

SPORTS



Dereck Chisora predicts eighth-round win over Vitali Klitschko

Britain's Dereck Chisora has vowed to knock Vitali Klitschko out in the eighth round to claim the veteran Ukrainian's WBC heavyweight crown. The 28-year-old is looking to bounce back from a controversial points defeat by Robert Helenius in December. Chisora's plans to fight Wladimir Klitschko were scuppered by injury to the IBF, WBA

and WBO champion, and he faces Vitali in Munich on 18 February. "Vitali is going down in the eighth round," said Chisora. "Number eight is my lucky number. He just does not know what is coming - I am coming to take what is his and make it mine." Chisora - who also lost to Tyson Fury in their British title showdown in July last year - takes on the three-time world champion on 18 February. The Zimbabwean-born Chisora has lost two of his 17 professional fights, the more recent for the European title against Finnish fighter Helenius in Helsinki, but the former British and Commonwealth champion remains confident he can pull off a shock victory over Vitali. "Everybody is tired of you and your brother, because you do not bring excitement to the game. [You] have killed the sport I love," Chisora told the champion. "It is time for the new king, and that will be me." Although Klitschko, 40, concedes Chisora is a "hungry" contender, the veteran is in no doubt he has both the game and the physical ability to end the Londoner's challenge. Vitali knocked out Herbie Hide in London in June 1999 to claim the WBO title and also saw off a challenge by Danny Williams in 2004, but was beaten by Lennox Lewis when they clashed for the WBC title in 2003. "I have a lot of experience, but now I have to prove my skills again against a British guy," said Klitschko. "I feel like I am 25, have been sparring against guys who are half my age and I am in great condition and form." He added: "Every fight can be your last, so I prepare like it will be the last fight in [my] career. "I will give my best to hold this title for a long time and I can give it back to the federation for myself when I decide." *BBC*

SPORTS FISHING

Well, January continued to offer red-hot mackerel fishing with a bunch of fish between 20 - 30 kgs landed. Water temperature has settled down to the lower 80s as the rivers have made deeper and more lasting inroads into coastal waters. Fishing near rivermouths continues to be fantastic: the Comoro, Manatuto and Loes river systems will offer any angler a shot on a 20 kg+ mackerel on any given day. This is THE time to talk to a local skipper. A four hour trip in and around a rivermouth with appropriate gear will almost certainly result in something. As I've written many times, persistence is the key, but don't forget to pay attention to what you are doing either. There are times mackerel prefer a bit clearer water and times they will be under the more turbid river water. Regardless, you can usually find some on the edges of 'breaks' or boundaries between river and sea water. Different water masses don't mix easily and these breaks can very easy to pinpoint. Fishing up and down these breaks, either directly in the clearer water or zig-zagging between dirty and clear water can make all the difference. Birds and baitfish are other signs that 'chow hall' is open and mackerel are feeding. Just because it may seem flat when you show up doesn't mean it will be flat in an hour. Strangely, I've consistently caught bigger fish around noon than I have around dawn: it just depends, and you have to put in the time. Also, for any of you with anchors or chartering boats with large anchors: PLEASE anchor the vessel AWAY from shallow coral. Just one drop from a large anchor can kill a coral head. Do Timor-Leste a favor and park the boat in deeper water and in a sandy area. It is the only ethical thing to do. FOR HERA/DILI, give Hugo (764 2454) a call to set up a charter with Capt. Antone (see photos for results). Also check out Hugo's new restaurant: PESCADOR next to ANZ Bank and Discovery Hotel. The mackerel will melt in your mouth and Hugo is a wonderful host. FOR ATAURO, your best bet is to call Compass Charters (723 0966). They have some incredible whale watching/diving/snorkeling packages that are building the local economy and minimally impacting the environment. They can also help arrange local fishing boats for a shot at some serious fish. Compass Charters provides DAILY transport to Atauro leaving Dili at 0730. FOR COM (4.5 hours/one way) it's a fantastic option for the weekend. Sr. Ricardo can arrange a boat with Captain Abel or other fishermen (SMS to 755 9690) and has a guest house, the Seli Opu. Other guest house options in Com include: Sina 729 1196, Rosa 738 8119, and Kati 732 4294. FOR TUTUALA/JACO, there are two ecolodges at Valu Beach: LAKUMORRE (SMS to 724 5620) and COOPERATIVA VALU SERE (SMS 779 3031) that have power, running water, simple meals, great sleeping arrangements, and wonderful company. Both ecolodges fill up fast - book early! If you camp at Valu, please pay the \$5/ person nightly rate. The fishermen at the south end of the road (3 minutes by car) can take you for half day fishing trips as well as ferry you to Jaco Island. Whether you go to Atauro, Com or Valu/Jaco, you'll need to bring gear. The PESCADOR restaurant will be happy to rent it to you (see Hugo's number above). Tight lines! Peter

Barcelona's Lionel Messi awarded his third Ballon d'Or

Lionel Messi has won the Fifa Ballon d'Or prize for the best player of 2011, becoming only the fourth player in history to win the trophy three times. The Argentine forward, 24, beat Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo and Barcelona team-mate Xavi to the prize. Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson won an award for services to football, while Messi's boss Pep



Guardiola was voted coach of the year. "I think [Messi] is going to break all the records that exist," said Xavi. Messi, who previously won the prestigious accolade in 2009 and 2010, was man of the match in Barca's 2011 Champions League final victory over Manchester United and also won the Primera Division, Spanish Supercopa, Uefa Super Cup and Club World Cup last year. Dutchmen Johan Cruyff and Marco van Basten, plus Frenchman Michael Platini, are the others to have won the award on three occasions. And Messi joined them after gaining 47.88% of votes in the survey among national team coaches, captains and selected media, with Ronaldo taking 21.6% and Xavi 9.23%. "It's a great personal pleasure for me," said Messi. "It's the third time I've won it. It's just an amazing honour. I want to thank everyone that's been involved with me - my team-mates, trainers, physios, the coach and everyone at Barcelona. "I'd also like to thank the Argentina national team as well." Messi's Barcelona team-mate Xavi paid tribute to the winner: "He's still young, only 24. He's going to be one of the best footballers in the history of the sport." Ferguson, 70, received the presidential award from Sepp Blatter after leading United to their 19th English championship, the 12th of the Scot's reign. He said: "I have been a very, very lucky manager to have had so many good players who have shared my vision and passion, and that's what makes Manchester United such a special club. "They retain the courage to play, the courage to try and win." Brazilian 19-year-old Neymar beat Manchester United's Wayne Rooney and Messi to win the Fifa Puskas award for the best goal of 2011. The Santos forward scored a dazzling solo goal against Flamengo in the Brazilian championship, pipping Rooney's overhead kick against Manchester City and Messi's Champions League strike against Arsenal. Other awards went to Japan's women's World Cup-winning captain Homare Sawa for the women's player of the year, while the Japanese manager Norio Sasaki earned his coach of the year award for women's football. The Japanese FA was also awarded the Fifa fair play award. *BBC*

FISH OF THE MONTH



Spanish Bomb



Fernando's Wedding Present

Valentino Rossi considering 2014 retirement from MotoGP



Italy's seven-time MotoGP champion Valentino Rossi is contemplating retiring after the 2014 season. Before he quits, the 32-year-old is keen to bring success to his Ducati team and wants to extend his contract before it expires at the end of 2012. Rossi, who won his last title in 2009, said: "I want a new two-year contract with Ducati, maybe the last, and then I'll think about how to enjoy myself. "I want to win something here, make Ducati grow and then stop." Last year, Rossi failed to win

a MotoGP race for the first time in his career as he finished in seventh place in the championship. He has won nine championships, seven in the premier class, including five consecutive titles from 2001-05 and two more in 2008 and 2009, riding for Honda and Yamaha. *BBC*

From 'The Comedian's Quote Book

The fascination of shooting as a sport depends on whether you are at the wrong end of the gun.

P.G. Wodehouse