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According to champ, he'll win, and then move up in weight.

"HUMBLE SIMON" SAYS HE IS PREPARED FOR "TERRIBLE TERRY"

W.G. Ramirez

Against all odds, coming back from surgery to repair a detached retina, Simon Brown knocked out Terry Norris in the fourth round December 18, 1993 and captured the World Boxing Council super welterweight title.

Now, close to five months later, with one title defense under his belt, Brown said Tuesday afternoon at a small interview session in his suite, "everything is right on schedule, things are looking great. I'm extra motivated for this fight."

Away from the surroundings of the media hype and other fighters, which will meet Brown head on this afternoon at the final pre-fight press conference, the champion sat very relaxed Tuesday while discussing the

past five months as champ; Saturday night's rematch with Norris; and, his future, which he says will be in the middleweight division.

"I'm going into this fight as if it was the first time (against Norris)," stated Brown. "After I win Saturday night, I'm gonna move to the middleweight level. I have to make my move to achieve my goal. I'll fulfill my dream in 2-to-3 years at 168 (pounds). I've got to do it."

Brown admits that his quiet nature is a big reason he is not popular in the public's eye, but he also says it doesn't particularly bother him. He isn't exactly worried about "pound-for-pound" nominations, and he definitely doesn't appear to be wooed by the sport's hoopla.

When asked who he thought was pound-for-pound the sports best boxer, he simply put it, "I'm gonna leave that up to you writers and the public. As (promoter) Don (King) puts 'em in front of me, I'm gonna keep knockin' 'em down and then move on."

"My goal is to win four or five titles in different weight classes. I'm ready for Saturday. I've been working with good sparring partners. I was the best man that night and I feel I'll be the best man on Saturday."

Brown is coming off of his only defense of the WBC super welterweight title against Australian Troy Walters, earlier this year on January 29. Walters haunted Brown throughout the bout, only to be caught by the champ's sharp combinations and

lose the 12-round decision.

With Norris possibly coming into the rematch with a different style than in their first meeting, Brown will be taking this fight round-by-round. He concedes that he will constantly try things to throw Norris off but doesn't exactly know what to expect just yet.

"He is gonna do different things, not because he said he would, but because as a fighter, he must move on and try something else. I'm gonna wait and see as the fight goes on."

The Jamaica native says he doesn't exactly do predictions, but broke down Tuesday while assuring everyone of an exciting night.

"I never make predictions for a knockout or a decision, but I will predict that I'll win. It's gonna

Simon Brown

be a great fight night. It'll be one that everyone remembers for a long, long time.

"I never have anything to prove to anyone. I never go into a fight with something to prove. I go to perform and give people their monies worth. I want to be like an entertainer so people will talk about it for 10 years."

"My mind is locked on Terry Norris right now. (He) just better not get lazy again, 'cause if he does, they can count to 100 - forget about 10."

Last week Norris was a

\$1.40 favorite while the take back with Brown was EVEN money. As of Tuesday afternoon, MGM Grand Sports Book Supervisor Vic Curiel confirmed that there had been an even amount of action on both sides. Currently Norris has dropped to -\$1.30 (Brown -\$1.10), but most of the action won't come in until Saturday. Curiel also stated that he would lean towards Norris to recapture his belt.

"I gotta prove to oddsmakers that they need to go back and check my records," said Brown.

Sports Books To Receive Heavy Action

With the NBA and NHL playoffs in full swing, the baseball season in its second month, the Kentucky Derby running this Saturday and of course the fight card, MGM Sportsbook Supervisor Vic Curiel predicted a "monster weekend" as far as incoming action is concerned.

Stardust Sportsbook Supervisor D. Wayne Mauldin said that he expects heavy betting activity to commence on Friday evening, maybe even Thursday afternoon.

"It is like, if you don't bet a horse ever, you always seem to have a bet on the Kentucky Derby," said Mauldin. "It'll be our biggest weekend since the NCAA Tournament."

The post positions for the Kentucky Derby hadn't been determined as of Wednesday evening, and until that happens, Mauldin says the book will remain consistent but not heavy.

For the fight card at the MGM Grand, Mauldin said that plenty of money is coming in on the underdogs, such as: Frankie Randall and Simon Brown.

"The NHL playoffs have remained subdued, although the (San Jose) Sharks are receiving a lot of attention to win the Stanley Cup," admits Mauldin.

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The City of Las Vegas Department of Parks and Leisure Activities announces expanded hours of the Chuck Minker Sports Complex. The facility, located at 275 N. Mojave Rd., and Stewart Ave., is now open 7 a.m. weekdays. Closing remains at 9:30 p.m.

Weekend hours have also been expanded. Saturday programming now continues until 5 p.m. New Sunday hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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