

Dy to face Brewin at BRAVE CF's 44 Lightweight bout



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BRAVE CF's Breakout Fighter of the Year for 2019 John Brewin will return to action against a seasoned opponent as he looks to continue his climb towards the top of the Lightweight division. "Trouble" takes on Philippines' own Rolando Dy in the main card of BRAVE CF 44, set for November 5th in Bahrain.

Brewin is coming off two straight victories under the BRAVE CF banner, against Cian Cowley and Maciej Gierszewski. He impressed in both outings, but especially against "Magic Man" Gierszewski, as he finished him with an armbar submission in the first round of their BRAVE CF 28 main event.

Those two performances earned him the award for breakout star in 2019, and he will now look to continue his improvement against a veteran in Rolando. "Dy Incredible" has fought recently, beating Gierszewski by decision in this month's BRAVE CF 43.

Now the Filipino hero, who's the son of legendary world boxing champion Ro-



lando Navarrete, will have the chance to go 2-0 on his return to Lightweight. Dy is also embarking on another adventure as his wife has recently given birth to baby Bella, who already proved to be a good luck charm to her father against Maciej.

BRAVE CF 44 is headlined by a Lightweight world title fight with defending champion Cleiton "Predator" Silva taking on top contender Amin "Fierceness" Ayoub. In the co-main event, two top Welterweight forces collide as former champion Abdoul Abdouraguimov meets Louis "Spartacus" Glismann in a battle of world-class grapplers.

Raffii clinches double wins

Raed Raffii powers to superb double in BIC 2,000cc Challenge second round

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Raed Raffii was the star man in the second round of the 2020/2021 BIC 2,000cc Challenge, winning both races held at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) as part of the latest edition of National Race Day.

Raffii captured his maiden victories of the new season and maintained his perfect record of podium appearances so far, having placed third and second, respectively, in the two sprints of round one.

Joining him on the podium in this meeting were former champion Tareq Al Tajer and Nasser Al Alawi in both of the night's races.

Driving a Honda S2000, Raffii had a sub-par start to the evening's events, closing out free practice only ninth fastest out of the 11 runners with a best lap of 1 minute 25.146 seconds around BIC's 2.55-kilometre Inner Track. Fellow-competitor Raed Himmo in a Honda Civic was quickest at 1m 18.385s.

But Raffii immediately upped his pace in qualifying and managed to secure a front row grid position for race one alongside pole-sitter Al Tajer. Raffii had a time of 1m 17.789s, just 0.295s behind Al Tajer, who was behind the wheel of his Ford Focus.

In race one, Raffii enjoyed a strong start, gaining the lead on the very first turn as Al Tajer ran wide. The victor never looked



Action from the BIC 2,000cc Challenge's second round

back, while Al Tajer managed to recover after losing two places on the opening lap. Raffii's winning time was 18m 38.011s, and Al Tajer was 1.180s back as runner-up. Al Alawi, also driving a Honda S2000, came third after securing his place on lap seven. He was 3.314s off Raffii's winning pace.

All three overall podium placers were also the top finishers in the 2,000cc's Pro class.

In the Novice category, Majed Himmo in a Honda Civic took the win, followed by Martyna Al Qassab (Acura DC5) and Giovanni Salerno (Ford Focus). Wiebke Buelow (Honda Civic), Andreas Buelow (Honda Civic) and Ali Toblani (Mini Cooper) completed the final classification, while Raed Himmo did not finish.

Raffii added to his race one triumph by clocking the fastest lap of 1m 17.917s.

In race two, Al Qassab was on pole while Raffii started from fifth, and he wasted no time in battling for the lead. Raffii moved up to second at the end



of the opening lap before taking over as leader on lap two. He did well to hold on to his advantage the rest of the way, and took the chequered flag in 18m 52.124s. Al Tajer followed in 1.072s while Al Alawi was 10.850s behind. Majed Himmo secured a Nov-

ice class double, while Salerno and Al Qassab traded finishing places behind him. Wiebke Buelow, Toblani, and Raed Himmo completed the race two classification, while Andreas Buelow did not finish.

Al Tajer registered the fastest lap of 1m 17.774s.

Following each race, the top three from both classes received their respective trophies.

National Race Day was organised by BIC in cooperation with the Bahrain Motor Federation and Circuit Racing Club. It was held with all precautionary health and safety measures in place amidst the current health situation, in line with guidance from the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs and the Ministry of Health.

This season's BIC 2,000cc Challenge is set to include seven meetings, culminating in April next year. Round three is scheduled to be held from November 12 to 14, as part of the support programme of the FIA WEC 8 Hours of Bahrain.

BRAVE CF boasts record of having the longest reigning Filipino World Champion

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Since its inception, BRAVE Combat Federation, the premiere Mixed Martial Arts promotion from the Kingdom of Bahrain founded by His Highness Sheikh Khaled bin Hamad Al Khalifa, has put the creation of a new system to the sport of MMA and the empowering of regional markets around the globe as its main goals.

A prime example of this vocation is the current Bantamweight World Champion Stephen "The Sniper" Loman. The first and only titleholder in the history of the 61kg division, Loman is part of the long development plan put together by BRAVE CF and he has reached stardom through it.

Loman joined BRAVE CF in the promotion's very first event, as one of the biggest prospects fighting out of Baguio City's prestigious Team Lakay. With-



Stephen Loman celebrates with teammates after a bout

in the promotion, he blossomed into a world class athlete and a dominant world champion.

The close fostering of Filipino talent was a goal of BRAVE CF

since day one. This ultimately led to developing a home-grown champion who broke multiple records inside the promotion and now holds the world title

since November, 2017. The investment and nurturing paid off, and Stephen Loman represented the country of the Philippines around the

world on multiple occasions. He also headlined the historical BRAVE CF 22 fight night in his home country, in front of a passionate crowd in Manila and millions watching through the television.

Such grand achievements gave Loman acclaim in the Philippines, including through official recognition of the Filipino government in different levels, as he was commanded by municipalities and the congress for his outstanding contributions to the country's sports internationally.

As the days go by, Stephen Loman's record of almost three years as the BRAVE CF Bantamweight World Champion becomes harder and harder to be beaten. Despite that, with the support of a strong system and, of course, his own meryth, "The Sniper" wrote his name in BRAVE CF's history and also in the sports of Philippines.

Rooney 'angry' after being forced to self-isolate

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Wayne Rooney says he is "angry and disappointed" that he will miss matches for Derby due to a period of self-isolation despite testing negative for coronavirus.

The former Manchester United and England captain, now player-coach at Derby, was visited by a friend who had been instructed to be tested for Covid-19 and was found to have the disease.

In a statement on Twitter, Rooney said: "Just received the news that my Covid-19 test has shown I do not have the virus. "Delighted for myself and family but obviously angry and disappointed that I now have to self-isolate and miss vital games for @dcfcofficial."

Rooney was unaware of any Covid-related concerns and played in Derby's 1-0 home loss to Watford a day after the visit, on Friday.