Meroro raring to go for WBO title

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WINDHOEK – Namibia’s Vikapita ‘Beast Master’ Meroro, 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 finalised for the WBO title bout that will see Namibian of the soil, Meroro challenging the current champion Braehmer.

The dream fight for Meroro 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 Meroro defeated the substitution 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.

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

Those in the know of this bloody rivalry, will always advise 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 Nester Tobias has been in boxing business for a long time now, he knows all tricks in the book. He is never dissuaded by such cheap contrivances. He always encourages his boxers to keep on boxing until the day the organisations 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.

Haikali retains WBO Africa title

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The WBO 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 Sacky “Izinyoka” Shikukutu from Zimbabwe (8F 6W 2L) 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 10 to 16 fights, 6 wins, 4 losses.

Judging from the number of fights and wins a pallid 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 an important role.

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 encounters.

Sacky “Izinyoka” Shikukutu (NAM) has improve his record to 15F 14W 1L when he sent Silas Mandey (ZIM) to slumberland in the International INR welterweight 10-round with a knockout to dent his opponent’s record.

Botswana top group as Tunisia win

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

Botswana took a 62nd minute lead through striker Jereme Ramathlakawane 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 Tibasheso 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.

For the seven executive member positions, 12 nominations have been received: Matthew Kailihonda (Kavango), Oscar Mulonda (Capriv), Vaino Amukwa (Omusati), Dwi哥 Goodgeob (Khomus), Naftali Ngalioli (Kavango), Jacqueline Gertze (Women Football), Franz Mbidi (Oshana), John Johnny Doseeb (NPL), Imms Nangolo, Harry John (Karas), Patrick Mwiliima (Capriv) and Stephen Shambwe (Kasane).

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.