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Brave CF to hold public workouts at Kris Gethin gym



Jalal Al Daaja (right) with coach Ali Al Tamri during open workouts
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Brave Combat Federation has confirmed to host the public workouts for Brave 20 at Kris Gethin Gyms in Hyderabad.

Brave 20 is held in association with Mercury Sports and Entertainment marking the return of Brave Combat Federation to India.

The partnership between Brave Combat Federation and Mercury Sports and Entertainment will ensure future editions of the promotion in India alongside derivative projects aimed at the development of Mixed Martial Arts in India. The open workouts will be held on 20th December at the Kris Gethin Gyms in Hyderabad.

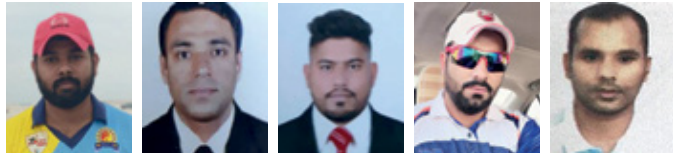
Kris Gethin is part of the team Physique Global. Phy-

sique Global is a fitness mentoring and educative service to fitness enthusiasts around the World and it is widely recognized in India for training Bollywood superstars like Hrithik Roshan, John Abraham, Karan Johar, Mahesh Babu, Arjun Kapoor, Ranveer Singh, and Imran Khan.

Brave Combat Federation has confirmed that athletes will take part in open workouts and interact with their fans, media, martial arts, and fitness enthusiasts.

The confirmed athletes who will be featured in the open workouts includes Micol di Segni, Sidney Wheeler, Maria Ribeiro, Rob Beech, Khamzat Chimaev, John Brewin, Anas Siraj Mounir, Mindaugas Gerve, Ali Qaisi, Kantharaj Shankar, Nelson Paes and Jason Solomon.

Tornado Riders edge Hempel Paints



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Tornado Riders beat Hempel Paints by 7 wickets in a CBA Division D T-20 league match.

Hempel won the toss and elected to bat first. Bilal became the top scorer with 42 runs and was well supported by Ahsan (31) which helped them to score 163 runs in 20 overs. Vijeesh and Ruzo took two wickets each for Riders.

Chasing the target Riders openers Vijeesh (40) and Ranjeeth (60) put a 103 runs partnership for the first wicket that helped them to reach the target in 18th over. Abbas took 3 wickets for Hempel.

Brief Score: Tornado Riders 166/3 in 17.5 overs (Ranjeeth 60, Vijeesh 40, Abbas 3/19) beat

Hempel Paints 163/9 (Bilal 42, Ahsan 31, Vijesh 2/18) by 7 wickets

Other Match Results

Spartans 189/5 in 20 overs (Zeeshan 64, Farhan 27) beat Indian Super Kings 164/7 in 20 overs (Niraj 34, Ahimduallah 4/25) by 25 runs

Superb XI 174/6 in 20 overs (Adeel 45, Shams 23, Ghayazuddin 2/28) beat Cobarco 163/7 (Millon 55, Ajay 33, Azhar 4/30) by 11 runs

Infonas XI 180/5 in 20 overs (Arafat 88, Musab 30, Adnan 2/20) beat Waqas Pak CC 96/10 (Waqas 16, Rashid 3/12) by 84 runs

Bulls CC 89/1 in 9.4 overs (Navin 32, Lenin 23) beat Young Blasters 86/8 (Dawood 32, Aby 3/12, Sanjay 3/24) by 9 wickets

Mendis, Mathews stonewall NZ

Mathews hits ton, celebrates with push-ups as Sri Lanka defy New Zealand

● Kusal Mendis and Angelo Mathews built an epic stand to give Lanka hope on wicketless day

● Sri Lanka trail by 37 runs with 7 wickets remaining

AFP | Wellington

Sri Lanka's Angelo Mathews celebrated with push-ups on the pitch after joining Kusal Mendis in passing 100 yesterday as the pair batted the whole day without losing a wicket to offer the tourists hope of an unlikely first Test draw in Wellington.

Mendis was 116 not out at stumps on day four and Mathews 117, with their record-breaking unbroken 246-run partnership setting a Sri Lankan record against New Zealand.

It was also the first time in New Zealand that a full day's play has been completed without a Test wicket falling and the first time anywhere since South Africa achieved the feat against Bangladesh in Chittagong in 2008.

The pair's epic vigil meant the tourists ended the day at 259 for three after starting in a seemingly hopeless position



Angelo Mathews of Sri Lanka celebrates his century with a set of push-ups while Kusal Mendis looks on

with three wickets down for just 20 in their second innings after conceding a first innings deficit of 296 to New Zealand.

Sri Lanka still need a further 37 to avoid an innings defeat but with a flat pitch offering nothing to New Zealand's seam attack and rain threatening on the final day, a draw is now a real prospect.

New Zealand had hoped to wrap up the match early on the fourth day after posting an imposing 578 in the first innings, anchored by Tom Latham's unbeaten 264 -- which eclipsed England captain Alastair Cook's record 244, set just under a year ago in Melbourne, to become

Sri Lanka 1st innings 282 (Mathews 83, Dickwella 80; Southee 6-68)	
New Zealand 1st innings 578 (Latham 264 not out, Williamson 91; Kumara 4-127)	
Sri Lanka 2nd innings (overnight 20-3)	
M. Gunathilaka lbw Boulton	3
F. Karunaratne c Boulton b Southee	10
D. de Silva b Southee	0
K. Mendis not out	116
A. Mathews not out	117
Extras (lb2, nb3, w8)	13
Total (for 3 wks, 102 overs)	259

the highest score by an opener carrying their bat in Test history.

But the home bowlers grew increasingly frustrated by the stubborn rearguard action, resorting to a barrage of bouncers that failed to rattle the batsmen.

Mathews defiant

A defiant Mathews sent them a message that he still has plenty left in the tank with his push-up celebration late in the final session.

Sri Lanka bowling coach Ramesh Ratnayake said before play commenced that his side needed to approach the final two days session-by-session and try to chip away at New Zealand's lead.

Mendis, who made only two in the first innings, initially took a more positive approach and went after short-ball specialist Neil Wagner.

Grosjean named France Davis Cup Captain

Reuters | Paris

Former world number four Sebastien Grosjean has been named France Davis Cup captain for the next two seasons, the French Tennis Federation said on Monday.

Grosjean, part of the France team who won the Davis Cup title in 2001, replaced Yannick Noah after the French federation's initial choice Amelie Mauresmo opted not to take up the role.

Former world number one Mauresmo, who would have become the first woman to captain the team, chose to work with French player Lucas Pouille.

"It's a great honour to be named captain of the French Davis Cup team because I've always been attached to this competition," Grosjean, who will also lead the men's delegation for the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, said in a statement.

"This post, which now has an Olympic dimension, promises to be exciting."



France's Sebastien Grosjean in action

France tennis chief Bernard Giudicelli said the team would be stronger than ever with Grosjean's appointment.

"Sebastien's enthusiasm is proof of this and I'm happy to see a former winner take on the role. His knowledge of professional tennis, in all its forms, will be a valuable asset for our federation."

Grosjean, a four-times Grand Slam semi-finalist and winner of four ATP titles, has coached

compatriot Richard Gasquet and Australia's Nick Kyrgies since his retirement in 2010.

France were beaten by Croatia in last month's Davis Cup final in Lille.

As runners-up, they will not play in the February qualifying round of the tournament, which has been revamped.

The traditional World Group format will be replaced by an 18-nation finals week to be held in Madrid in November.

Federations meetings scheduled

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The Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) started a new strategy to hold meetings with representatives of national sports federations in an attempt to have constant updates on their problems and needs.

The approach is in line with the directives of Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Chairman, and BOC President

Supreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant secretary general and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) secretary general Abdulrahman Askar said the committee will now have two days per week to schedule meetings with the federations. Those regular meetings will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays.

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