, Mojahed Mohamedelhassan (Merghani Ahmed) and lightweight, Mossab Elfadil Abdelgadir (Mohamedali), feeling the full force of the horrific scenes that have swept the African nation.

However, despite their undeniably difficult situation, the two fighters have shown remarkable heart and determination, exhibiting incredible bravery to never give up on their dreams despite dealing with the heartbreak of watching their beloved country go through a reality that most couldn't fathom.

With the situation in Sudan sadly a long way from a resolution, the two warriors have fled to Qatar, where they have dedicated their lives to becoming athletes capable of uniting a nation.

Under the tutelage of Faisal Abubaker, the President of the Sudan Federation of Muay Thai and MMA, the two young competitors have a coach who loves his fighters in a way that most never could. Not only are they bonded by their love for the sport, but by a shared experience in war, giving them a connection that no amount of money could possibly ever buy.

Abubaker explained: "As we all Sudanese know, the past months of war in Sudan have been horrific for us all to deal with and cope with. We are all struggling with the realities of war! I myself, have lost four family members. It has been hard! But the Sudan Federation of Muay Thai is stronger and more determined than ever to keep striving forward for Sudan Muay Thai and to continue to develop, grow and create opportunities for young Sudanese fighters to represent their country of Sudan on the world stage"


"After a very hard year for all our team, our fighters, trainers, coaches and everyone's families in Sudan, the Sudan Federation of Muay Thai is now permanently based in Qatar and we are working hard to create an active year ahead for our fighters who are now scattered to safer places! We will hope that we can continue in this sport and have the opportunities to compete at international tournaments in 2024! We are one and united and need to work together to train fiercely to then represent our war-torn country and home! We have to stand up and show the world that we Sudanese are stronger, we are resilient and have heart and courage that few understand! We will come back to competition stronger and better than ever! We will work with our athletes from where they are now living and training, and we will work towards including South Sudan in our teams that compete!"

An emotional official statement from the Sudan Federation, added: "Our strong and courageous fighters are in Akkra, Ghana, ready to compete at the GAMMA Africa Championships and represent themselves, their families and


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
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










































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Speaking at a reception organised for the medalists at Lagos Intercontinental Hotel, Victoria Island, yesterday, Ekufu said inspite of all the obstacles, the athletes encountered, they still stood tall.

The road to glory for these new Nigerian heroes was practically strewn with several obstacles. The least of these which was qualifying for the African Games via a gruelling national MMA championship held in February by the Boxing and MMA Hall of Fame, which represents the sports global ruling body – GAMMA, in Nigeria.

That the nation paid scant attention to their qualification for the African Games is also underscored by the fact that this Nigerian contingent of nine MMA fighters had to make a tortuous road trip lasting over 10 hours to be in Accra, Ghana for the Games.

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...managing the support and resources to the performance of the new MMA fighters. Everyone who believed in me and always supported me during my training. I promise not to disappoint Nigeria and Africa at any international championships.

Similarly, silver medalist Eweh said: "I feel happy and excited about winning silver in the African Games. I am optimistic that if the MMA is officially recognized by the African Games, it will become a goldmine for Nigeria.

"I see the Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) as a gift from nature. I started with kickboxing in 2009 before switching to MMA.

"I would love to dedicate this medal to my wife. She doesn't watch me while I'm fighting but she reviews my bouts when I win."

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The Lagos Continental Hotel's management honoured the Nigerian competitors who won medals in the Mixed Martial Arts competition at the 2023 African Games in Ghana on Friday.

At the 13th African Games, which are currently taking place in Ghana, mixed martial arts (MMA) made its debut as a demonstration sport. Nigeria, along with Benin Republic, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Egypt, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Libya, and hosts Ghana, topped the medal table with five gold, three silver, and one bronze medal.

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Muhammad Richard (52.5 kg), Eze Daniel (53.9 kg), Busayo Idowu (55.2 kg), Charles Sodje (61.2 kg), and Joy Obianira (65.3 kg) are the gold medalists.

Albert Idowu (70.5kg) is the only medalist in bronze, Blessing Haro (65.2kg), Benard Eweh (65.2kg), and Whitford Peter (47.5kg) are the silver medalists.

The nine fighters were selected among 40 athletes that took part in the national tournament which held February 15, at the Teslim Balogun Stadium, Surulere, Lagos.

In order to achieve their dreams, the fighters made a road trip of about 10 hours to Accra.

Silver medalist Idowu, who started as a boxer described her Accra experience as "worthwhile", stressing that it has strengthened her resolve to make a name for herself in MMA.


General Manager of Continental Group Nigeria, Karl Hala, described the medalists as role models for Nigerian youths.

"We are proud of your performance in Ghana and this is another importance of sports and youth support, which we hope will bring a bright future and hope for a long and fruitful partnership with Boxing and MMA Hall of Fame (HOF)," Hala said.

General Secretary of Boxing and MMA Hall of Fame and official representative of the Global Association Of Mixed Martial Arts (GAMMA) in Nigeria, Kehinde Soyannvo also said, "Boxing and MMA Hall of Fame's mission, as our honorable founder, Wale Edun said, is to give a chance to excel and make Nigeria proud on the World stage as amateurs and even professionals. And we are witnessing this moment of pride now."

The Ghanaian Mixed Martial Arts Association, the host federation, is one of the 20 recognized and active member federations of the Association of African Sports Confederations (AASC), which officially recognizes mixed martial arts (MMA) across Africa.

The goal of GAMMA is to have mixed martial arts recognized as a legitimate sport by the Olympic movement and be featured on the Olympic Games schedule.


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L'annonce a été faite hier lundi par le président du Comité olympique ghanéen, Ben Nunoo Mensah.

Ce sera une première dans l'histoire du Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) car le mouvement sportif international a longtemps écarté cette discipline.

Au menu des Jeux Africains prévus du 8 au 23 mars 2024 à Accra, l'on pourra observer les combats dans l'octogone. L'argument avancé est que le MMA figure parmi les sports de démonstration au même titre que l'Esport, le Speedball, le Sambo et le Tegball.

Ainsi, « l'ajout du MMA au programme est un signe très positif que l'Afrique est prête à accueillir les sports les plus récents et ceux qui présentent un grand intérêt au niveau mondial » a expliqué Ben Nunoo Mensah.

A lui de souligner, « de nombreux jeunes, non seulement au Ghana, mais dans toute l'Afrique pratiquent le MMA. Les Jeux Africains seront une excellente occasion de voir les meilleurs athlètes d'Afrique s'affronter dans ce sport passionnant ».

De mémoire, les Jeux Africains étaient prévus en 2023, mais pour de raisons de retards dans la préparation, ils ont été reportés au mois de mars de 2024.

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Le Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), discipline non olympique a été accepté à ces jeux pour une exhibition, avec des médailles de leur Confédération à la clé. C'est ainsi que le Burkina Faso, qui était de la partie, s'est taillé 3 médailles de bronze à travers Issa Boussim, Gaoussou Sanou et Ben Toé. Mais, ces médailles, selon le secrétaire général du Comité national olympique et des sports burkinabè, Jean Louis Seogho, ne doivent pas être comptabilisées avec celles des disciplines olympiques.

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Qu'à cela ne tienne, ces 3 meetings ont eu pour effet, la dernière journée de compétition, de voir les représentants, Carmen Koné (19 ans) et son adversaire.

Il s'agit respectivement du Maroc et de l'Algérie. En quart de finale, ils ont été rejoints par l'équipe d'Israël, qui a également été éliminée. L'aventure, laissant Mariam va-


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Accra, Ghana - 13 March 2024 - The African Games made history with its landmark Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) tournament, which concluded yesterday in Ghana. The event featured final competitions and medal ceremonies, marking a significant moment on the continental Olympic stage.

National teams from across Africa, including Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Egypt, Ghana, Libya, Mauritius, Nigeria, Sudan, and Tunisia, participated in the tournament.

The finals were not without drama as two fighters from Libya were disqualified for violating the Code of Conduct. This led to a reshuffle of the medalists, with Egypt's fighters securing the silver and bronze medals.

Egypt emerged as a dominant force, sweeping the gold, silver, and bronze medals across all weight categories, showcasing their skill and determination.

- In the 47.6 KG category, Dina El-Amrani of Egypt won the gold medal.
- Winifred Agara of Nigeria won the silver medal.
- Mohamed Ashaat of Egypt won the bronze medal.
- Additionally, Mohamed El-Shorbagy of Egypt won the silver medal in the 57 KG category.


The African Games MMA tournament was a testament to the growth of the sport across the continent and the event was a testament to the skill and determination of the Egyptian fighters.


See below for the list of Medalists.

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MMA competition will be taking place alongside Olympic sports in the African Games 2024. This transpires for the very first time in Accra, Ghana from this Friday to March 12th.

The 13th edition of the four-year, multi-sport event runs from March 8th to 23rd. This is organized by the African Union (AU), the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), the Association of African Sports Confederations (AASC), and the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA).

Amateur MMA, under the Global Association of Mixed Martial Arts (GAMMA), will join 6 other demonstration sports among 30 disciplines. 8 of these will be holding qualifiers for this summer's Paris 2024 Games.

This is officially recognized in Africa by the Association of African Sports Confederations (AASC). GAMMA has 24 recognized and active member federations on the continent. From these, the finalized national teams and participants lists are due to be published. This will go down after athlete pre-clearance and weigh-ins this Friday.


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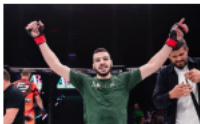
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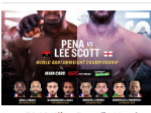
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Following the closure of registration, medical checks and weigh-ins on Friday 8 March, the Tournament Draw takes place on 9 March ahead of the commencement of the matches on Sunday, which run from 10 – 12 March.

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- 70.3 kg - 155 lbs M	Amr Ali
- 47.6 kg - 105 lbs F	Dalia Abodeff
- 93.0 kg - 205 lbs M	Mohamed Ashaaz
- 77.1 kg - 170 lbs M	Mohamed Elsayed

TEAM LIBYA

- 65.8 kg - 145 lbs M	Muammar Felfel
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TEAM SUDAN

- 61.2 kg - 135 lbs M	Mojahed Mohamedelhasan (Morghani Ahmed)
- 70.3 kg - 155 lbs M	Mossab Elfadl Abdelgadir (Mohamedal)

MMA at the African Games 2023 will be live streamed free-to-view on GAMMA YouTube and Facebook channels. The matches schedule is to be announced after Tournament Draw today (9 March).

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Team Egypt with GAMMA President Ali Abdelaziz



Team Sudan with GAMMA President Ali Abdelaziz

Arabs MMA can exclusively reveal the Arab teams registered in MMA at the African Games in Ghana, as the sport runs from Sunday 10 to Tuesday 12 March.





North African nations Egypt, Sudan and Libya will be fielding 1 male and 1 female have been accredited from the Egyptian MMA Federation, two from the Sudanese MMA Federation, and one from the Libyan Federation Of Mixed Martial Arts (LFMMA). The Sudanese team overcame particular challenges to attend the event.

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Initialement prévus pour 2023, les Jeux africains ont été repoussés à 2024 en raison de retards dans la préparation et l'organisation. La treizième édition de cet événement sportif majeur se déroulera du 8 au 23 mars 2024 au Ghana, marquant un retour notable du Mixed martial arts (MMA) dans la compétition.

Pour cette édition, l'Égypte, le Nigéria, le Burkina Faso et le Ghana assumeront le rôle de pays hôtes, accueillant environ 5000 athlètes africains spécialisés dans une vingtaine de disciplines, représentant 55 pays du continent.

Le MMA, un sport de combat combinant diverses disciplines telles que le judo, la boxe thaï et la lutte, fait son retour après une absence prolongée. En pleine expansion depuis une décennie, le MMA connaît un essor particulier en Afrique, avec des figures emblématiques telles que Francis Ngannou, originaire du Cameroun et surnommé "The Predator", qui s'est distingué sur la scène mondiale des arts martiaux mixtes.

L'introduction du MMA aux Jeux africains pourrait potentiellement ouvrir la voie à l'inclusion de ce sport aux Jeux Olympiques, offrant ainsi une opportunité unique aux combattants africains. Selon Ben Nunoo Mensah, président du Comité national olympique ghanéen, l'ajout du MMA au programme sportif témoigne de la volonté de l'Afrique d'embrasser les disciplines les plus contemporaines et celles qui suscitent un vif intérêt à l'échelle mondiale. Ces jeux offrent une occasion exceptionnelle de voir s'affronter les meilleurs athlètes africains dans cette discipline passionnante.

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Équipe du Ghana a remporté neuf médailles en mardi

Le Ghana a remporté neuf médailles en arts martiaux mixtes lors des épreuves de mardi soir aux Jeux africains.

Cette performance exceptionnelle comprend un d'argent et cinq de bronze, soulignant les prouesses sportives dynamiques et polyvalentes.

Il est important de noter que malgré les résultats, ces médailles de MMA ne contribueront pas à la position du Ghana au classement général des médailles car le MMA est actuellement un sport de démonstration aux Jeux.

Néanmoins, la performance exceptionnelle de l'équipe ghanéenne en MMA constitue une marque et renforce l'engagement de la nation envers l'excellence sportive.

Le Ghana avait déjà remporté cinq médailles dans des jeux de compétition traditionnels, l'héritage ayant décroché une médaille d'or et deux d'argent, et le nageur Abelfu Jackson remportant l'argent. L'équipe féminine masculine. L'ajout des médailles de MMA renforce encore la présence du Ghana en valeur les compétences athlétiques polyvalentes du pays.

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Alors que le Ghana vise à élargir son nombre total de médailles de l'édition 2019 au Maroc – où l'équipe a remporté deux médailles d'or, deux d'argent et neuf de bronze, terminant 15e au classement général – les athlètes restent déterminés à améliorer la position de la nation en 2023. Jeux Africains.

Alors que les Jeux devraient se terminer le 23 mars, l'équipe du Ghana a hâte de poursuivre sa performance impressionnante et d'ajouter de nouvelles médailles à son palmarès.

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Au fur et à mesure que le spectacle sportif se déroule, l'anticipation grandit pour des performances encore plus palpitantes et des victoires mémorables dans les jours restants de la compétition.

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Les athlètes togolais ont fait preuve d'une habileté et d'une ténacité remarquables lors des Jeux africains d'Accra. Ils ont remporté deux médailles d'or et une de bronze en arts martiaux mixtes (MMA).



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Welleke Awassiou s'est imposée dans la catégorie des 61,2 kg, tandis que Sylvain Kokou a dominé la division des 65,8 kg. Douhadji Ekoue a ajouté à la fierté nationale en remportant le bronze dans la catégorie des 77 kg.

Les guerriers MMA du Togo remportent l'or et le bronze aux Jeux Africains



Les arts MMA sont une discipline qui gagne du terrain en Afrique. Le succès des athlètes togolais en dit long sur leur dévouement et leurs prouesses. L'inclusion du MMA dans les Jeux Africains, une décision saluée par Alexander Engwhardt, Président de l'Association Globale de MMA (GAMMA), marque un pas important vers la reconnaissance internationale de ce sport.

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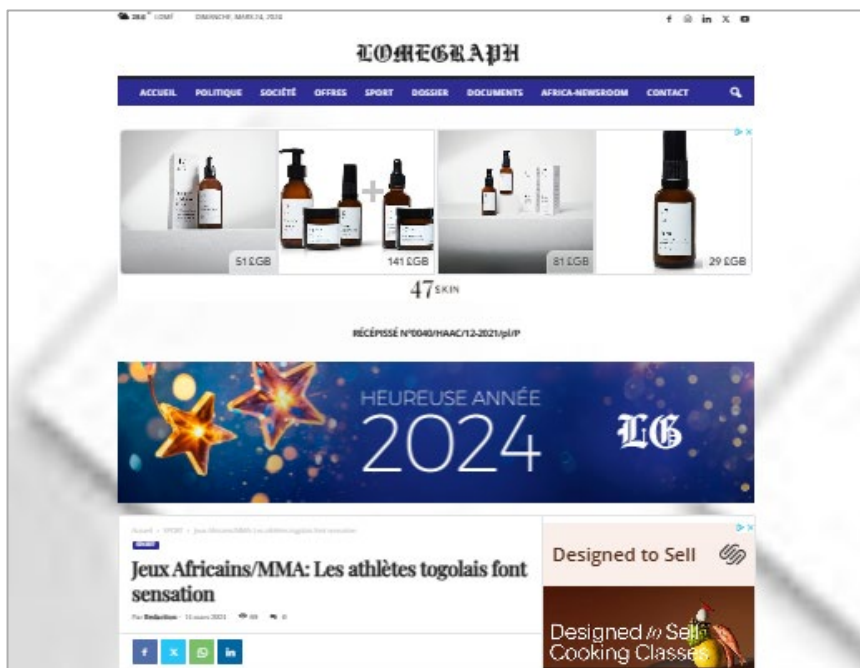
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Alors que les regards étaient tournés vers les disciplines traditionnelles, une surprise est survenue dans la compétition. Les athlètes togolais ont remporté deux médailles d'or et une médaille de bronze dans la discipline des Arts Martiaux Mixtes (MMA).

Wekli Akossou a brillé sur la plus haute marche du podium tandis que Sylvain Koko a été couronné dans la catégorie poids plume. Ces performances ont également permis au Togo de se qualifier pour la médaille de bronze dans la catégorie des Arts Martiaux Mixtes (MMA).



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La compétition de MMA aux Jeux Africains a réuni des représentants de 11 pays. Ce qui prouve l'engagement croissant pour ce sport sur le continent. Bien que le MMA ne soit pas encore reconnu officiellement par le mouvement olympique, son inclusion dans les Jeux Africains est un pas significatif vers une reconnaissance internationale accrue.



Le président de la Global Association of MMA (GAMMA), Alexander Engelhardt, a exprimé sa satisfaction quant à l'inclusion de cette discipline dans les sports de démonstration aux Jeux Africains. Pour lui, cette décision pourrait ouvrir la voie à une participation plus large du MMA dans d'autres compétitions de ce genre.



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MMA : participation historique pour Gamma-Mauritius

L'équipe mauricienne des MMA a fait le déplacement à Accra grâce au soutien des instances locales et internationales.

Les 13es Jeux d'Afrique qui se déroulent actuellement à Accra au Ghana captivent l'attention depuis cette semaine. Maurice participe à cette manifestation dans 14 disciplines en y incluant les *mix martial arts* qui sont venus s'ajouter à cette liste en milieu de semaine. Comme à chaque grande sortie, la quête de médailles reste la priorité, mais en cette année olympique, certaines disciplines sont également qualificatives pour les Jeux olympiques de Paris prévus en juillet et août prochains.

LES *Mix Martial Arts* (MMA) font partie des sept disciplines en démonstration lors de cette 13e édition des Jeux d'Afrique qui se tient actuellement à Accra au Ghana. C'est la première fois dans l'histoire des Jeux que ce sport de combat figure au programme.

L'inclusion du MMA fait suite à la reconnaissance de la *Global Association of Mix Martial Arts Mauritius* par les instances organisatrices des Jeux d'Afrique qui sont l'Union africaine (UA), l'Association des comités nationaux olympiques d'Afrique (ACNOA), et l'Union des Confédérations Sportives Africaines (UCSA). Les disciplines en démonstration lors des Jeux ont pour but de faire connaître un peu plus le sport en question, de même que l'organisation, les exigences et le déroulement de sa compétition.

Les sports concernés ont une occasion de se faire connaître encore plus dans l'optique de figurer dans le tableau officiel lors d'une prochaine édition. Sept disciplines seront en démonstration à Accra, à savoir les MMA, le *teqball*, le *speedball*, le *scrabble*, le *sambo*, le *pickleball* et l'*E-sports*.

Des compétitions réelles auront lieu dans ces disciplines avec des médailles comme récompense. Cependant, les breloques remportées ne sont pas comptabilisées au classement général vu que les sports en démonstration évoluent hors concours. Telle est la différence entre les disciplines en démonstration et celles retenues au programme officiel.

Maurice sera représentée en MMA par quatre athlètes et un entraîneur. Les représentants quadricolores sont issus de *Gamma-Mauritius*, entité créée il y a trois ans et qui est rattachée à la Fédération mauricienne de jiu-jitsu brésilien (FMJJB).

Pour cette fédération, cette participation est à la fois historique et par ricochet montre que la Gamma est en train de se faire connaître en Afrique. «C'est un grand pas pour notre organisation, même s'il reste encore du chemin à faire pour que nous soyons reconnus au même titre que d'autres disciplines, mais le fait que la Gamma ait été choisie par les organisateurs est très important dans notre épanouissement», exprime Farook Pirbaccosse, président de *Gamma-Mauritius*.



Les combattants mauriciens sont en l'occurrence Meherin Rassool en féminin, Bhirsing Sookhoo, Azim Ramzan et Ajmal Bhojil en masculin. L'équipe mauricienne sera accompagnée de l'entraîneur Tawfiq Jaunbocus. Un cinquième combattant, Jordan Isabelle, devait être du voyage mais a dû faire l'impasse en raison d'une blessure.

La participation mauricienne à ces Jeux a été possible grâce à la Gamma. «Plusieurs jujiteiros de la FMJJB participent à des compétitions de MMA à travers *Gamma-Mauritius* dans l'optique de récolter des fonds pour financer leur carrière sportive.

Les démarches concernant notre participation aux Jeux d'Afrique se sont faites par le biais de notre fédération internationale et non à travers les autorités du pays. Les frais de déplacement et de séjour sont financés par *Gamma-*

Mauritius, *Gamma international* et la *FMJJB*», souligne Farook Pirbaccosse.

L'objectif pour les Mauriciens sera d'aller chercher un podium même s'ils s'aventurent en terrain inconnu lors de ces Jeux. «Nous ignorons les forces en présence, car ces Jeux sont une première pour nous. Mais nous sommes bien décidés à faire bonne figure et nous sommes certains que cette expérience nous sera pleinement bénéfique. Nos représentants vont également pouvoir faire connaître les MMA mauriciens auprès des autres pays en vue de futurs échanges et collaborations», commente le président de *Gamma-Mauritius*.

L'équipe mauricienne a mis le cap sur Accra jeudi, et sera en compétition à partir de ce dimanche, jusqu'au mardi 12 mars.

Textes : Qadeer Hoybun

Boxe : Rajiv Rajcoomar responsable de la compétition

UNE nomination qui va étoffer le curriculum vitae du Mauricien Rajiv Rajcoomar. L'ex-président de l'Association mauricienne de boxe (AMB) et délégué technique de l'*International Boxing Association* (IBA) a été sollicité par le comité organisateur des Jeux d'Afrique pour être le responsable technique de la compétition de boxe durant les Jeux.

Habitué aux grands rendez-vous internationaux, celui qui a été boxeur, arbitre, dirigeant et *International Technical Officer* (ITO) durant sa carrière en sera à sa troisième participation aux Jeux d'Afrique comme officiel. Il a exercé comme arbitre aux Jeux de 2007 en Algérie puis comme ITO en 2011 au Mozambique. Cette fois-ci, il aura une plus grande responsabilité, puisque c'est lui qui sera le responsable de la compétition de boxe à Accra.

Il a reçu sa nomination de la Fédération internationale et de la Confédération africaine de boxe (CAB). C'est la première sortie de la saison pour le Mauricien après 2023 où il a officié dans cinq compétitions importantes. Il a été assistant délégué technique aux Championnats du monde élite hommes et dames respectivement en Ouzbékistan et en Inde et aux Mondiaux Juniors



Notre compatriote lors des Mondiaux Juniors en Arménie.

en Arménie. Il a été responsable de la compétition de boxe aux Jeux des îles de l'océan Indien à Madagascar et aux Championnats d'Afrique au Cameroun.

À Accra, l'échéance en boxe se déroulera du 14 au 22 mars alors que l'enregistrement, la visite médicale et le tirage au sort se feront les 12 et 13 courant. Maurice alignera deux jeunes pugilistes à cette manifestation. Ils sont Niven Chemben en 57 kg et Fabrice Valérie en 51 kg. Des jeunes en quête d'expérience du haut niveau.

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La communauté sportive a les yeux rivés sur le Ghana depuis cette semaine où se déroule la 13e édition des Jeux Africains à Accra. La cérémonie d'ouverture a eu lieu vendredi en grande pompe alors que les hostilités ont démarré beaucoup plutôt, soit depuis lundi, avec les compétitions en tennis de table, suivies du badminton en milieu de semaine.

Cette échéance africaine s'échelonne jusqu'au 23 mars et Maurice y participe avec une délégation de 95 personnes dont 65 athlètes engagés dans 13 disciplines à savoir l'athlétisme, le badminton, le beach-volley, la boxe, le bras de fer, le cyclisme, le judo, l'haltérophilie, la lutte, la natation, le taekwondo, le tennis de table et le triathlon.

Avant le départ de la grande majorité de la délégation pour le Ghana, le ministère de l'Autonomisation de la jeunesse, des sports et des loisirs a organisé une cérémonie, mardi dernier, au *Helvétia Youth Hub* pour la présentation des sponsors, du porte-drapeau, des capitaines et de la tenue officielle du Club Maurice à Accra. Trois sponsors se sont associés à la participation mauricienne à cet événement. Ces derniers, en l'occurrence la *SBM Bank (Mauritius) Ltd*, *SICOM Group* et *Mauritius Telecom* ont paraphé leur contrat avec le Club Maurice

lors de la cérémonie de mardi. Une cérémonie qui s'est déroulée en présence de Gandeve Moteea, président du Club Maurice, des représentants du ministère des Sports, du Comité olympique mauricien (COM), des fédérations sportives et des athlètes.

«La *SBM Bank (Mauritius) Ltd* est fière de s'associer avec le Club Maurice en tant que gold sponsor pour les 13es Jeux africains. En tant qu'institution bancaire ancrée dans le tissu économique et social de Maurice, nous croyons fermement aux valeurs que le sport incarne telles que la discipline, la solidarité et le dépassement de soi. Ce partenariat revêt une importance particulière pour nous, car il symbolise notre engagement indéfectible envers le développement du sport dans notre pays. En soutenant le Club Maurice pour les Jeux africains, nous exprimons notre volonté de soutenir les talents mauriciens pour les aider à briller sur la scène régionale», a déclaré Percy Phillips, Head of Retail Banking à la *SBM Bank (Mauritius) Ltd*.

Depuis sa création, la *SBM Bank (Mauritius) Ltd* a été un partenaire assidu de la communauté sportive à Maurice en soutenant la participation mauricienne aux Jeux des îles de l'océan Indien à Madagascar et l'organisation de plusieurs manifestations importantes, dont les Jeux de la commission de la Jeunesse et

13^{ES} JEUX D'AFRIQUE

Maurice explose son record de médailles

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NOS sportifs font flotter notre quadricolore en cette semaine de la Fête nationale. Huit médailles d'or, cinq d'argent et 10 de bronze, soit un total de 23 métaux récoltés par Maurice depuis le début de cette 13^e édition des Jeux d'Afrique qui se tient actuellement à Accra au Ghana. Les quadricolores ont fait mieux que le record établi en 2019 au Maroc où nos représentants avaient ramené la bagatelle de 24 breloques dont 6 or, 6 argent et 12 bronze pour permettre au pays de prendre la sixième place au classement des médailles. Jusqu'à vendredi, c'était la meilleure moisson de médailles de Maurice à ces Jeux.

En début de soirée d'hier, Maurice est scotchée à la sixième place au classement des médailles dominé par l'Égypte qui est loin devant avec 144 breloques dont 83 en or. L'Afrique du Sud, le Nigeria, l'Algérie et la Tunisie suivent respectivement en deuxième, troisième, quatrième et cinquième position. Les Lucie Eva de Marigny Lagesse, Aurélie Halbwachs, Raphaëlle Lamusse, Alexander Mayer, Christopher Rougier Lagane, Aurélien de Comarmond ont fait résonner le Motherland hier à Accra pour la huitième fois en remportant l'épreuve mixte en cyclisme pour permettre au pays de consolider sa place au classement.

C'est justement la petite reine qui avait montré la voie royale à l'équipe mauricienne avec une première médaille dans cette édition grâce à la deuxième place d'Aurélien Halbwachs dans la course en ligne dames le samedi 9 mars. Le lendemain, l'haltérophile Sheridane Pasnin a offert au pays sa première médaille d'or des Jeux. En action chez les 49 kg dames, elle a fait forte impression avec un jet de 64 kg à l'arraché

pour devancer la Ghanéenne Ntumi Winnifred 63 kg et la Malgache Ny Hasina Andrimantsoa. Alexandre Mayer a été l'auteur de la deuxième médaille d'or mauricienne, remportée lors de la course en ligne messieurs. Il a bouclé le parcours en 3:06.01 et devance à l'arrivée le Sud-Africain Dillon Geary et l'Erythréen Kudus Ghebremedhin. Aurélien de Comarmond décroche l'argent chez les U23. La natation mauricienne est aussi à l'honneur avec la médaille d'or d'Anishta Teeluck au 200 m dos. Auteure d'un chrono de 2:17.71, elle a devancé la Sud-Africaine Tayla Jonker et la Namibienne Jessica Humphrey.

Triple médaille d'or pour Ketty Lent

En badminton, le duo Kate Foo Kune et Julien Paul se contente de la médaille de bronze en double mixte après une campagne éreintante alors qu'Emile Wilhem ramène l'argent en haltérophilie en soulevant la barre à 91 kg à l'arraché chez les -55 kg masculin. Il termine derrière le Malgache Eric Andrianstohatia auteur de 96kg. La leveuse de fonte Seforah Lent s'octroie la médaille de bronze le mardi 12 mars avec un jet de 80 kg à l'arraché en -64 kg dame. Elle est devancée par la Nigériane Ruth Ayodele qui prend la première place avec 94 kg et la Tunisienne Chaima Rahmouni deuxième avec 92 kg. En judo, Priscilla Morand est la seule Mauricienne à atteindre le podium. La jeune femme prend la deuxième place en -48 kg après sa défaite en finale contre la Tunisienne Oumaima Badioui. Le cyclisme mauricien est une nouvelle fois à l'honneur avec deux médailles décrochées par Aurélien de Comarmond sur l'épreuve du critérium, d'abord l'argent chez les U23 et le bronze en élite.



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La journée de mercredi a été marquée par la sensationnelle triple médaille d'or remportée par Ketty Lent chez les -76 kg en haltérophilie. Elle a soulevé la barre à 91 kg à l'arraché, 106 kg à l'épaulé-jeté et 197 kg au total olympique. Du côté des hommes, Khelvin Juboo a ajouté trois médailles en 109 kg. Le jeune Mauricien est crédité de 141 kg à l'arraché, 188 kg à l'épaulé-jeté et 329 kg au total olympique.

Nos spécialistes de la petite reine sont une nouvelle fois montés sur le podium en allant chercher jeudi deux troisièmes places lors du contre-la-montre par équipes. Les Lucie Eva de Marigny Lagesse, Aurélie Halbwachs et Raphaëlle Lamusse en féminin et Alexander Mayer, Christopher Rougier Lagane, Aurélien de Comarmond et Matombé Hanson en masculin ont terminé derrière les équipes érythréennes et sud-africaines dans les deux catégories. Aurélie Halbwachs a frappé un grand coup vendredi. Cette fois-ci en raflant l'or au contre-la-montre individuel féminin où elle a bouclé le parcours de 29,8 km en 34:38. Chez les U23 masculin, Aurélien de Comarmond s'est fait à nouveau remarquer avec la médaille de bronze autour du cou. Pour la première participation de Maurice au bras de fer, Abel Thésée s'est distingué en s'adjugeant de la médaille de bronze dans la catégorie main gauche messieurs 100kg.

A sept jours de la fin de l'événement, les chances de médailles sont encore ouvertes pour le Club Maurice. Le boxeur



Le retour des médailles

Ils méritent d'être bien accueillis. Nos médaillés sont attendus au pays ce dimanche et lundi. Les haltérophiles arriveront à 18 heures ce soir et les cyclistes demain à 13 heures. Le ministère des Sports a prévu un accueil en grande pompe à l'aéroport.

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► Qadeer Hoybun

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La GAMMA avait aligné quatre représentants à cette manifestation qui se déroule à Accra, au Ghana. Ces derniers sont tous montés sur le podium en récoltant trois médailles d'or et une d'argent. Bhirsing Sookhoo s'est distingué en -56 kg hommes après sa victoire par technical K.O. sur le Ghanéen Felix Kotoka. Pour son baptême de feu, le Mauricien se dit amplement fier de faire partie des premiers Mauriciens à prendre part aux

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En -93 kg masculin, Ajmal Bhojul s'est offert le titre par technical K.O. aux dépens du Nigérian Martins Aziba qui termine deuxième alors que l'Égyptien Ashaat Mohamed et le Burundais Ben Ali Sibiri complètent le podium. L'unique représentante féminine, Meherin Rassool, prend la deuxième place chez les -61,2 kg dames. La Mauricienne



Le mix martial art mauricien a fait bonne impression à Accra.

s'est inclinée en finale devant la Nigériane Rasheeda Sodiq à la faveur des juges. Une première sortie pleine d'espoir pour ces athlètes, de même que leur organisation, qui se lançaient dans cette aventure comme en terrain inconnu. Désormais, ils savent où se situe le niveau mauricien sur le continent.

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Les Lucie Eva de Meligny Lagasse, Aurélie Halbach, Raphaëlle Lamusse, Alexe Christopher Rougier Lagasse, Aurélien de Comandant ont fait reconquerir le Mohamed pour la huitième fois, en remportant l'épreuve mixte en cyclisme pour permettre au pays sa place au classement.

C'est justement la petite reine qui avait montré le vole royale à l'équipe mauricienne première médaille dans cette édition grâce à la deuxième place d'Aurélien Halbach en ligne dans le samedi 9 mars. Le lendemain, l'athlète Sherrine Pasini a obtenu la première médaille d'or des Jeux. En action chez les -49 kg dames, elle a fait forte impression en jet de 64 kg à l'arraché pour devancer la Ghanéenne Nana Wondred 63 kg et la Libanaise Andriana. Alexandre Meyer a été l'auteur de la deuxième médaille d'or mauricienne lors de la course en ligne masculine. Il a brisé le parcours en 2:05:21 et devancé l'Algérien Dillon Gray et l'Égyptien Khaled Ghalebmedhi. Aurélien de Comandant a obtenu la médaille d'or chez les U23. La nageuse mauricienne est aussi à l'honneur avec la médaille d'or d'1:00:00 des 400 m. Aurélie d'un chrono de 2:17:71, elle a devancé la Sud-Africaine Tjaja Nandienne Jessica Humphrey.

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En badminton, le duo Kate Foo Kune et Julien Paul se contente de la médaille de bronze après une campagne éblouissante alors qu'Emile Willem remporte l'argent en badminton la balle à 91 kg à l'arraché chez les -55 kg masculin. En finale, il devance l'Algérien Abdelhakim Boudiaf. La levante de force Sefouh Lina s'octroie la médaille d'argent 12 mars avec un jet de 80 kg à l'arraché en -61 kg dames. Elle est devancée par Ruth Anyele qui prend la première place avec 94 kg et la Tunisienne Chahira Rater avec 62 kg. En judo, Pricilla Moreau est la seule Mauricienne à atteindre le podium, prend la deuxième place en -60 kg après sa défaite en finale contre la Tunisienne O. Le cyclisme mauricien est une nouvelle fois à l'honneur avec deux médailles d'or de Comandant sur l'épreuve du circuit, d'abord l'argent chez les U23 et le bronze.

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En -43 kg masculin, Ajmal Ghajul s'est offert le titre par technical K-O aux dépens du Nigérien Martine Adia qui termine deuxième alors que l'Égyptien Ashraf Mohamed et le Béninois Ben Ali Sidi complètent le podium. L'unique représentante féminine, Mehreen Razaoui, prend la deuxième place chez les -41.2 kg dames. La Mauricienne s'est inclinée en finale devant la Nigérienne Rasheda Sodiq à la faveur des juges.

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JEUX AFRICAINS AU GHANA

Trois médailles d'or et une d'argent pour Maurice en MMA

• **Tawfiq Jaunbocus : « Nous avons marqué l'histoire »**

Le Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) était à l'honneur aux Jeux Africains à Accra au Ghana cette semaine.

L'hymne national mauricien a résonné à trois reprises grâce aux victoires des combattants mauriciens, notamment Mohammad Ajmal Idoor Bhojul, Abdul Aziz Ramzan et Bhirsing Sookhoo qui ont remporté l'or, tandis que Bibi Oumee Hanee Meherin Rassool a remporté la médaille d'argent. Les combattants mauriciens de la Mauritius Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation (MBJFF) étaient encadrés par Tawfiq Jaunbocus.

Dans la catégorie de 93 kg, notre compatriote Idoor Muhammad Ajmal Bhojul a littéralement surclassé son adversaire Aziba Martins, un Nigérian sponsorisé par Kamaru Usman, la crème de la crème des champions professionnels de MMA. Ajmal

Bhojul a pris le Nigérian par la gorge au sol pour asséner plusieurs coups de semonce au visage et l'arbitre a mis fin à la joute. Dans l'autre match, Abdul Aziz Ramzan avait en face de lui Mohamed El Sayed, un Égyptien, l'un des meilleurs lutteurs d'Égypte et champion de boxe thaïlandaise. Le Mauricien a remporté son combat par soumission après étranglement au sol. Notre troisième représentant, Bhirsing Sookhoo, n'a pas tardé à montrer ses qualités de bagarreur sur le ring et son adversaire Kotoka Felix du Ghana n'a vu que du feu. L'arbitre a mis fin au combat après soumission du Ghanéen.

La combattante mauricienne Meherin Rassool n'a pas démerité et a montré de grandes qualités face à



un adversaire coriace. Elle a remporté la médaille d'argent. Tawfiq Jaunbocus, l'entraîneur mauricien champion de Jiu-jitsu brésilien à plusieurs reprises à Maurice et à l'étranger, exprime sa fierté devant la prestation de ses protégés qui ont surpris tout le monde au Ghana où 15 pays étaient représentés pour les combats de MMA.

HOLD-UP MAURICIEN

Tawfiq Jaunbocus estime que personne ne s'attendait à ce hold-up mauricien avec 3 médailles d'or et 1 d'argent. « Les combattants mauriciens ont marqué l'histoire. Derrière cette belle prestation c'est

plusieurs mois d'entraînements et de sacrifices. Plusieurs combattants s'entraînent à raison de 5 fois par semaine pendant plusieurs heures », avance-t-il. Tawfiq Jaunbocus fait ressortir que le déplacement n'a pas été facile jusqu'au dernier moment et que c'est grâce à Farook Pibacosse, le président du Global Association Mixed Martial Art (GAMMA) Mauritius, que les choses ont évolué afin de permettre aux Mauriciens de participer aux Jeux Africains. GAMMA a sponsorisé le déplacement et a fait le nécessaire pour inclure les Mauriciens sur la liste des combattants.

Tawfiq Jaunbocus remercie Farook Pibacosse et en particulier le kinésithérapeute, le Dr Yasin Takun, qui a effectué un suivi médical méthodique et même au Ghana, 3 heures avant le combat d'Abdul Aziz Ramzan, qui était mal en point. Il a donné des conseils pour remettre le combattant sur pied. L'entraîneur remercie également Jordan Isabelle, champion de kick-boxing, pour la préparation physique.

« Plusieurs tournois internationaux attendent désormais nos combattants, et surtout le championnat du monde en Indonésie », ambitionne Tawfiq Jaunbocus.



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Mixte Martial Arts

Trois médailles d'or pour Maurice

Trois combattants mauriciens sont montés sur la plus haute marche du podium dans la soirée de mardi au Bukom Boxing Arena. Aziz Ramzan, Ajmal Dhojul et Yudish Sookhoo ont dominé leurs adversaires, tandis que Meherin Rasool est repartie avec la médaille d'argent.

Ils ont fait retentir l'hymne national mauricien à trois reprises mardi au Bukom Boxing Arena, alors que Maurice célébrait ses 56 ans d'indépendance. Le Mixte Martial Arts (MMA) était parmi les sports de démonstration qui ont fait leur première apparition aux Jeux africains, et Maurice a récolté trois médailles d'or. C'est Yudish Sookhoo qui a été le premier à décrocher l'or en dominant, en finale des -57 kg, le Ghanéen Kotoka Felix dès le premier round. Il s'est



C'est une équipe de pratiquants de Jiu-Jitsu brésilien qui a représenté le pays au Ghana.

imposé par arrêt de l'arbitre.

Idem pour Aziz Ramzan en -77 kg. Le Mauricien, expert en Jiu-jitsu brésilien, est parvenu à forcer son adversaire, l'Égyptien Mohamed

El Sayed, à la soumission après seulement une minute au premier round. Alors que Ajmal Bhojul, en moins de 93 kg, a frappé fort du début à la fin pour remporter en finale par

arrêt de l'arbitre au deuxième round face au Nigérian Aziba Martin.

La belle performance de Meherin Rasool chez les femmes en -61 kg, qui est repartie avec la médaille d'argent, est à retenir. Pour sa première participation à une compétition de MMA, cette pratiquante de Jiu-jitsu brésilien a fait preuve de beaucoup de résistance et d'agressivité face à la Nigérienne Sodi Rasheda. Elle s'est finalement inclinée sur décision des juges au bout des trois rounds.

Au tableau des médailles en MMA, Maurice termine à la deuxième place avec trois médailles d'or, derrière le Nigeria qui repart avec cinq médailles d'or. Ces trois médailles d'or ne sont pas comptabilisées dans le tableau final, étant donné que les MMA faisaient partie des sports de démonstration.

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La bande à Tawfiw Jaunbocus fait forte impression

Même si ce n'est qu'au tout dernier moment qu'ils ont confirmé leur participation dans l'épreuve de MMA retenu comme sport de démonstration aux Jeux Africains, l'équipe de Maurice est parvenue à tirer son épingle du jeu. Mieux encore, les quatre combattants locaux en lice ont décroché trois médailles d'or et une d'argent. C'est Yudish Sookhoo qui a été le premier à monter sur la plus haute marche du podium en dominant la finale des -57 kg. Il a pris la mesure du Ghanéen Kotoka Felix dès le premier round par arrêt de l'arbitre. Idem pour Aziim Ramzan en -77 kg, qui s'est montré trop fort pour son adversaire, l'Égyptien Mohamed El Sayed, en s'imposant par soumission après seulement une minute au premier round. Ajmal Bhojul, quant à lui, a maîtrisé le Nigérian Aziba Martin en -93 kg, pour s'imposer en finale par arrêt de l'arbitre au deuxième round. Notons aussi la belle performance de Meherin Rasool chez les filles en -61 kg. Pour sa première participation à une compétition de MMA, notre compatriote est repartie avec la médaille d'argent en faisant preuve de résistance et d'agressivité face à la Nigériane Sodiq Rasheeda. Elle s'est finalement inclinée sur décision des juges au bout des trois rounds.



L'équipe de Maurice a pris la deuxième place au tableau des médailles derrière le Nigéria.

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Discipline en démonstration : 4 médailles dont 3 d'or pour Maurice

CE n'est pas la *Mixed Martial Arts Federation Mauritian* (MMAFM) qui a envoyé des athlètes au Ghana mais la *Mauritius MMA - GAMMA*, par le biais de la *Mauritius Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation* (MBJJF). Des quatre Mauriciens qui ont accédé à la finale, trois se sont octroyés l'or. À retenir toutefois que cette discipline était en démonstration et que les résultats n'étaient pas comptabilisés pour le classement des médailles.

Quatre athlètes, Bhirsing Sookhoo, Ramzan Abdul Aziim et Bhojul Ajmal chez les hommes et Rassool Meherin chez les dames ont foulé le sol ghanéen en vue de la compétition de MMA amateur qui a eu lieu aux Jeux d'Afrique du 8 au 12 mars. Ils étaient accompagnés de Tawfik Jaunbocus, *head coach*. Au niveau masculin, Bhirsing Sookhoo l'a emporté chez les -56,7 kg, Ramzan Abdul Aziim chez les -77,1 kg et Idoo Bhojul Mohammad Ajmal chez les -93,0 kg. Du côté féminin, Rassool Meherin a récolté l'argent chez les -61,2 kg.

«C'est un moment de joie, c'est un moment de fierté. Pour nous, que les médailles aient compté ou pas n'était pas un souci pour nous. Le plus important est que nous ayons eu l'occasion de venir au Ghana pour nous mesurer aux meilleurs Africains. Aujourd'hui, nous connaissons notre valeur et savons où nous situer. Les athlètes mauriciens ont livré une très belle



■ Photo de famille des pratiquants de MMA tenant avec fierté le quadricolore entre les mains.

prestation et avaient un niveau impressionnant. Ce sont des athlètes appartenant à la grande famille du Jiu Jitsu brésilien à Maurice qui ont été en action en MMA. Ils ont un avenir prometteur et doivent poursuivre sur leur lancée», explique Tawfik Jaunbocus.

Ce dernier ajoute que nos quatre représentants se sont

déplacés grâce au soutien de la Fédération mauricienne de Jiu Jitsu brésilien et de la *Global Association of Mixed Martial Arts* (GAMMA) à laquelle la *Mauritius MMA-GAMMA* est affiliée. «Aujourd'hui, nous sommes entrés dans l'Histoire. Pour la première fois, le MMA a été aux Jeux d'Afrique, considérés comme de mini Jeux olympiques au niveau africain. Rien ne pourrait nous rendre plus fiers d'avoir été présent à ce grand événement.»

Soulignons que les équipes nationales représentées en finale étaient celles du Bénin, du Burkina Faso, de la Côte d'Ivoire, de l'Égypte, du Ghana, de la Libye, de Maurice, du Nigeria, du Soudan, du Togo et de l'Ouganda.



■ Bhirsing Sookhoo l'a emporté chez les -56,7 kg.

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-56,7 kg | -125 Lbs Male : 1 Sookhoo Bhirsing (MRI) ; 2 Kotoka Felix (GHA)
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-77,1 kg | -170 Lbs Male : 1 Ramzan Abdul Aziim (MRI) ; 2 Mohamed Elsayed (EGY) ; 3 Ekoue Douhadji (TOGO) et 3 Obeya John (NGR)
-83,9 kg | -185 Lbs Male : 1 Eze Daniel Emeke (NGR) ; 2 Houssou Michael Mahugnon (BEN) ; 3 Affognon Jhon-Kennedy (BEN) et 3 Marcel Yao (CIV)
-93,0 kg | -205 Lbs Male : 1 Idoo Bhojul Mohammad Ajmal (MRI) ; 2 Aziba Martins (NGR) ; 3 Mohamed Ashaat (EGY) et Sibi Ben Ali Toe (BUR)

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-47,6 kg | -105 Lbs Female : 1 Dalia Abodeff (EGY) ; 2 Peter Winifred Agara (NGR) ; 3 Ankrach Leticia Amanus (GHA)
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-61,2 kg | -135 Lbs Female : 1 Sodiq Olanike Rasheeda (NGR) ; 2 Rassool Bibi Ournee Haneer Meherin (MRI)

MMA aux Jeux d'Afrique, un pas important

Le tournoi amateur de MMA s'est déroulé du dimanche 10 au lundi 12 mars sous l'égide de la *Global Association of Mixed Martial Arts* (GAMMA), rejoignant 6 autres sports de démonstration parmi 30 disciplines au total. Il est bon de rappeler que la 13^e édition des Jeux d'Afrique se déroulant du 8 au 23 mars a été organisée par l'Union africaine (UA), l'Association des Comités Nationaux Olympiques d'Afrique (ACNOA), l'Association of African Sports Confederations (AASC) et le Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA).

Officiellement reconnue par l'AASC, GAMMA formule le vœu de voir le MMA être accepté au niveau international par le mouvement olympique et de figurer sur la liste des disciplines en lice aux Jeux olympiques. C'est pourquoi, l'inclusion du MMA aux Jeux Africains - même en démonstration - constitue une étape importante pour ce sport et pour les pratiquants de MMA amateur à Maurice.

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Burkina Faso's 4th medal at the 13th African Games is still pending. Judo, on which there was a glimmer of hope, disappointed. The handball players were badly beaten. Mixed Martial Art, a non-Olympic discipline invited to these games for an exhibition, allowed Burkina Faso to save the honour with 3 bronze medals even if this performance will not be counted in the final draw.

Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), a non-Olympic discipline, was accepted at these games for an exhibition, with medals from their Confederation at stake. This is how Burkina Faso, which was part of the game, won 3 bronze medals through Issa Boussim, Gaoussou Sanou and Ben Toé. However, according to the secretary general of the Burkinabe National Olympic and Sports Committee, Jean Louis Seogho, these medals should not be counted with those of the Olympic disciplines. Never mind, these 3 medals save the honour of Burkina Faso on this day 7 of the 13th African Games. Indeed, the last day of competition in judo was like any other for Burkina Faso. The last two representatives, Carmen Koné (-90 kg) and Mariam Drabo (-78 kg), tamed their first opponent from the start. They are respectively the Mauritanian, Douwa Touré and the Ghanaian, Rosemonde Quansah. Eliminated in the quarter-finals, they were drafted. Carmen did not have the resources to continue the adventure, leaving Mariam to defeat the Algerian, Louisa Ichallal, in the bronze final. Unfortunately, it was written that Burkinabe judo will come out empty-handed at these Games, since the native of Bobo-Dioulasso will be deprived of bronze by a Cameroonian by ippon.

Stallions handball battered

The entry into competition of the Stallions handball players was a real nightmare for the Burkinabe players. Against Angola, Adjaratou Ouédraogo and his comrades did not exist. On the court, even before the warm-up, many feared for the ability of the Burkinabe "babies" to resist the Angolan "mothers". It feels like a match between two different categories: junior vs. senior. On the one hand, a Burkinabe team that stands out for its

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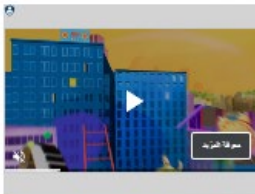
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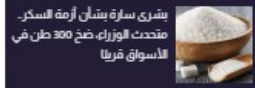




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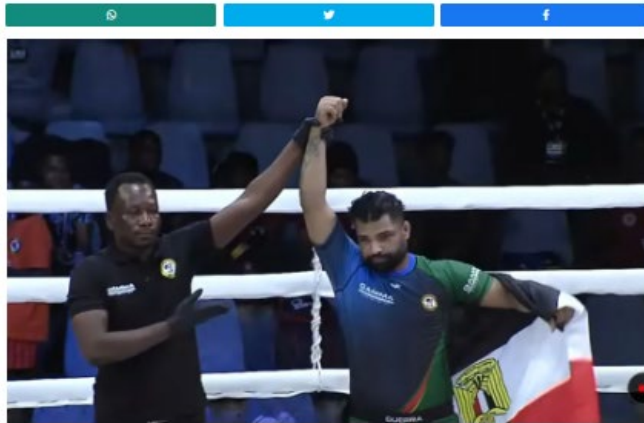
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Ghana has bagged nine medals in Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) during Tuesday night's events at the ongoing 2023 African Games.


The outstanding performance includes one gold, three silver, and five bronze medals, highlighting the country's prowess in the dynamic and exciting sport.

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Ghana had previously secured five medals in traditional competitive games, with weightlifter Winnifred Ntumi clinching a gold and two silvers, and swimmer Abeiku Jackson earning silver and bronze in the Men's Butterfly. The addition of the MMA medals further cements Ghana's presence on the podium and showcases the country's versatile athletic capabilities.

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The five medals will not be counted as part of Ghana's official medal tally for the 13th African Games because mixed martial arts is a demonstration sport.

Demonstration sports are included in the games to promote them but medals awarded will not counted as part of the official table.

Ghana has five medals so far from two athletes – Winnifred Ntumi who picked a gold and two silvers from weightlifting while Abeku Jackson also won two silvers from swimming.

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At the ongoing 2023 African Games on Tuesday night, Ghana won nine medals in Mixed Martial Arts (MMA).

One gold, three silver, and five bronze medals were among the outstanding haul of medals. This accomplishment was predicted to propel Ghana up the overall medal table; but, as of Wednesday morning, March 13, 2024, the official standings show that Ghana still only has five medals.

This is due to the fact that mixed martial arts (MMA) is classified as a demonstration sport at the current African Games, suggesting that medals earned in this discipline will not improve a country's status overall.

What is a demonstration sport?

A demonstration sport, or exhibition sport, is a form of athletic activity played to promote the sport rather than for standard medal competition.

This was first introduced in the 1924 Summer Olympics, with some scholars suggesting unofficial sports before 1924 also served as demonstrations. Organizing committees typically included at least one demonstration sport at each edition of the Games, often reflecting a popular or typical sport in the host country. Examples include baseball at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games and taekwondo at the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games. Only two Summer Olympics Games from 1924 to 1992 did not feature demonstration sports.

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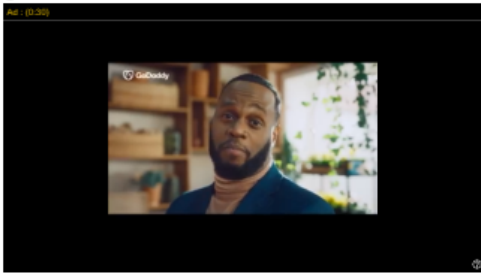
Ghana had a day to remember in the ongoing [2023 African Games](#) after winning nine medals in mixed martial arts on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.




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The hosts ended the day with one gold, three silver and five bronze medals but none would count on the overall medal table due to mixed martial arts being a "demonstration sport" at this year's Games.




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The country was guaranteed many medals on the day after a number of Ghanaian fighters qualified for the semi-finals and finals of the various mixed martial arts weight categories.

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Ghana excelled in the MMA event last night, but it won't reflect in the medal table since it's a

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Ghana's MMA team

Team Ghana had a clean sweep in the Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) event at the ongoing 2023 African Games, winning nine medals while claiming another medal in swimming on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

Ghana won 1 gold, 3 silver and 5 bronze medals in the MMA to become the most decorated country in the sporting discipline at the Games while Abeiku Jackson finished third and won bronze in the Men's 100m butterfly contest.

Among the 10 medals, only Abeiku Jackson's counted as the 9 medals could not be added to the country's tally on the medal table because the MMA is a 'demonstration sport' at the Games.

Currently, Ghana have won 5 official medals including 1 gold, 3 silver, and 2 bronze.

The host nation, as a result, sit 12th on the medals table led by Egypt who have amassed 94 medals after 5 days into the Games.

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GAMMA confirms Nigeria, 10 others for MMA at 13th African Games

Global Association of Mixed Martial Arts (GAMMA) has confirmed the appearance of mixed martial arts (MMA) event at the 13th African Games in Accra, Ghana. MMA will be featured for the first time as a demonstration sport at the 13th African Games in Accra, Ghana. Other countries listed for the event include Benin, Egypt, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Libya and host – Ghana. The amateur MMA rules competition, under the Global Association of Mixed Martial Arts (GAMMA) will be held at the 13th African Games in Accra, Ghana.

The 13th edition of the four-year, multi-sport event runs from March 11 to 22, 2024, in Accra, Ghana. It is organized by the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) and the Supreme Council for Sports and Physical Education (SCSPE). Officially recognized in Africa by the Association of African Sports Commissions (AASC) and the Association of African Sports Commissions (AASC) and the Supreme Council for Sports and Physical Education (SCSPE). Officially recognized in Africa by the Association of African Sports Commissions (AASC) and the Association of African Sports Commissions (AASC) and the Supreme Council for Sports and Physical Education (SCSPE).

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Nigeria MMA team to 13th African Games gets heroic reception

Say their names: Albert Idowu, Bernard Eweh, Eze Daniel, Blessing Kari, Bukayo Idowu, Muzan Richard, Joy Obiora, Winifred Peter, Okonkwo Sodi. Indeed Nigeria has to hail these patriots for they have just made us all proud following their heroics in Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), which made its first appearance as a demonstration sport at the just concluded 13th African Games in Accra, Ghana.

On Friday, March 15, the contingent made up of the victorious athletes, coaches and officials were honoured at an elaborate reception hosted by the management of Lagos Continental Hotel courtesy of the General Manager of Continental Group Nigeria, Karl Hala, who described the medalists as role models for Nigeria youths. "We are proud of your performance in Ghana, and this is another importance of sports and youth support, which we hope will bring a bright future and hope for a long and fruitful partnership with Boxing and MMA Hall of Fame (HOF)," Hala said.

For Kaithebe Soyemwo, General Secretary of Boxing and MMA Hall of Fame, the official representative of the Global Association of Mixed Martial Arts (GAMMA) in Nigeria, the road to triumph in Ghana for the athletes was not without its obstacles.

"The national tournament which took place on February 18, at Teslim Balogun stadium in Lagos State featured 80 athletes from different States of our country, with a purpose to select the national team to represent Nigeria at the 13th African Olympic Games in Accra, Ghana. In conclusion, a team of nine athletes with their coaches and GAMMA Nigeria officials formed our delegation, and I can proudly say all of them are in front of

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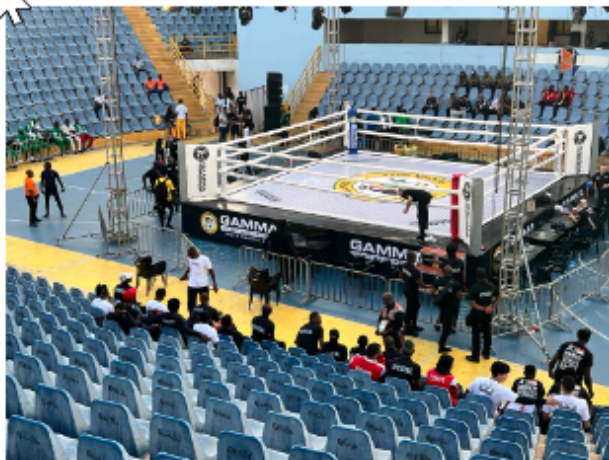
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Global Association of Mixed Martial Arts (GAMMA) has confirmed Nigeria and 10 others for the maiden appearance of mixed martial arts (MMA) event at the 13th African Games taking place in Accra, Ghana.

At Accra 2023, MMA will be featured for the first time as a demonstration from Sunday, March 10 to Monday, March 12. Other countries listed for the event include Benin Republic, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Libya and host - Ghana.

The amateur MMA rules competition, under the Global Association of Mixed Martial Arts (GAMMA), will join six other demonstration sports among 30 total disciplines. Eight of these will be qualifiers for this summer's Paris 2024 Games.

The 13th edition of the four-year, multi-sport event runs from 8 to 23 March, organised by the African Union (AU), the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), the Association of African Sports Confederations (AASC) and the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA).

Officially recognised in Africa by the Association of African Sports Confederations (AASC), GAMMA has 20 recognised and active member federations on the continent, including host federation the Ghanaian Mixed Martial Arts Association.

GAMMA's vision is to see mixed martial arts formally recognised as a sport internationally by the Olympic movement and to one day enter The Olympic Games. Acceptance into the African Games provides a milestone for the sport as it advances MMA's quest for recognition. As for Africa, the achievement is an accolade to Africa's MMA athletes as the sport continues to grow across the continent.

Following the closure of registration, medical checks and weigh ins on Friday March 8, the Tournament Draw took place on Saturday March 9, ahead of commencement of the matches on Sunday, March 10, as eight men and five women will represent Nigeria in the event that include, Albert Idonu Lucky, Azila Martins, Freddy Dastiny, Enoch Emmanuel Benard, Eze Daniel Emeka, Gabriel Kero, Idonu Busayo Khadijat, Mutan Richard, Obenla Joy Ebenda, Obeya John, Omyeali Blessing, Peter Winifred Agere and Sodig Olanike Rasheeda.

Excited President of GAMMA, Alexander Engelhardt said: "We stand at a great moment for MMA as it is welcomed into the Olympic programme at the African Games in a first for the sport. Not only is this a tribute to the development of MMA in Africa and the efforts of our members, but a fantastic platform for African MMA athletes and one which will no doubt spur further growth. The learning curve has been steep for our young federations as to engaging with the processes of their sport ministries, National Olympic Committees and the Local Organising Committee to complete entry to an event of this scale, while as a demonstration sport, MMA is not eligible for financial support in most countries. Despite this, of GAMMA's twenty-four nations, eleven countries will be fielding a team this time and putting a stake in the ground. We look forward to the commencement of competition on Sunday in the 2023 edition of the African Games and many more to come, in which MMA's footprint is only set to grow."

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L-R: Proprietress, Gloryland Schools, Mrs. Maryam Ighinola, Chairman of the event, Mr. Joe Ogunmola; after presentation of trophies to the captain of Green House (topright), Blue House (2nd position) and Yellow (3rd position), at the 2024 Gloryland Schools Inter House Sports Competition held at Egbas Mini Stadium, Epe, Lagos, on Thursday

Luton Town Osho Pulls Out of Nigeria's Friendlies against Ghana, Mali

Nigeria's interim coach George Fendi will not be able to count on the services of Gabriel Osho for the national team's upcoming friendlies against Ghana's Black Stars and Mali's Eagles later this month.

Osho did not receive the medical all-clear to link up with the Nigeria squad for the first time at their training camp in Marrakech, Morocco next week.

The former Reading development squad skipper would be devastated as he had been hoping to make his debut for Nigeria's senior national team in March, nine years after he

was dropped from the Golden Eagles squad to the 2015 FIFA U17 World Cup.

He suffered a knee injury during the Hatters 1-1 draw at Crystal Palace, leading to his substitution in the 79th minute, and wasn't named in the travelling squad to Birmingham on Wednesday.

Luton Town boss Rob Edwards is hoping to have Osho available for selection for the Premier League clash against Tottenham Hotspur on March 30.

In quotes relayed by Luton Today, Edwards told reporters at the pre-match press conference

before the visit of Nottingham Forest: "I hope as this net new will be good for him."

"He's still in pain today, so not going to be good for tomorrow. There's about five centre backs out and there's not many teams in the Premier League who would be able to cope with that, so it is difficult for us, but again I have to focus on the group we've got available to us and we trust them to go and get a result."

This season, Osho has started sixteen games in the Premier League and was on target against Arsenal and Newcastle United.



Eze David of Ede won gold in the men's 83.5kg

MMA Has Come to Stay after African Games Heroics, Says GAMMA

In view of Nigeria's scintillating performance in Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) at the 13th African Games in Ghana, Acting Vice President, Global Association of Mixed Martial Arts (GAMMA), Lovethpatta Eke has said that the sport has come to stay in Nigeria.

Speaking at a reception organised for the medalists at the Lagos International Hotel, Victoria Island, yesterday, Eke said despite all the obstacles, the athletes overcame, they still stood tall.

The road to glory for these new Nigerian heroes was practically strewn with several obstacles. The least of these which was qualifying for the

African Games via a grueling national MMA championship held in February by the Boxing and MMA Hall of Fame, which represents the sport's global ruling body - GAMMA, in Nigeria.

That the nation paid scant attention to their qualification for the African Games is also underscored by the fact that this Nigerian contingent of nine MMA fighters had to make a tortuous road trip lasting over 10 hours to be in Accra, Ghana for the Games.

However, it did not matter to the Nigerian Nine that the MMA was only being featured - for the first time,

as a demonstration with six other sports among 30 total disciplines at the Games, based on amateur MMA rules drawn up by GAMMA.

Uppermost on their minds was proving their mettle against the strong competition from Benin Republic, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Libya and host, Ghana.

Therefore, it was against severe odds that the nine Nigerian fighters triumphed at the 13th African Games by sweeping the medals in the nine weight categories they featured in.

In grand style, they claimed five gold, four silver and one

Team Nigeria Eager for Action as Sambo Debut at 13th African Games

Even before the kick-off of the Sambo as one of the seven demonstration sports at the 13th African Games, Nigeria's quartet heading to Accra believe they are aiming for the podium finish at the multi-sports championships.

The quartet made up of two men and two women said they are ready to rumble in all the ring events, he said.

Like Kajika, Oghyosomi believes she is primed for the top in Ghana. "I want to see myself on the podium hanging my gold medal round my neck, making my country and the team. Also one of my expectations is to display my God-given skills and talents in the competition for the world to see," she said.

Nigeria is expected to compete with Algeria, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic (CAR), Cameroon, Congo DR, Egypt, Gabon, Mali, Morocco, Niger Republic, Togo and host - Ghana.

For Kajika, nothing can stop him from clinching the gold medal. "My expectation in Ghana is nothing but just the gold. In

terms of the challenges, I have no doubt in the management of Sambo Association of Nigeria (SAN) as well as the technical director and also the coaches which has contributed a lot to me and the rest of the team to meet up with the challenge in Ghana. I am positive that we will bring back the gold medals in all the ring events," he said.

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For the President of SAN, Loveth Howell, the contingent is poised to make the country proud. "Our athletes are ready, and they are all prepared to make

the country proud and we are going to give them the necessary support to excel in Accra. This is the first time that Sambo will be part of the African Games as the sport is gaining ground across the globe and Nigeria should not be an exception."

Howell, who is also the Nigeria President of International Association of Combative Sports (IACS), said participating in the games would give more people the opportunity to appreciate the uniqueness of the sport, being one of the fast-growing sports in the world. "We are hoping that taking part in the games would give us the chance to popularise the sport among Africans and Nigerians. Many African countries are not embracing the sport and hopefully, it will be part of the Olympics sports very soon with the way it is growing across the globe," she added.

Champions League Draw: Man City Play Real, Arsenal Versus Bayern

Defending champions, Manchester City will play 14-time winners Real Madrid while Arsenal have been drawn against Bayern Munich in the quarter-finals of the Champions League.

This is the third successive season City, who won last year's title, have met Real in the knockout stages.

Meanwhile, the Gunners will host German side Bayern, who have England captain, Harry Kane in their squad, at Emirates Stadium in the first leg.

The first legs take place 9-10 April, with the second legs on

16-17 April. Both City and Arsenal play their first-leg fixtures on 9 April, with the Gunners at home to Bayern and Pep Guardiola's side at the Bernabeu.

The return legs take place on 17 April, with the two Premier League sides facing each other in the semi-finals if they win their respective ties. In the other tie, Liverpool women, Barcelona will play French champions Paris St Germain, while Atletico Madrid, who are fourth in La Liga, host German opposition Borussia Dortmund.

The semi-finals will be held on 30 April and 1 May, with the second legs a week later on 7-8 May. Wembley Stadium will host this year's final on Saturday, 1 June.

City cruised to a seventh successive last-eight aggregate win over Danish title holders Copenhagen in the round of 16. Pep Guardiola's side women dominated Real in the semi-finals last year, beating Carlo Ancelotti's side 5-1 on aggregate. They were beaten 6-5 over two legs by Real in the previous season's semi-final.

Gloryland Schools Promotes Excellence in Sports

Charles Ajunwa

The Gloryland Schools has said that the decision to organize the 2024 Inter-House Sports Competition for children in nursery, primary and secondary was to support promotion of excellence in sports and education.

This was declared by the Director of Gloryland Schools, Mrs. D.N. Ogunmola, during the school's 2024 Inter House Sports Competition held at Egbas Mini Stadium, Epe, Lagos.

Ogunmola, who was excited by the participation of

pupils/students, teachers, staff and management of Gloryland Schools, parents, invited guests and schools at the sports competition, in her welcome address said they wanted to ensure that the spirit, soul and selfless class minds together to be "Intellectual body leaders" tomorrow.

The gift of mind, strong body and good health, is the spirit of competition and leadership, she said.

Chairman of the occasion, Mr. Joe Ogunmola, before declaring the inter-house sports open, said "This event signifies a moment of unity, sportsmanship and camaraderie among our students

and community."

"It's for all participants to display a competitive spirit, uphold the value of fairness and find lasting memories during this event."

Participants from the four houses, namely: Blue, Green, Yellow and Purple participated in track and field events.

At the end of the competition, Green House was declared champions, Blue House emerged second, Yellow House third and Purple House fourth position. Other dignitaries that graced the occasion include: Proprietress of Gloryland Schools,

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Today, Coventry City travel to the Molineux to take on Wolverhampton Wanderers, in what is expected to be a spicy affair, while later that evening Premier League champions Manchester City will lock horns with Newcastle United in an all-Premier League affair.

On Sunday, Maurizio Pochettino's Chelsea will battle it out with high-flying championship team Leicester City, before the biggest derby in world football takes the stage as bitter rivals

Manchester United face off against an in-form Liverpool at Old Trafford.

Liverpool have a history of facing Man United in the FA Cup, but the two haven't met since 2021.

Showmax will also be showcasing all the Premier League games live this weekend, including new clashes between Burnley and Brentford, Luton and Nottingham Forest, Fulham and Spurs, and West Ham and Aston Villa.

Okonofua, Ighinadolor Thrill at Oghumah 50th Birthday Golf Tournament

Okonofua, Ighinadolor Thrill at Oghumah 50th Birthday Golf Tournament.

Benjamin Okonofua and Ebi Ighinadolor did the unthinkable as they won triple and double awards respectively at Benedict Oghumah 50th Birthday Golf Tournament concluded over the weekend at Benin Club Golf Section (BCGS), Edo State.

BCGS Vice Captain, Steve Oghumoh (hcp 9) moved as an adult lion to win the Oghumah Members category with an accomplished net score of 72.

The 50th birthday tournament was sponsored by friends of Benedict Oghumah led by the Chairman of Oghumoh Group, Mr. Peter Omosi Dania as well as Committee of Friends, and it two-off caddies event on Wednesday till Saturday being the grand finale.

Okonofua, hcp 35 won the

men's hcp 1-18 category with a net score of 69 as well as the men's longest drive and nearest the pin awards, Friday.

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Dolphin Swimming League Season 5 Hits Grand Finale

The grand finale of season five of the annual Dolphin Swimming League takes place today at George School, Ibeja.

Considered as the country's foremost schools swimming tournament, the league is an initiative to grow the sport of swimming from the grassroots to the international level. It is organised by Dynaspo

Promotions in collaboration with Advanta Interactive with the sole aim of unearthing talents from schools.

The tournament which has been endorsed by Nigeria Aquatics Federation and Lagos State Swimming Association and it has continued to grow in each season while it has provided some of the students

and their schools the chance to hone their skills as well as compete with their counterparts at the one-day tournament.

Defending champions in the elementary and secondary categories - St Saviour's School and George School will be aiming to continue their dominance when they battle eight others for the podium at the grand finale.

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Joshua, Fury in line for two-fight deal, Wembley showdown



BOXING icons, Tyson Fury and Anthony Joshua, are being lined up for a two-fight deal. The two British rivals have not yet met in the ring, despite being two of the most dominant boxers in the heavyweight division over the past decade. Both in recent times have taken to Saudi Arabia for their lucrative fights, with Fury scraping past Francis Ngannou last October in Riyadh while Joshua dismantled the same opponent inside two rounds. Fury, who holds the WBC belt, will fight Oleksandr Usyk on May 11 for the title of undisputed heavyweight champion. And despite their being a rematch clause in the contract, promoter Eddie Hearn is hopeful of Joshua taking on the Gypsy King in the aftermath, reports *dailystar.co.uk*. AJ and Fury have gone back and forth numerous times over the years, coming, closest to a 'Battle of Britain' showdown in August 2020 before Dornier Wilder won an arbitration case. That meant Fury had to fight the American a third time, ending hopes of a meeting between the pair.

Now Hearn has revealed that Saudi Arabian promoter, Turki Al-Sheikh, is planning two AJ vs Fury fights, with one of them potentially taking place in the UK amid fears of all future blockbuster fights holding in the Middle-East. Hearn told *The Sports Agent* podcast: "This is a gentleman called Turki Al-Sheikh, who is obviously a very influential figure in sports and entertainment in Saudi Arabia. He's also the biggest fight fan I've ever met. And quite amazingly, he's now talking about staging two Fury versus AJ fights - one in Saudi Arabia and one at Wembley Stadium." He added: "He's one of those guys that listen and read everything so he's definitely read about it with this fight was at Wembley, or it's a shame the fight is in Saudi Arabia." "I mean, we really must have more of a global voice in sport, boxing doesn't just sit here but two firms, fighting for the undisputed world championship, I think he would probably bring one of them to the UK, I really do. And that financially, they've got the ability to do that."

Premier league deducts four points from NForest over financial breaches

The English Premier League has deducted four points from Nottingham Forest for breaching the league's financial regulations. The Premier League charged Forest and Everton with breaches of the league's profitability and sustainability rules in January. If confirmed, Forest's points deduction would plunge them into the relegation zone, as Burnley, Ipswich Town's side, currently in 17th place on 25 points, would have just 21 points. That would leave them in 18th place, one point behind Luton, who would climb out of the bottom three as a result of Forest's deduction. Everton were deducted 10 points in November, which was reduced to six on appeal. The Goodison Park club are still waiting to discover if they will be hit with another points penalty relating to their second charge.

Addo explains Partey's absence from Black Stars' lineup for Super Eagles

Nike unveils Eagles new jersey

By Christian Ofori

GHANA's new coach, Otto Addo, has said that he omitted Arsenal midfielder, Thomas Partey, from the Super Eagles in a friendly match on March 14 because "he asked to be excused from the game to gain full fitness following recent games".

Addo kept Partey out of Ghana's team in Africa Cup of Nations in Côte d'Ivoire, where the Black Stars were knocked out in the first round.

Partey has played just 41 minutes since August after a 34 win against Brentford. He was also part of Arsenal's matchday squad in the Champions League victory over Borussia Dortmund.

After missing nearly four months of football, Arsenal have understandably been keen to manage his return to action carefully. This is particularly the case given that Partey suffered a setback on his road to recovery after initially returning to training in January.

In Addo's 27-man team for the game held in hold in Morocco are debutants, Bobba-bard David Abalo, Nordin Amrabat, Ibrahim Osman, Francis Nwankwo, Nathaniel Aspin, and Mohammed Mohamed of Rangers of Scotland.

The other debutant in the squad is Asante Kotoko's Frederick Asare.

Team Nigeria's MMA squad relishes African Games experience

By Faith Akpan

TEAM Nigeria's Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) athletes, comprising nine fighters, are relishing their experience at the ongoing 15th African Games in Ghana, where they featured in nine weight categories.

The fighters, against all odds, won five gold, three silver and one bronze medals in the MMA category.

Muhammad Richard won the gold medal in the men's 120.5kg by beating Côte d'Ivoire's Dago Farney Eze Daniel (131.9kg), Busayo Idowu (122.2kg), Olanike Sodiq (84.1kg) and Joy

Ghana (55.8kg) also won gold medals in their respective categories. The silver medalists are Blessing Keco (81.2kg), Bernard Eweh (65.8kg) and Wondwond Peter (47.6kg), while the sole bronze medalist is Albert Mkwu (70.1kg).

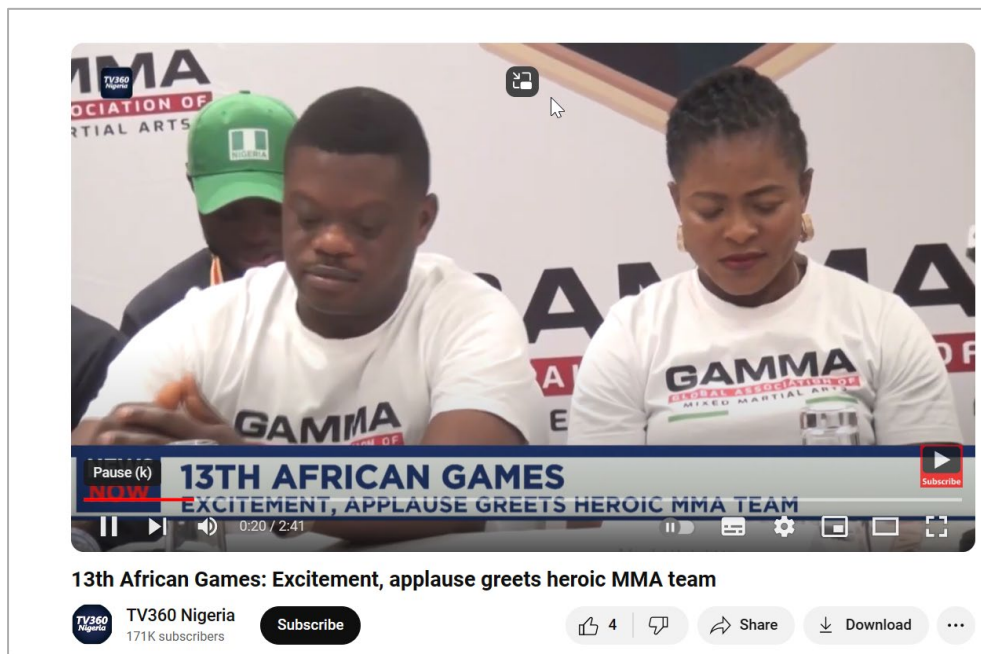
To qualify for the African Games, the athletes went through the MMA Championship held in February by the Boxing and MMA Hall of Fame, which represents the sport's global ruling body, the Global Association of Mixed Martial Arts (GAMMA).

Speaking during a reception for the contingent by the management of Continental Hotel, Lagos, recently, the athletes regretted that the country paid scant attention to their preparation for the Games, saying that the nine MMA fighters made a tortuous road trip, lasting over 10 hours, to be in Ghana. They added, however, that their determination to excel against strong competition from Benin Republic, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Sudan, Senegal, Uganda, Libya and Ivory Coast, Ghana, pushed them to success.

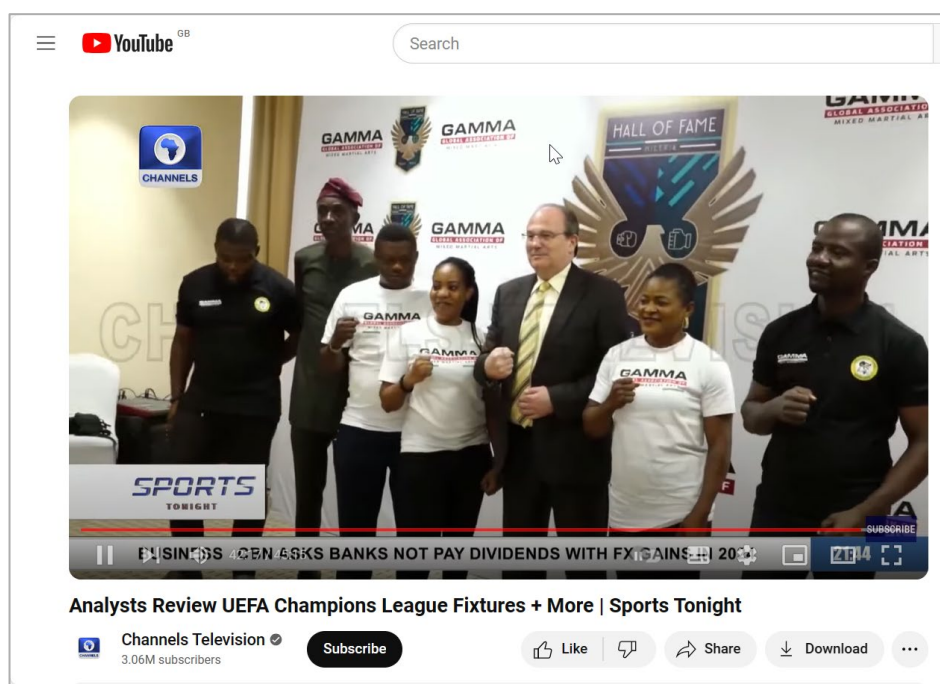
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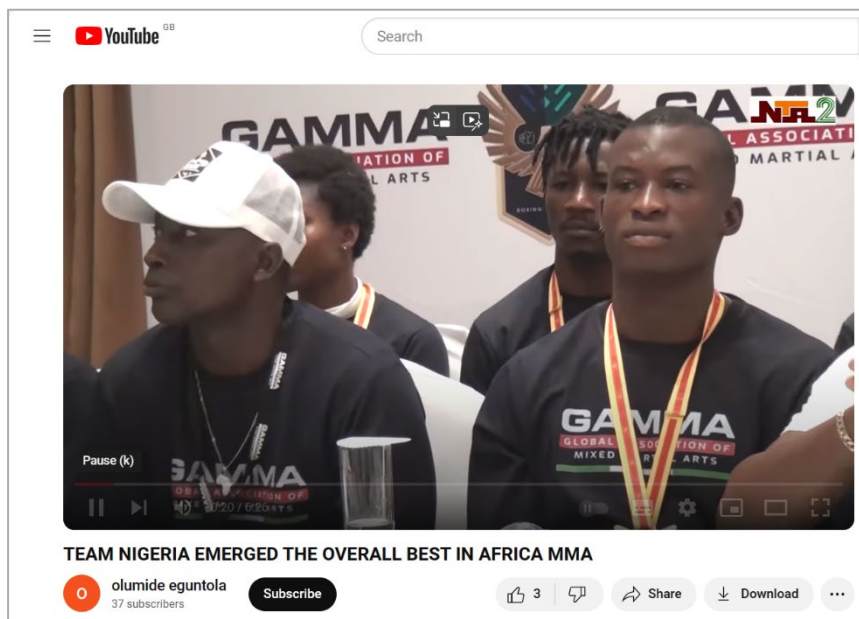
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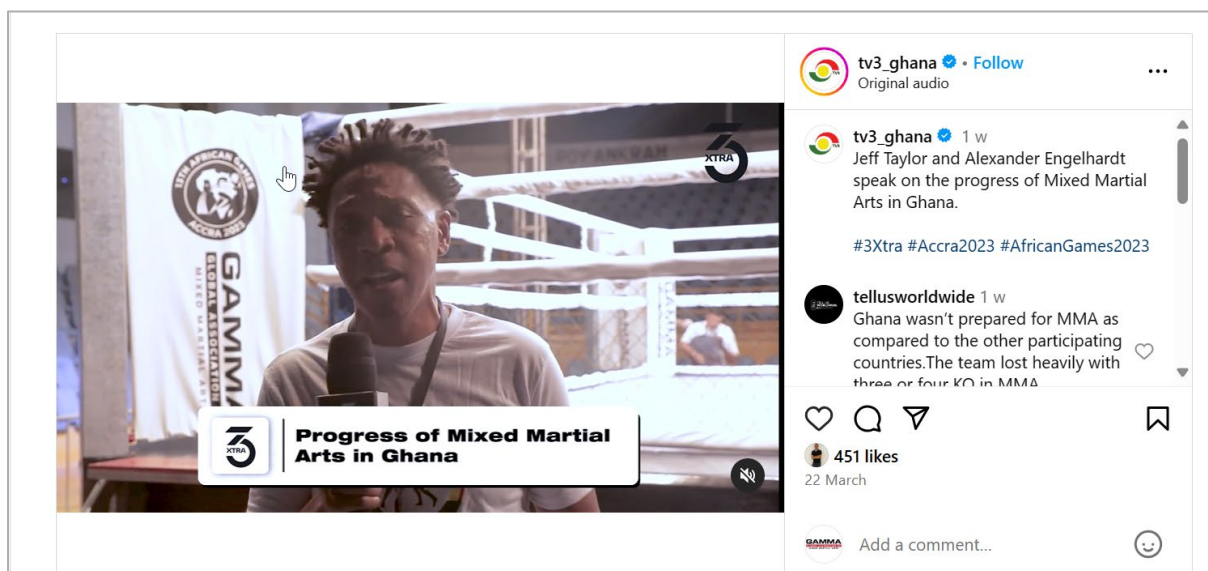
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COMPLETED MMA EVENT
Global Association of Mixed Martial Arts

U.S. Broadcast:
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Location: Accra, Ghana
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MMA Event: 14
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FIGHT CARD

DECISION, UNANIMOUS
3 Rounds, 5:00 Total

Richard Mazon vs **Daniel Enkoka**
Up to 140 lbs
Decision: D-1

KOTKO, GROUND AND POUND
2 Rounds, 5:00 Total

Dagim Fanny vs **Sergio Gasca**
Up to 140 lbs
Decision: D-1

KOTKO, GROUND AND POUND
2 Rounds, 5:00 Total

Marine Adia vs **Tim Sidi San Ali**
Up to 140 lbs
Decision: D-1

KOTKO, PUNCHES
2 Rounds, 5:00 Total

Mohamed Idris Shugli vs **Mohamed Adnan**
Up to 140 lbs
Decision: D-1

KOTKO, RETIREMENT
1 Round, 5:00 Total

Daniel Enkoka vs **John Kennedy**
Up to 140 lbs
Decision: D-1

DECISION, UNANIMOUS
3 Rounds, 5:00 Total

Mohamed Elsayed vs **John Olaye**
Up to 140 lbs
Decision: D-1

DECISION, UNANIMOUS
3 Rounds, 5:00 Total

Abdul Aziz Razzouk vs **Douglas Elise**
Up to 140 lbs
Decision: D-1

13th African Games - Accra 2023: Finals

COMPLETED MMA EVENT
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FIGHT CARD

DECISION, UNANIMOUS
3 Rounds, 5:00 Total

Richard Mazon vs **Dagim Fanny**
Up to 140 lbs
Decision: D-1

KOTKO, GROUND AND POUND
2 Rounds, 5:00 Total

Mohamed Idris Shugli vs **Marine Adia**
Up to 140 lbs
Decision: D-1

KOTKO, RETIREMENT
1 Round, 5:00 Total

John Olaye vs **Winkie Akubak**
Up to 140 lbs
Decision: D-1

DECISION, UNANIMOUS
3 Rounds, 5:00 Total

Daniel Enkoka vs **Michael Housh**
Up to 140 lbs
Decision: D-1

ADMISSION, REAR NAKED CHOC
1 Round, 5:00 Total

Abdul Aziz Razzouk vs **Mohamed Elsayed**
Up to 140 lbs
Decision: D-1

DECISION, UNANIMOUS
3 Rounds, 5:00 Total

Charles Sogbo vs **Sib Raseed**
Up to 140 lbs
Decision: D-1

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