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Lenne Hardt confirms special appearance at Brave CF

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Brave Combat Federation had an active year in 2018 expanding their roster of talent and signing global talent to the broadcast team.

The latest addition by Brave Combat Federation is a step closer towards making the active comparison with the PRIDE FC a reality.

Legends of the sport including Wanderlei Silva, Cris Cyborg, Cristiano Marcello and Bertrand Amoussou had compared the nature of the fights and the feel of the events with that of PRIDE FC.

Brave Combat Federation has confirmed that Lenne Hardt, affectionate-

ly known as the “crazy PRIDE lady” will be a part of the broadcast talent and will make her special appearance at Brave 18 taking place on 16th November in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Hardt is the longtime ring announcer, known for her rolling and exuberant fighter introductions. She made her entrée into mixed martial arts at the 2000 PRIDE Grand Prix, and her first glimpse of the sport came from behind a microphone while watching Kazushi Sakuraba, Igor Vovchanchyn, and Mark Coleman scrap with blue gloves. She was a fixture of PRIDE until 2007, her voice cutting through applause from tens of thousands inside the Saitama Super Arena.

Brazilian Fighter of the Year hopes to train in Bahrain

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Luan Santiago, 2016 Brazilian Fighter of the Year has expressed his ambition to train in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Santiago has signed with Brave Combat Federation ever since the third edition of the promotion which took place in Brazil.

Santiago has two knockout victories among his three appearances in Brave Combat Federation. Santiago has also competed against Lucas Mineiro for the interim lightweight title where he faced an injury which stopped him from claiming the championship.

“Since I joined Brave, the only goal I had apart from getting the Lightweight Belt was to fight in the Kingdom of Bahrain. It’s something fascinating for me, you know? I’ve been waiting a lot for this opportunity and I’ll take the best out of it. I want to establish strong connections with this place, that’s the home of Brave, and if possible spend some time training with Sheikh Khalid’s team at KHK MMA too, I know



Luan Santiago

they have awesome people over there, like Eldar Eldarov, who I respect a lot and even studied in the past, because we are in the same weight class”, said Luan Santiago.

Stage set for Amateur MMA Awards

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IMMAF and WMMAA announced the first International Amateur MMA Awards to take place in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The inaugural annual ceremony will take place on November 15 at the ART Rotana Hotel & Resort, Manama, Bahrain, during the 2018 IMMAF-WMMAA Unified World Championships.

The occasion aims at global recognition for the achievements of amateur mixed martial artists, national federations and the officials working hard

to develop MMA as a world recognised sport of excellence.

The invitation only, black-tie awards dinner is exclusively for IMMAF delegates, national federation presidents, award nominees and special guests.

The evening will be hosted by British MMA journalist and MyNextMatch Communication Officer, Andreas Georgiou and promises entertainment and special guest appearances.

Nominations are to be announced shortly, with selections based on accomplishments over the past year.

Confident Sloane Stephens downs Osaka

AFP | Singapore

Confident Sloane Stephens stormed to victory yesterday with a commanding third set performance against Japanese sensation Naomi Osaka to highlight another night of stunning upsets at the WTA Finals in Singapore.

In an unpredictable encounter, the American overcame a second set stutter to dominate the decider and triumph 7-5, 4-6, 6-1 in two hours and 25 minutes.

It was followed by another marathon match with number eight seed Kiki Bertens overcoming top-seed Angelique Kerber in a thrilling 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 comeback victory.

The lower seeds have won all four matches to start the WTA Finals.

Before yesterday, Osaka had won 14 of her previous 16 matches to be the in-form player coming into the season-finale.

But the third seed was wildly inconsistent in the Red Group opener with 46 unforced errors and was broken three times in a third set meltdown.

Stephens handled the warm conditions better to record an impressive victory.

“It’s really humid inside the stadium, so it plays a little bit different,” she told reporters.

“Obviously playing someone with a lot of confidence is always a tough task, but I think that I played well and



Sloane Stephens of the US hits a return against Japan's Naomi Osaka

I kept a good attitude.”

Osaka lamented her error-strewn performance.

“I think I made more unforced errors than her in the third set,” she said.

“I don’t really think you can do that against her, so definitely I think that’s what made the difference.”

It was a much-anticipated showdown between the past two US Open champions, who were making their

WTA Finals debuts.

The game got off to a sluggish start with both players struggling to hold serve and few winners being struck before Stephens made her move, aggressively rattling Osaka with deep groundstrokes and pinpointing the lines.

A subdued Osaka could not unleash her powerful game and grew frustrated as Stephens drew first blood.



Supreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant general secretary and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) general secretary Abdulrahman Askar met Bahrain Mind Sports and E-Sports Federation president Ali Shuwaiter as well as board member and head of eGames Committee Ali Sharfi at the committee premises in Seef. Askar affirmed the committee’s support to eGames as per recommendations submitted by the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports to develop mind sports. Askar was also introduced to Abdulhakam Kareem, who became the first Bahraini to enter Guinness World Records after earning 1691 trophy platinum points in e-Games, as well as Sayed Hashim Ahmed, winner of the best Middle East player in 2017 and winner of the 2018 Confederations Cup

Disabled sports federation announces second charity race

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The Bahrain Disabled Sports Federation will organise the Second Charity Race for disabled individuals on November 3 at 7:30 am, in the Bahrain National Stadium, Isa Sports City.

The race, which will be held under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy

President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Honorary President of the Bahrain Disabled Sports Federation, is being organised in co-operation with the Bahrain Triathlon Association.

The race corresponds with HH Shaikh Khalid’s initiatives, which aim to integrate disabled people with all segments of society.

The event includes several races, depending on age groups and disability, as follows: general 3km race for the able-bodied, 3km cycling race for disabled individuals, 1km kids’ race for ages 11-13 years, 500m kids’ race for ages 9-10 years, 200m race for individuals with Down Syndrome and 100m kids’ race for ages 6-8 years. The races will also include entertainment for children.

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