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Brave CF announces weigh-in results for UAE event

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Brave Combat Federation hosted the official weigh-ins for Brave 16 hosted in Abu Dhabi, UAE. All the fighters cleared the weight to compete in the largest mixed martial arts event hosted in the United Arab Emirates.

Brave 16 is hosted under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa. Two championship titles will be defended in the main card of the fight night.

In the main event Carlston Harris, the welterweight champion will defend the championship for the very first time against Jarrah Al Selawe.

Elias Boudegzame, the longest reigning champion in Brave Combat Federation will defend the featherweight



Bubba Jenkins

title against Bubba Jenkins. The fight card also features 10 times IJJF World Champion competing in a mixed martial arts bout for the first time in Abu Dhabi.

The fight card features 11 professional fights with 16 nations represented. The fight night will take place on 21st September at the Mubadala Arena in Abu Dhabi, UAE. The gates will be open from 5:00 PM.

Main card

Carlston Harris (76.7 Kg) vs. Jarrah Al Selawe (76.8 Kg) - Welterweight bout
Elias Boudegzame (65.6 Kg) vs. Bubba Jenkins (65.8 Kg) - Featherweight bout
Bruno Malfacine (56.75 Kg) vs. Cristian Rodriguez Jr (56.7 Kg) - Flyweight bout
Gadzhimusa Gaziev (78.3 Kg) vs. Mohd Fakhreddine (80.1 Kg) - Welterweight bout
Mounir Lazzez (73 Kg) vs. Dmitrijs Homjakovs (72.95 Kg) - Catchweight bout

Under card

Chad Hanekom (83.75 Kg) vs. Leon Aliu (84.05 Kg) - Middleweight bout
Hamza Kooheji (61.7 Kg) vs. Crisanto Pitpitunge (61.4 Kg) - Bantamweight bout
Erick da Silva (70.5 Kg) vs. Guram Kutateladze (70.2 Kg) - Lightweight bout
Flavio Seraphim (75 Kg) vs. Vaughn Donayre (74.9 Kg) - Catchweight bout
Louis Sanoukidakis (61.2 Kg) vs. Nawras Abzakh (61.6 Kg) - Bantamweight bout
Hussain Ayyad (57.1 Kg) vs. Jonathan Corton (56.75 Kg) - Flyweight bout

Brave CF inspires UAE with open workouts

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Brave Combat Federation showcased open workouts in the Primal Gym, Abu Dhabi. Open workouts were held ahead of Brave 16 hosted on 21st September in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

The initiative was exclusive for children who were training martial arts. Carlston Harris, Elias Boudegzame, Jarrah Al Selawe, Bubba Jenkins, Bruno Malfacine, Cristian Rodriguez, Mounir Lazzez and Dmitrijs Homjakovs took part in the open workouts. Athletes shared their experiences and interacted with the young martial art practitioners.

Ten times IJJF world champion, Bruno Malfacine explained various Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu techniques and

event allowed himself to be submitted by curious children during mock sparring sessions.

The session was finished with face offs between the competing athletes and photo sessions for children alongside their favourite superstars.

"We aim to spread the message of inspiring the society to embrace a healthy and disciplined lifestyle. Brave Combat Federation believes that such initiatives reflect our social commitment and will have an impact on the society," said Mohammed Shahid, President of Brave Combat Federation.

"This also help our athletes to understand the bigger picture of their impact upon the society and influence they can exert upon the future generations," he added.

Injured Indian players out of Asia Cup

AFP | New Delhi, India

Three Indian cricketers including star all-rounder Hardik Pandya were yesterday ruled out of the Asia Cup with injuries, dealing a blow to the side's chances in the 50-over tournament.

Pandya, 24, was stretchered off the ground after suffering an acute lower back spasm during the game against archrival Pakistan in Dubai on Wednesday. "All your love and support is going to make me come back stronger!" Pandya tweeted yesterday.

Pandya will be replaced by Deepak Chahar in the squad, the Indian cricket board said in a news release.

India, who beat Pakistan by eight wickets to top Group A, take on Bangladesh in a Super Four tie on Friday. The Indians will play Pakistan again on Sunday.

Left-arm spinner Axar Patel, who injured his left index finger while fielding against Pakistan, will be replaced by Ravindra Jadeja.



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"He (Patel) was sent for scans and the results showed that he had a tendon tear. He will be unavailable for the remainder of the series," the Board of Control for Cricket in India said.

Siddhartha Kaul has been roped into the squad in place

of right-arm pacer Shardul Thakur, who is nursing soreness in his hip and groin.

Chahar, Jadeja and Kaul will join the team later yesterday.

India are already without their charismatic skipper Virat Kohli who has been rested for the six-nation tournament.

Djokovic to provide fire power for Team Europe

AFP | Chicago, United States

The second instalment of the Laver Cup comes at just the right time for 14-time Grand Slam winner Novak Djokovic who is back in top form after winning the US Open.

Djokovic is making his debut in this week's three-day team event which has been dubbed the Ryder Cup of tennis although it lacks the tradition of golf's premier event.

"I would like to play with (Djokovic)," said event founder and Team Europe star Roger Federer. "I hope he feels the same way."

The exhibition event will take place on US soil for the first time this week when 12 of the world's top players square off against each other in a three-day team event in Chicago.



Novak Djokovic

The tournament begins Friday and pits a team of six of the best ATP Tour players from Europe against a six players from the rest of the world.

Bjorn Borg's favoured Team Europe will try to defend their crown against Team World

which will be captained by the legendary John McEnroe.

Federer, Djokovic, Alexander Zverev, Grigor Dimitrov, David Goffin and Kyle Edmund will play for Team Europe.

"We're here to defend our title," Borg said, "And we're going

to keep the cup in Europe."

Jack Sock, Nick Kyrgios, John Isner, Frances Tiafoe, Kevin Anderson and Diego Schwartzman are representing Team World.

McEnroe sees the partisan crowd as a key to Team World's success.

"I'm very much looking forward to coaching this team," said McEnroe.

"We're excited about getting the home-court advantage, hopefully, in Chicago, which is a great sports town. I think we're looking forward to showcasing our talents this weekend.

"We have four of the six core guys from last year. We're hopeful that the crowd is as involved or more than they were last year." The inaugural tournament took place in Prague in September which Team Europe won 15-9.

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Scandal-hit Australia vow 'hard but fair' series against Pakistan

AFP | Sydney, Australia

Skipper Tim Paine vowed Australia will play "hard but fair" against Pakistan as they embark on their first Test tour since a ball-tampering scandal and with fresh controversy raging following allegations by England's Moeen Ali.

The squad jetted out late Wednesday for their first Test series since the ill-fated tour of South Africa early this year, which led to 12-month suspensions for Steve Smith and David Warner and an outpouring of public anger.

Australia have five uncapped players in their squad for a tour in which they plan to adopt a more respectful culture and move away from the win-at-all-costs mentality.

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