

BRAVE CF adds Naurdiev to Super Welterweight division

Austrian star Ismail Naurdiev is the newest addition to an already stacked Super Welterweight (175lbs) division

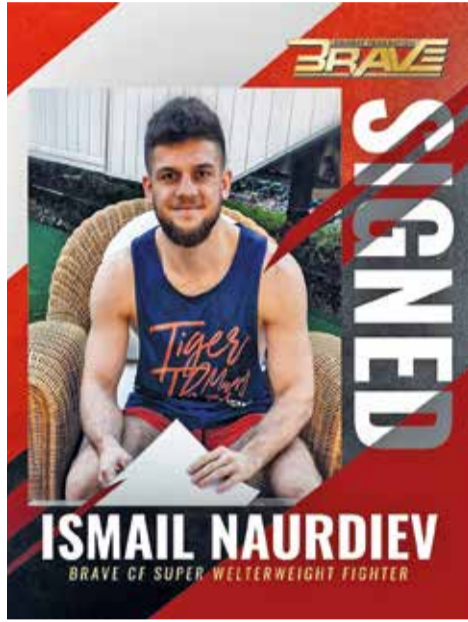
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BRAVE Combat Federation is continuing its pursuit of the best fighters in the world, and has announced the signing of Ismail Naurdiev, who's a huge addition to an already stacked Super Welterweight (175lbs) division, which is headed by reigning, two-time world champion Jarrah Al-Silawi.

Aside from Al-Silawi and Naurdiev, the Super Welterweights have some of the most exciting fighters on the organization's roster, such as Louis Glismann, Abdoul Abdouraguimov, Kevin Ruat, and has recently seen two big additions with Andreas Stahl and Nursulton Ruziboev.

And this is the caliber of fighters that Naurdiev hopes to be facing off against soon as he hailed the new step in his career and the level of competition he will be facing



inside the BRAVE CF Arena.

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I'm back!", celebrated an excited Naurdiev. No debut date has been set for "The Austrian Wonderboy" yet but he's raring to kick off his career in his new home with a huge fight.

BRAVE CF is putting together 21 days of mayhem in March, with four events three weeks, culminating to the historic BRAVE CF 50, which will celebrate the milestone of BRAVE CF becoming one of the fastest organizations to reach 50 events, while being the only one to have visited 21 countries in this period.

Speed king Sam Bennett doubles up on UAE Tour



Sam Bennett reacts after crossing the finish line

AFP | Dubai

” Ireland's Sam Bennett won the penultimate stage six of cycling's UAE Tour yesterday, confirming his early season form to claim his second victory at the Palm Jumeirah Island finish with ease.

After Thursday's possibly decisive 20km uphill finish the overall race leader Tadej Pogacar was able to take it easy on the run around Dubai, leaving the glory to the sprint specialists while he maintained his advantage finishing with the main pack.

Bennett beat Italian ace Elia Viviani into second and the German Bora man Pascal Ackermann came third.

The smiley Irishman, who cried after his first Tour de France stage win last season, can bag a hat-trick of wins Saturday on the seventh and final stage which also looks perfect for his strengths.

The 30-year-old said he would certainly go for it.

"We're pretty much nailing it at the minute," said Bennett.

"I really want stage seven and we'll for sure go for it again on Saturday."

The Slovenian Pogacar goes into stage seven with a 45sec lead on last year's champion Adam Yates with Portuguese rookie Joao Almeida in third

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The 130-strong peloton headed into strong winds yesterday with the temperature at 25 degrees Celcius for the 165km run around Dubai.

Four-time Tour de France winner Chris Froome failed to finish with the main pack and crossed the line 2min 27sec down on the day.

"I feel stronger every day," Froome said Thursday of his bid to get up to speed after coming to Dubai straight from rehab in California.

The 35-year-old insists he was not here to win but to start his preparations for the Tour de France in June.

Klopp voices fears over Henderson as Liverpool injury crisis deepens

AFP | London

Jurgen Klopp fears Liverpool captain Jordan Henderson may not play again this season after undergoing groin surgery as he grapples with a deepening injury crisis at Anfield.

The midfielder was forced off half an hour into a 2-0 home defeat to Everton last weekend and further investigation revealed the need for an operation.



Jurgen Klopp and Jordan Henderson

Liverpool's Premier League title defence has been badly undermined by season-ending injuries for centre-backs Virgil van Dijk, Joe Gomez and Joel Matip.

Henderson has been forced to deputise in defence for long stretches of the season and his absence is another major blow to the Reds' hopes of qualifying for the Champions League next season.

After a run of four consecu-

tive league defeats, Klopp's men are sixth in the table, five points adrift of the top four.

"It's not a quick one," said Klopp on the timescale for Henderson's return. "But we all hope there is a possibility for him to play a few games this season."

In a statement earlier yesterday, Liverpool said Henderson will be out until after the March international break at the earliest.

Manchester United face AC Milan in Europa League last 16

AFP | London

Manchester United and AC Milan will face off in the last 16 of the Europa League after being paired together in Friday's draw in Nyon.

United, who beat Real Sociedad 4-0 on aggregate in the previous round, will face the seven-time European champions in a two-legged encounter after they squeezed past Red Star Belgrade on away goals.

The tie will pit Zlatan Ibrahimovic against his former club in United, where he won the 2017 edition of the Europa League.

The Swede has been in fine form this season as Milan bid for a first Italian league title since 2011, scoring 14 Serie A goals in 13 appearances at the age of 39.

United will be considered favourites for the tie however as they sit second in the Premier League having lost just once in the English top flight since the start of November.

Milan meanwhile have surrendered top spot in Serie A to neighbours Inter Milan after a run of three defeats in five league matches which has Ste-



The Uefa Europa League trophy

fano Pioli's side looking over their shoulder at a host of rivals for a place in the Champions League.

Ajax will fancy their chances against Switzerland's Young Boys after the four-time European champions eliminated Ligue 1 leaders Lille on Thursday.

Granada were rewarded for making the last 16 in their first ever European campaign with a tie against Norway's Molde, while Roma coach Paulo Fonseca will be reunited with his old team Shakhtar Donetsk.

United's fellow Premier League teams Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal will face Dinamo Zagreb and Olympiakos respectively. Rangers take on Slavia Prague after dumping out Royal Antwerp 9-5 on aggregate.

Olsim set for comeback bout against Brazilian foe

TDT | Manila

Igorota mixed martial artist and Muay Thai national athlete Jenelyn Olsim is pursuing her dreams of becoming a world champion one day.

On March 19 at the Singapore Indoor Stadium, she will be mounting a comeback in the Circle after more than a year of layoff.

The Team Lakay's women's prized strawweight fighter is set to square off with Brazilian opponent Maira Mazar in ONE: Fists of Fury III.

The development was announced through coach Mark Sangiao's Facebook page accompanied with the official card of the event.

Jenelyn is the sister of Jerry Olsim, both members of national muay thai team.

Olsim, who holds a 3-2 mixed martial record, is the lone Team Lakay fighter in the women's strawweight division. Her teammate Gina Iniong competes in the atomweight.

The 2019 Southeast Asian Games silver medalist last saw action in August 2019, where she suffered a first-round submission loss against Australian fighter Caitlin McEwen in ONE



Olsim is chasing her passion and dreams

Warrior Series 7.

She had a successful debut in October 2018 though, scoring a unanimous decision win in ONE Warrior Series 3 against Claudia Diaz of Spain.

The Olsim siblings and men's strawweight rising star Lito Adiwang jumped shipped to Team Lakay from Tribal Torogi.

Olsim joined Team Lakay last year in August, making her the fourth female warrior in the squad including former atomweight No. 5 contender Iniong, fellow national muay thai team member Islay Erika Bomogao, and trainer Zephania Ngaya.

No. 5 strawweight fighter

Mazar, for her part, also had a 1-1 slate in the Singapore-based promotion with a recent victory over Korean foe Jung Yoon Choi in November last year.

The Brazilian fighter, representing Evolve MMA, has an overall record of 7-3.

Olsim formally joined Team Lakay last year, hoping to pursue further her dreams of becoming a world champion.

Olsim said leaving Tribal Torogi was one of the hardest decisions she has ever made but the SEA Games Muay Thai silver medalist said her transfer is all about "passion and chasing what you really want."

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"My brother Jerry didn't tell me to transfer but I was driven by what I saw in him and Lito Adiwang," said Olsim.

Her brother Jerry, and One Championship rising star Adiwang were also from Tribal Torogi who made a jump to Team Lakay, considered as the country's top mixed martial arts gym.

Aside from Lito and Jerry's achievements, Jenelyn said she was inspired by how they've developed as an athlete and as an individual.

"It's my decision through my passion. I wanted to achieve a long-time goal," said Jenelyn.