

Legendary jiu-jitsu champion Sergio Moraes joins KHK MMA's stable of coaches



Sergio Moraes (C) with Mohammed Shahid (R), CEO of KHK SPORTS SPC and Redha Munfaradi, President of the Bahrain Jiu-Jitsu federation

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KHK MMA, the number one team in the world, has made a tremendous addition to its coaching stable. Brazilian Sergio Moraes, a legendary figure in the jiu-jitsu community, has joined KHK MMA full-time and will coach the likes of the Pride of Bahrain Hamza Kooheji, Murtaza Talha, and all the Bahrain National Team athletes.

Moraes is a three-time jiu-jitsu world champion, and has a long and successful career of his own in mixed martial arts. He's widely recognized as one of the best grapplers in the world and his win over Kron Gracie in 2008 is considered as one of the biggest fights in competitive jiu-jitsu.

Moraes arrived in Bahrain recently and was welcomed by Mohammed Shahid, CEO of KHK SPORTS SPC & Advisor to the President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, and Redha Munfaradi, President of the Bahrain Jiu-Jitsu federation, Shura council member, member of the (BCSC), and executive board member of ICM-UNESCO. The trio discussed their plans for the future of the KHK MMA team

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and how Moraes can positively impact an already world-class stable of fighters with his extensive knowledge in mixed martial arts.

Additionally, Monfaredi thanked His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa for his support in bringing in one of the top coaches in the world of combat sports and hailed the impact that Moraes will have on KHK MMA.

“I would like to thank HHSK for this excellent addition to the KHK team,” says Monfaredi. “Sergio brings a lot of experience to an already world-class team of excellent fighters and we are excited to see what improvements he will bring to our athletes.”

Mokaev takes on Abdul Hussein in Flyweight debut

Muhammad Mokaev will face fellow amateur world champion Abdul Hussein at BRAVE CF 49's featured Flyweight bout

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Two former IMMAF world champions, who hold two of the best amateur records in MMA, are set to meet inside the BRAVE Combat Federation Arena, this time as professional Mixed Martial Artists. Muhammad Mokaev will take on Abdul Hussein, in a BRAVE CF 49 featured Flyweight bout.

Hussein and Mokaev share more than a fantastic record of accomplishments in amateur MMA and a label of young stars of the sport. Both men were forced to leave their homeland and grow up as refugees.

Born in the Caucasus, Mokaev emigrated to the United Kingdom and, over there, became one of the most hyped names in MMA, drawing the attention of massive mainstream media outlets, such as BBC and CNN.



Abdul Hussein, on the other hand, was born in Iraq but left the country with his family towards Finland. In Scandinavia, alongside his brother, ABBA became one of the most prominent names in Finnish MMA, won the amateur world title, and made it to the big leagues joining BRAVE

Combat Federation.

Hussein and Mokaev had been trading shots via social media over the last months, in messages that included even an informal agreement between both parties for a BRAVE CF bout to settle their differences.

Muhammad Mokaev holds a



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perfect professional record of 4 wins and no losses, and a combined record of 26-0, including his amateur bouts. Abdul Hussein boasts a pro record of 7 wins and one loss, and a combined record of 14-1.

BRAVE CF 49 will take place on March 25, in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The event will be the third of four scheduled fight cards for Kombat Kingdom, in a series that will culminate in the historical 50th BRAVE CF card. In the main event of the evening Jose Torres and Sean Santella will meet again in a BRAVE CF Flyweight World Title Tournament quarter-final bout.

Bayern, not Manchester City, are best club in Europe - Guardiola

Reuters | London

Manchester City are on a 20-game winning streak in all competitions but manager Pep Guardiola has dismissed suggestions that his club are the best in Europe.

David Moyes anointed Guar-



Pep Guardiola

diola's team as the continent's most dominant force after watching his West Ham side lose 2-1 at the Etihad Stadium on Saturday.

The result allowed City to open up a 12-point gap at the top of the Premier League but Guardiola said it was Cham-

pions League holders Bayern Munich and reigning English champions Liverpool who were still the continent's two leading sides.

“The crown, if you want to take it, you have to win. In March, nobody is champions,” Guardiola said.

Loman to face UFC veteran Lineker in ONE debut

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Stephen “The Sniper” Loman, one of the best MMA fighters in the Philippines, will make his much-awaited ONE Championship bantamweight debut against UFC grizzled veteran John Lineker of Brazil on April 28.

As per MMAfighting.com, the Loman-Lineker clash will take place at the Singapore Indoor Stadium as part of ONE card and will air on TNT in the United States.

Before joining the Singapore-based promotion, the 29-year-old Loman – who holds a 14-2 record – was the longest reigning champion in BRAVE Combat Federation who fights in the bantamweight division.

“The Sniper” last saw action in November 2019 in BRAVE CF 30 and scored a unanimous decision win against Ilias Sannoudakis of Canada for his fourth title defense and fifth consecutive victory in BRAVE.

Lineker (33-9), for his part, is riding on a two-match win streak since his ONE debut last October 2019. His last match was a knockout win over former champion Kevin Belington on November 2020.



Loman to start from scratch again at ONE

The former UFC fighter Loman became the No. 1 bantamweight contender in ONE after knocking out Team Lakay's Kevin Belington in ONE: Inside the Matrix III at the Singapore Indoor Stadium last November.

Leaving the BRAVE Combat Federation and signing up with ONE Championship was a bold career move for Loman.

The Baguio-based stable Team Lakay fighter was the longest-reigning champion of BRAVE having held the bantamweight belt for three years.

Loman was riding high on an eight-fight win streak. He

claimed the BRAVE championship with a first-round technical knockout win over Canadian-Indian Gurdarshan “St. Lion” Mangat in 2017.

He defended the belt successfully on multiple occasions, headlining various events while emerging as arguably BRAVE's biggest star.

Team Lakay has established a commanding presence in ONE Championship, with former World Champions Edward Folayang, Geje Eustaquio, Kevin Belington, Honorio Banario, and reigning ONE Strawweight World Champion Joshua

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STEPHEN LOMAN

“The Passion” Pacio leading the charge.

Earlier this year, he decided to vacate his throne at BRAVE to seek a new platform.

This time Loman would have to climb the championship ladder from scratch again. He, however, is unfazed about it.

“I'm excited to enhance my skills on this platform and showcase my style to millions of viewers across the globe. Of course, fighting in a new promotion and a new environment will be a challenge but it's one I'm more than willing to face,” he said. “I'm ready to show ONE Championship fans the best of Stephen Loman.”

He represents Team Lakay and has not lost a fight since 2016.

Pogacar signs new five-year deal with UAE Team Emirates

AFP | Dubai

Tour de France champion Tadej Pogacar has committed his future to UAE Team Emirates by signing a new deal to 2026, the cycling outfit announced on Tuesday.

The 22-year-old is one of cycling's brightest prospects and the announcement comes days after he claimed the honours at the season-opening UAE Tour.



Tadej Pogacar

Pogacar joined UAE in 2019 after training in the continental team Ljubljana Gusto Santi, and had already extended his contract last year until 2024.

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