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Merero raring to go for WBO title

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WINDHOEK – Namibia's Vikapita 'Beast Master' Merero, WBO Africa light heavyweight champion is on the verge to clinch a deal to fight the German-born Juergen Braehmer and World Boxing Organisation champion.

Details are about to be finalized for the WBO title bout that will see Namibia son of the soil, Merero challenging the current champion Braehmer.

The dream fight for Merero to become the WBO light heavyweight champion of the world will take place in the vicinity of Hamburg in Germany.

It will be the same venue where Merero defeated the substituted Russia's Jevgenijs Andrejevs, after the WBO world champion Braehmer pulled out of the fight, claiming that he sustained some unspecified "injury" during his so-called training session.

Merero won Andrejevs with a unanimous decision over eight rounds. The scorecards of the three judges read: Oliver Brien 55-59; Klaus Griesel 54-60 and Frank Michael Maass 54-60.

Those in the know of this bloody discipline, will always advice that in boxing there are lots of maneuvers that can save the cowardice to have a reason to postpone of the fight.

It is a psychological rivalry that is meant to undermine the challenger's confidence and get frustrated.

Since Nestor Tobias has been in



Vikapita 'Beast Master' Merero, WBO Africa light heavyweight champion

boxing business for a long time now, he knows all tricks in the book. He is never dissuaded by

such cheap contrives. He always encourages his boxers to keep on boxing until the day the organiz-

ers come back and say "the fight is cancelled or rescheduled for another date".

Yes the two champions come from different schools of boxing,

but what they have in common is a powerful punch, which guarantees that it will be an explosive fight with an anticipated dramatic finish.

Merero is hard at training and is raring to go to depose Braehmer, come s the d-day. The actual date is still to be announced.

Botswana top group as Tunisia win

Botswana have secured a point against Malawi in a 2012 Africa Cup of Nations qualifier played in Blantyre.

Botswana took a 62nd minute lead through striker Jerome Ramathlakwane but Malawi equalised in the 74th minute with a Dave Banda strike.

The result means Botswana remain on top of Group K with seven points from three games while Malawi have two from two.

Tunisia beat Chad 3-1 in the group's other game to go second overall with three points from two games.

Botswana had shocked Tunisia

1-0 in Tunis, in the group's opening game.

After the game in Blantyre, Botswana's head coach Stanley Hunter Tshosane said despite the draw his charges had lived up to expectations.

"We are happy with the results as we are the only team in this group that hasn't lost a game," he said.

Malawi captain Peter Mponda admitted the Flames striking force was scrappy.

"We had plenty of chances but we wasted them," he stated.

The Zebras next match is at home against Togo while Malawi travel to Tunisia.

Both games will be played in the first weekend of September.

Group K is the only five-team mini-league after the late inclusion of Togo and the top two finishers qualify while action in the 10 pools with four countries begins early next month (*BBC Sport*).

NFA Election Nominations

The Namibia Football Association has the pleasure to inform the nation that nominations for the Association's top-brass elections have been concluded.

Incumbent President John Muinjo will contest for President against Ranga Haikali and former NFA Vice President Viskaya Amutenya on October 2 in Windhoek.

For the Vice President, three candidates will vie for the post namely: Kornelius Kapenda (current Vice President), Franz Mbidi and John Johnny Doeseb of the NPL.

For the seven executive members positions, 12 nominations have been received: Mathew Kalihonda (Kavango), Oscar Mulonda (Caprivi), Vaino Amukwa (Omusati), Dawid Goagoseb (Khomas), Naftali Ngalangi (Kavango), Jacqueline Gertze (Women Football), Franz Mbidi (Oshana), John Johnny Doeseb (NPL), Imms Nangolo, Harry Jahrs (Karas), Patrick Mwilima (Caprivi) and Stephanus Shimbike (Kunene).

These are the only nominations received by the deadline of August 2 and will now be subjected to scrutiny to confirm their eligibility for elections.

Haikali retains WBO Africa title

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The BWO Africa lightweight champion, Martin Haikali, from the Land of the Braves made a successful second defence after he tarnished his challenger's record.

Despite speculation that Sydney Maluleka from South Africa would topple the home boy from his crown, the champion stood firm to defend his title for the second time.

Haikali smudged Maluleka's record that now stands at 14 fights, 10 wins and 4 losses. He has improved his to 10 fights, 6 wins, 4 losses.

Judging from the number of fights and wins a pugilist has succeeded does not always have to mean he will conquer.

There are a lot of things involved to win a fight. Mental, ethical and physical preparation determines the route to any boxer's triumph.

Support from the boxer's camp and fans play another important role.

SUPPORTING BOUTS

Explosive blows, most of which ended in knockouts, were the order of the day when pugilists from Namibia were pitted against Zimbabweans in hot contesting undercards.

Sacky "Izinyoka" Shikukutu (NAM) has improve his record to 15F 14W 1L when he sent Silas Mandey (ZIM) to slumber land in



BWO Africa lightweight champion, Martin Haikali

the International JNR welterweight 10th round with a knockout to dent his opponent's record

to 17F 14W 3L.

In the Jnr Lightweight of 6 rounder bout, Abraham "En-

ergy" Ndaendapo (NAM) 10F 7W 2L sent Richard Mururi (ZIM) 8F 3W 4L 1D with a knockout in the third round.

The Flyweight six round category saw Namibia's Abmerk Shidjuu (14F 9W 3L 2D) made minced meat out of Anyway Katu from Zimbabwe (8F 6W 2L). Shidjuu gave the visitor a second round KO with quick combinations of punches that were on target.

Namibia's Gottlieb Ndokosho (NAM) 11F 9W 1L NC seemed to have had one of the toughest bout of the night as Tawanda Chigwada (ZIM) 13F 8W 1D 4L gave the Namibian a good run for the money. Ndokosho won on points after the JNR lightweight six rounds of real tough fight.

Undefeated Julius Indongo (6F 6W) of Namibia was one of the proudest winners of the night as he annihilated Lawrence Moyo from Zimbabwe (6F 1D 5L) with a KO in the first round. The jubilation came about as it was the first



Sacky "Izinyoka" Shikukutu

ever time for Indongo to KO someone.

The Namibia duel between Joseph Katenda (NAM) 11f1W 9L 1D and Samuel Kapapu (NAM) 11F 6W 4L 1D ended in

a draw in a Lightweight 4 rounder.

In another Namibian welterweight four round clash, Anthony Jaarman (3F 3W) KO Elia Shikufa (3F 3L) in the third round.



Gottlieb Ndokosho



Abraham "Energy" Ndaendapo



Abmerk Shidjuu