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Merero challenges Brähler for WBO world title

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The contemporary Namibian WBO Africa champion, Vikapita Merero will confront the reigning WBO world champ, Jürgen Brähler in his backyard.

This was announced by Nestor Tobias, manager, promoter and head coach of Merero at the press conference this week at the local hotel.

Merero, alias the Beast Master is ready to take on Brähler in his patch, annihilate him and bring the title to the Land of the Braves.

"I am ready to fight this guy, dethrone him and proudly bring the title to Namibia", says Merero.

"There are no two ways about it".

The fight will be staged in Germany on July 17 in Hamburg. The Namibian delegation under the tutelage of Tobias will depart on Sunday.

Tobias' entourage consist of Imms Moses as coach, sparring partners Tobias Munihango, Wilberforce Shihepo, Walter Kuutondokwa and southpaw technician Julius Indongo.

The WBO light heavyweight world champion Brähler has a record of 38-36-2, 29 KO.

Merero boasts of 19 fights 18 wins and 1 loss with 8 KO.

If Merero dethrones Brähler, he will not only become the WBO light-weight champion of the world, but also the third world title holder after the other heroic sons of the soil, Paulus "Hitman" Moses and Harry "The Terminator" Simon or "The Terrible".

Namibia's international player and Brave Warriors prolific midfielder Collin Benjamin who plays

his trade of football in that country with SV Hamburg will possibly be one of (with his family, of course) other spectators to witness the north - south WBO world title bout.



Namibian WBO Africa champion, Vikapita Merero



Black Mamba, The Lion, The Rock, Beast Master and The Prince ready to rumble on July 24, 2010.



WBO world champ, Jürgen Brähler

powerful delegation left no stone unturned in their presentation to convince the judges that Omaheke region is the only place to be for the 11th edition of the Newspaper Cup, come 2011.

Karas region was represented by Saul Kahuika, chairman of the bid committee, Lolo Goraseb (retired Brave Warriors and Black Africa midfield maestro), retired South West Africa (now Namibia) national team player of yesteryear Jonathan Goliath and Pope, a volunteer from Japan.

Both regions have hosted the Newspaper Cup once and various important prominent events.

Omaheke could have won because many other factors like distance from other participating regions, credible stadiums, accommodation and "low crime", the rest is history.

Omaheke and Karas regions was a close call but the former emerged supreme in all depart-

ments. Fessy Marenga, PRO of Gobabis Municipality and his

Omaheke region to host 2011 Newspaper Cup



Fessy Marenga of Omaheke region, Barry Rukoro (NFA CEO), Christoph Maletzky (Namibian Cup) and Saul Kahuika of Karas region sporting the Namibian Newspaper Cup after the 2011 hosting bid was concluded at the NFA Soccer House.

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Omaheke region has toppled Karas region in its campaign to host the Newspaper Cup 2011.

The battle was initially between four regions, Omaheke, Karas, Otjozondjupa and

Oshana. The latter two campaigners withdrew.

The campaign between

Spain vs Netherlands: Can Sneijder, Robben Do What Cruyff Could not?

Netherlands is going to play their third World Cup final on 11 July 2010 when they take on Spain, a first time finalist. The Dutch reached the finals in 1974 and 1978 World Cup tournaments, but on both occasions they agonizingly failed to live up to the expectation.

In 1974 World Cup, Netherlands reached the tournament final after putting on some mesmerizing display of 'Total Football' orchestrated by Dutch legend Johan Cruyff who was the biggest star of the tournament. However, the Germans won the trophy after defeating the Dutch 2-1 in the final.

Four years later in 1978, the Dutch could not show the same

kind of dominance, but still the players like Rob Rensenbrink, Johnny Rep, Arie Haan and Ernie Brandts guided them to the tournament final. This time it was Argentina who defeated the Netherlands 3-1 in extra time to clinch the World Cup title.

There is no doubt, Netherlands had better chance in 1974 when Johan Cruyff was at his best. Now, the question is if Wesley Sneijder and Arjen Robben would be able to do what Cruyff failed to accomplish.

Sneijder and Robben are among the best players of the World Cup 2010. Sneijder has scored 5 goals in 6 matches so far and is currently the joint top scorer in the tournament and a contender

for both the Golden Boot and Golden Ball awards.

Arjen Robben has also quickly got his rhythm back after returning from injury. The Bayern Munich striker was instrumental in Netherlands' victories over Slovakia, Brazil and Uruguay in the knock out stage. He has scored 2 goals in 4 matches and is among the contenders of Golden Ball award.

So, the Dutch side has two in-form star players in Arjen Robben and Wesley Sneijder. Both the players have perhaps displayed their best football at club level last season. Now, they would not like to squander off the opportunity of becoming proud members of their country's first World Cup winning team.



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