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Brave announces fight cards for Bahrain event

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Brave Combat Federation released the full fight card for the eighteenth edition of the event taking place in the Kingdom of Bahrain during the Brave International Combat Week 2018.

Brave 18 will be held under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa. Brave International Combat Week 2018 marks the largest combat sports festival held in Asia. Brave 18 will take place on 16th November at the Khalifa Sports City in Isa Town, Bahrain. The fight card will feature three championship bouts alongside the joined promotion from WFC 54.

The main event will feature Brazil's Lucas Mineiro defending lightweight championship against Palestine's Abdul Kareem Al Selwady. The winner will be crowned as undisputed champion of lightweight division.

The co-main event will feature the bout between Abdul Rakhman Dudaev from Russia and Joe Taimanglo from Guam. Magomedrasul Khasbulayev from Russia will face Robert Emerson from USA in a featherweight bout.

Stephen Loman from Philippines will defend his bantamweight championship against Felipe Efrain from Brazil. In the opening fight of the main card, the inaugural flyweight title will be contested between Marcel Adur from Brazil and Velimurad Alkhasov from Russia.

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The undercard features seven bouts and features multiple talent who came through the IMMAF developmental system. Bahrain's IMMAF medalist, Hussain Ayyad will face Hassan Abo Ali from Egypt in a flyweight bout.

Akhmed Sheraniev from Russia will face Antonio Carlos Ribeiro from Brazil in a featherweight bout. One among the most awaited bouts will showcase the return of Luan Santiago from Brazil against Djamil Chan from Netherlands in a lightweight bout.

Djamil currently holds the record for the fastest knockout in Brave Combat Federation. Both the fighters have above 80% of their wins by knockout and the fight is least expected to go the distance.

Goyti Dazev from Kazakhstan will take on Vasiliy Kurochkin from Russia in a welterweight bout. Cian Cowley from SBG Ireland will face Hardeep Rai from the United Kingdom who trains at Jackson-Wink MMA in a catchweight bout.

Cowley is the training partner of Conor McGregor and the bout marks the second time, the fighter from SBG Ireland is competing in Brave Combat Federation. Anzor Abdulkhozjaev from Russia will face Alexis Savvidis from Greece in a featherweight bout. In the opening bout of the night, 2017 IMMAF gold medalist, Benjamin Bennett will face Khamzat Chimaev from Sweden in a welterweight bout.

Main card

- Lucas Mineiro (c) vs. Abdul Kareem Al Selwady - Lightweight championship bout
- Abdul Rakhman Dudaev vs. Joe Taimanglo - Bantamweight bout
- Magomedrasul Khasbulayev vs. Robert Emerson - Featherweight bout
- Stephen Loman (c) vs. Felipe Efrain - Bantamweight championship bout
- Marcel Adur vs. Velimurad Alkhasov - Flyweight championship bout

Under card

- Hussain Ayad vs. Hassan Abo Ali - Flyweight bout
- Akhmed Sheraniev vs. Antonio Carlos Ribeiro - Featherweight bout
- Luan Santiago vs. Djamil Chan - Lightweight bout
- Goyti Dazev vs. Vasiliy Kurochkin - Welterweight bout
- Cian Cowley vs. Hardeep Rai - Catchweight bout
- Anzor Abdulkhozjaev vs. Alexis Savvidis - Featherweight bout
- Benjamin Bennett vs. Khamzat Chimaev - Welterweight bout

Movement Bahrain extend support to KHK MMA athletes

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Movement Physical Therapy Centre extended support to KHK MMA athletes ahead of Brave International Combat Week 2018, which is the largest combat sports festival in Asia.

Dr. Mohammed Al-Jalabi, owner of Movement, Centre for Physical Therapy made the sponsorship official with Ahmed Khaled Al-Wazzan, the Director of the national teams. The sponsorship enables the athletes to utilise advanced physical therapy required for sports.

The facility is expected to improve the team performance as the event will witness more nations participating in the edition of the event. The facilities will focus to avoid or to diagnose sports injuries and to improve recovery for athletes.

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Thunder and lightning halt England run chase

AFF | Kandy, Sri Lanka

Thunder, lightning and torrential rain halted England on their Sri Lanka tour yesterday, but they wrapped up the one-day series against their hosts with a faster run rate.

After Dasun Shanaka hit a boundary-smattered 66 to help Sri Lanka make 273-7 from their 50 overs, Jason Roy made 45 and England pair Joe Root and captain Eoin Morgan were just shifting up a gear in the chase when dark clouds gathered over Kandy.

With England on 132-2 from 27 overs, Root (32) and Morgan (31) seemed well placed to put their side on the route to victory. They already led the series 2-0 going into the fourth



Sri Lankan cricketer Dasun Shanaka plays a shot

of the five games.

As with the other wins, the decision came with the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern run rate system, and England were awarded victory by 18 runs. Every game in the series has now been halted or interrupted by rain.

While frustrated, Morgan will be satisfied with the show from his team in difficult circumstances.

Roy closed in on a half century which included a six and five fours when an Akila Dananjaya leg spin hit his pad as he came down the wicket. The umpire did not give him out -- but Sri Lanka demanded a review, which proved their shouting was justified.

Morgan himself was shunting ahead with a six and three fours in 34 balls when the deluge started.

Final round of qualifying set for ITF Juniors at BTC

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Top seed Youssef Nabil from Egypt led eight players yesterday into the final round of Boys' Singles Qualifying in the 10th Bahrain ITF Juniors Championships, being played at Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC) in Juffair.

Nabil booked his place after defeating Emirati Aman Anwar 6-0, 6-0 this evening at the BTC hard courts. Nabil will look to continue his winning ways when he plays Archie Graham from Great Britain next, with the winner advancing to the Boys' Singles Main Draw. Graham advanced following his own 6-0, 6-0 victory this evening against Anshuman Sonawane from India.

Also moving forward to the last qualification phase were Oliver Richards from Great Britain, Zubin Omar from Bangladesh, Alexandre Ver Hulst from France, Harold Huens from Belgium, and Siddharth Jadli and Deepak Vayara from India. Each player registered important wins yesterday and they will all be vying for one of the three other slots in the Boys' Singles Main Draw.

Richards is set to face Jadli, Omar will play Vayara and Ver Hulst battles Huens.

Their matches in the boys' final qualifying round will all be held today along with those in Girls' Singles Qualifying.

Play is scheduled to get underway



Deepak Vayara of India plays a shot

ALL RESULTS TODAY

- Boys' Qualifiers
- Archie Graham bt Youssef Manna 6-0, 6-0
- Siddharth Jadli bt Mohamed Al Shehaby 6-0, 6-1
- Elias Anwar bt Hitesh Yalamanchilli 6-1, 6-2
- Deepak Vayara bt Omar El Shehawey 7-5, 6-4
- Aman Anwar bt Erwin Godinho 6-0, 6-1
- Ignacio Montes Cuellar bt Gaurish Kadian 6-0, 6-0
- Harold Huens bt Sai Bhairav K Mannju 6-0, 6-1

- Billy Hayball bt Paul Blair 6-2, 6-1
- Zubin Omar bt Sparsh Parmar 6-0, 6-0
- [1] Youssef Nabil bt Aman Anwar 6-0, 6-0
- Archie Graham bt Anshuman Sonawane 6-0, 6-0
- Siddharth Jadli bt James Blair 6-0, 6-1
- Oliver Richards bt Elias Anwar 6-1, 6-1
- Zubin Omar bt Avneet Singh 6-0, 6-1
- Deepak Vayara bt Zanas Ghajar 6-0, 6-2
- Alexandre Ver Hulst bt Ignacio Montes Cuellar 7-6 (5), 6-0
- Harold Huens bt Billy Hayball 6-1, 6-0

at 3pm. All are welcome to attend and cheer for their favourite players.

Amongst the girls, eight players will be battling for four places in their Main Draw. They include top seed Lea Rebreyend from France, Lia

Mosimann from Switzerland, Andra Izabella Sirbu from Romania, Zaara Omar from the US, Riya Matharoo and Saniya Masand from India, and Sophie De Boer and Maryam Isa from hosts Bahrain.

Bahrain Indians rally past RKCT

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Abba Bahrain Indians defeated RKCT in the final of CBA Division C T25 over tournament.

RKCT won the toss and elected to bat first. Sandeep became the top scorer with 34 for RKCT. Karthik's magic bowling spell collapsed the batting line up of RKCT as he took 3 wickets for just 9 runs in 4 overs. Sahin supported Karthik with his 5 overs spell and took 3 wickets to windup RKCT for 129 runs. Chasing the target BICC skipper scored a brilliant 54 runs

in 44 ball with his partner Rafeeq who scored 55 runs secured an 8 wicket victory for Bahrain Indians

Brief Score:

Abba BICC 130/2 in 22.1 overs (Rafeeq 55, Hari 54) beat RKCT 129/10 (Sandeep 34, Jayraj 22, Karthik 3/9, Sahin 3/25) by 8 wickets.

Other Award

Winners - Abba Bahrain Indians bagged 16 individual Trophies, 1 team Trophy And \$200 cash prize
Runners - RKCT bagged 16 individ-

ual Trophies, 1 team Trophy And \$150 cash prize

Man of the Match Final - Hari Prasad (Bahrain Indians CC) - Individual Trophy and \$50 cash Prize

Best Batsman of the Tournament - Pradeep from LuLu CC - Individual Trophy and \$50 cash Prize

Best Bowler of the Tournament - Harpreet from RKCT - Individual Trophy and \$50 cash Prize

Best All-Rounder of the Tournament - Karthik from Bahrain Indians CC - Individual Trophy and \$50 cash Prize

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