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# BRAVE CF 42: An extensive guide to the biggest Flyweight tournament

Six of the best fighters in the division will start their paths towards glory at BRAVE CF 42 next Thursday

- First Flyweight world champion will be crowned in the main event triple-header

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BRAVE Combat Federation will look to crown its first Flyweight world champion with a tremendous tournament that will kick off next Thursday on BRAVE CF 42. In the main event triple-header, six of the best fighters in the division will start their paths towards glory. Jose Torres, Sean Santella, Abdul Hussein, Zach Makovsky, Flavio Queiroz, and Velimirad Alkhasov have been chosen to lead the biggest tournament of the year in its first round.

Their various degrees of experience, their paths towards BRAVE CF, and their fighting styles differ in many ways, but they all have something in common: the thirst for victory and quality to win it all.

Over the course of the next events, BRAVE CF will also organize the last quarter-final match-up which would take place between Dustin Ortiz and Marcel Adur. However, the Brazilian Adur was forced to withdraw due to injury and will be



replaced soon.

## Torres vs Santella

Jose Torres and Sean Santella are two of the best Flyweights in the United States, and both are coming into the tournament with something to prove. For "Shorty", it's the chance to prove he remains one of the best fighters in the world, after having to pull out of a scheduled title fight with Marcel Adur due to

emotional distress following his father's passing.

Jose's dad was a central figure not just in his life but in his career. It was him who made the decision to send young Torres to martial arts training in Chicago, and he has been someone who "Shorty" has depended on his entire life. It was a bitter blow, but now training under Din Thomas' small team in Florida, Torres seems more determined

than ever to return.

He will need all the determination to go past Santella. At 35, "Shorty Rock" has dominated the local scene for years, but has a score to settle in the BRAVE CF tournament. He wants to move past Torres to face off against Velimirad Alkhasov, the man who gave him his last defeat in his BRAVE CF debut.

Since then, Sean has amassed a three-fight win streak, and will

return to BRAVE CF in top form and confident of beating the favored Torres with his jiu-jitsu skills and experience. Santella is a Brazilian jiu-jitsu black belt, and trains with legendary Ricardo Almeida. 14 out of his 23 professional victories have come by way of submission and he hopes to add number 15 against Jose.

## Makovsky vs Hussein

Zach Makovsky's return to the BRAVE CF fold can be best described as a clash of generations. At 36 and with 30 pro fights under his belt, he will meet a rising star in Abdul Hussein, who has a 7-1 record, but vast amateur experience.

Fighting out of Finland, "ABBA" is an IMMAF world champion and known for his strong submission game. He has four out of seven professional victories via tap-out and will look to expose any weaknesses in Makovsky's game to score sub number 5.

It will be no easy task, though, as "Fun Size" is an excellent wrestler and has also big grappling skills, having won the FILA Grappling world championship in 2011. Zach has also beaten a who's who of big names in the division and will certainly be the favorite to advance to the semifinals.

This is true, especially due

to the fact that Makovsky's last win was a monumental one - he beat previously undefeated Velimirad Alkhasov and was able to score takedowns on the sambo world champion, something that no other man was able to do.

## Queiroz vs Alkhasov

If Sean Santella has a score to settle with Velimirad Alkhasov, the Russian powerhouse is also looking for revenge. He wants to move up to eventually face Zach Makovsky and erase the only defeat of his pro career so far.

However, before he can think of a rematch with Zach, he will need to go past Flavio Queiroz. The young Brazilian is probably the dark horse of the tournament, but his credentials are second to none.

Fighting out of Capital da Luta under former BRAVE CF world champion Lucas Martins, Flavio is a knockout machine, and holds an impressive finishing rate for a Flyweight, with ten of his 12 pro wins coming by stoppage.

Queiroz is also riding a three-fight win streak, including a nasty submission victory over Jean Felipe Souza in his BRAVE CF debut, last year in Brazil. Now set for his second bout outside of his own country, Flavio will come in with bad intentions and hoping to impose his gameplan over the sambo world champion.

# BRAVE CF 42 full fight card released with 12 nations represented

- BRAVE CF 42 also features Flyweight Tournament quarter-finals

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BRAVE Combat Federation returns to the Kingdom of Bahrain, for the second consecutive week with BRAVE CF 42, on September 24th. The promotion released the full fight card of the event and it brings 12 different nations represented inside the cage, apart from the first round of the prestigious Flyweight World Title Tournament.

The 12 countries, from four different continents, sending fighters to BRAVE CF 42 are: United States, Finland, Russia, Brazil, Bahrain, Wales, Kyrgyzstan, Sweden, France, Philippines, Poland, and India.



Bringing multiple countries together is a trademark of BRAVE Combat Federation, the only truly global MMA promotion in the world. The Bahrain-based organization has consistently put

together cards featuring dozens of international athletes. Another huge highlight of BRAVE CF 42, the second stop of the "Kombat Kingdom" series, is the Flyweight World Title Tour-

## BRAVE CF 41 Fight Card

Middleweight title: (champion) Daniel "Gaucho" Pereira (Brazil) vs Mohammad Fakhreddine (Lebanon)  
Middleweight bout: Ikram Aliskerov (Russia) vs Denis Tiuliulin (Russia)  
Super Lightweight bout: Cian Cowley (Ireland) vs Ahmed Amir (Bahrain)  
Lightweight: Sam Patterson (England) vs Felipe Silva (Brazil)  
Flyweight: John Cris Corton (Philippines) vs Magomed Idrisov (Russia)  
Bantamweight: Rahmatullah Yousufzai (Afghanistan) vs Abdulmanap Magomedov (Russia)  
Amateur Bantamweight: Abdullah Alyaqoob (Bahrain) vs Umed Urfonov (Tajikistan)



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nament, the eight-men knockout bracket that will decide the inaugural BRAVE Combat Federation Flyweight champion of the world.

Three of the first four quarter-finals are scheduled to take place during BRAVE CF 42, with the clash between fellow-countrymen Jose "Shorty" Torres and Sean "Shorty Rock" Santella headlining the card.

The other two tournament bouts scheduled are Zach Makovsky vs Abdul Hussein and Flavio Queiroz vs Velimirad Alkhasov. The fourth and final

first round match was postponed due to Brazil's Marcel Adur surgery. The date of his bout against Dustin Ortiz is yet to be confirmed.

For the host-country Bahrain, the most important fight of the night is, without a doubt, Hamza "The Pride of Bahrain" Kooheji vs Aidan James, from Wales. Hamza is the most popular Bahraini fighter after and will face James, arguably, the toughest test of his career so far. A win over the Welsh prodigy can put him in the picture for a Bantamweight title shot.