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Medals within reach for boxers

BIRMINGHAM, UNITED KINGDOM | Team Papua New Guinea's Neville Warupi, Arthur Lavalou and Jamie Chang have reached the boxing quarter finals of the Commonwealth Games set for this Thursday.

Heavyweight (Over 86kg-92kg) boxer, Lavalou and Chang in the Bantamweight (Over 51kg-54kg) division had byes which pushed them straight into the quarter finals.

In the Welterweight (Over 63.5kg-67kg) division, Warupi booked his spot after beating Solomon Islands' Pemberton Lele on points (4-1) on Tuesday at the NEC.

An elated Warupi said there was no shortage of motivation going into the fight against Lele.

"With John Ume, Charles Keama and Allan Oaike all bowing out earlier, this is what pushed me to want the win even more. It gave me even more strength and determination," he said.

The draw for Thursday, August 4:

Neville Warupi vs Tyler Jolly (Scotland) 2:15pm UK time (11:15pm PNG time, Thursday, August 4).

Arthur Lavalou vs Lewis Williams (England) 3pm UK time (12am PNG time, Friday, August 5).

Jamie Chang vs Owain Harris-Allan (Wales) 6:45pm UK time (3:45am PNG time, Friday, August 5).

In other results on Day 5, at the Alexander Stadium, Team Papua New Guinea's Leroy Kamau ran a Personal Best of 10.68 seconds in the heats of the Men's 100m finishing sixth.

Sprint Queen Toea Wisil ran her Season's Best in a time of 11.79 to place fifth in the heats of the Women's 100m.

In the Men's Discus Throw, De'bono Paraka reached 48.19 meters, but it was not enough to qualify for the finals.

Ephraim Lerkin ran his Season's Best in the Men's 400m Hurdles, coming in with a time of 52.43 to finish 7th in his heat.

Unfortunately, the same could not be said for Daniel Baul, as he was not able to complete his race in the other heat of the Men's 400m Hurdles after pulling up injured. Both will not be proceeding on to the next stage.

In the Women's Heptathlon, Edna Boafob set Personal Bests in the High Jump reaching a height of 1.51 meters and in the Shot Put with 10.14m meters.

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PHOTOS:

1-4 Team Papua New Guinea's Neville Warupi in his bout against Solomon Islands' Pemberton Lele.

5 Team Papua New Guinea's Edna Boafob set Personal Bests in the High Jump and Shot Put in the Women's Heptathlon.

6 Team Papua New Guinea's Toea Wisil ran her Season's Best in a time of 11.79 to place fifth in the heats of the Women's 100m.

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