

BRAVE CF 105 officially locked in as weigh-ins confirm full card in Kazakhstan

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Almaty, Kazakhstan

BRAVE Combat Federation™ (BRAVE CF), the world's fastest-growing and most global mixed martial arts organization, has officially released the weigh-in results for BRAVE CF 105, emanating live from the Baluan Sholak Sports Palace in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on Sunday, May 31.

At the forefront of the event is a pivotal encounter that will determine the next undisputed BRAVE CF Featherweight World Champion. Ukraine's Omar Solomanov and Zimbabwe's Nicholas Hwende have both successfully made weight and now stand ready to compete for the division's highest honor.

The World Title opportunity follows a period of transition within the featherweight ranks after Nemat "Eagle" Abdrashitov



was relieved of the crown due to inactivity. The development opened the door for two of the

most outstanding athletes in the sport today to stake their claim as the new standard-bearer in

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* TITLE FIGHTS			
ALASH PRIDE FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP 65.8 KG / 145 LBS*		BRAVE CF FEATHERWEIGHT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 65.8 KG / 145 LBS	
ASYLJAN TASKET 66.0 KG	VS	OMAR SOLOMANOV 65.7 KG	VS
ALEXEY MESHKOV 65.7 KG		NICHOLAS HWENDE 65.7 KG	
MAIN CARD			
1	HEAVYWEIGHT BOUT 126.2 KG / 278 LBS*	2	60-KG CATCHWEIGHT BOUT 60 KG / 132 LBS**
RASSUL KHATAYEV 112.2 KG	VS	VLADIMIR PETRENKO 120.5 KG	DAS YERENGAPYEV 59.9 KG
3	FEATHERWEIGHT BOUT 65.8 KG / 145 LBS*	4	60-KG CATCHWEIGHT BOUT 60 KG / 132 LBS**
RAJUAN BEKDIYAT 64.2 KG	VS	SARJOR KADYRBERDIN 64.2 KG	ZHANIBEK TYNYSHTYK 62.9 KG
5	MIDDLEWEIGHT BOUT 80.9 KG / 178 LBS*	6	LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT BOUT 93 KG / 205 LBS*
ABDULRAHMAN IMIRZAKAYEV 84.9 KG	VS	ASADBEK RAYSHANOV 84.03 KG	MURAD ZHURABAYEV 93.4 KG
7	74-KG CATCHWEIGHT BOUT 74 KG / 163 LBS*	8	LIGHTWEIGHT BOUT 70.3 KG / 155 LBS*
RUSTEM KUDAYBERDINOV 74.0 KG	VS	KURBAN BIRISOV 73.8 KG	SULTAN TAGYEV 70.7 KG
9	LIGHTWEIGHT BOUT 70.3 KG / 155 LBS*	10	FEATHERWEIGHT BOUT 65.8 KG / 145 LBS*
NIYAMBEK ABDRASHITOV 70.7 KG	VS	ARTUR ABUTYKOV 70.9 KG	GEORGIY MANSURBAEVE 66.2 KG
11	60-KG CATCHWEIGHT BOUT 60 KG / 132 LBS**	12	60-KG CATCHWEIGHT BOUT 60 KG / 132 LBS**
ENKAN ZHUMABAYEV 67.0 KG	VS	EDUARD CASTRO 64.6 KG	ADHONOVY SHARAFYEV 73.0 KG
13	71-KG CATCHWEIGHT BOUT 71 KG / 156 LBS*		
KADYRBEK SHARAFYEV 72.8 KG	VS		
IBRAIMOV MISSED THE 60 KG CATCHWEIGHT LIMIT BY 3.5 KG. THE BOUT WILL PROCEED AT 63.5 KG, WITH IBRAIMOV FORFEITING 30% OF HIS GUARANTEED PURSE.			

ent pool while reinforcing its investment in the development of emerging athletes. Several of Kazakhstan's rising mixed martial artists will have the opportunity to perform before a passionate home crowd, adding further significance to the occasion.

Among the featured attractions is the highly anticipated rematch between Asyljan Tasket and Alexey "Sushist" Meshkov, who will once again meet with the Alash Pride Featherweight Championship at stake. The matchup adds another layer of prestige to an already stacked lineup and underscores the collaborative strength of the alliance between BRAVE CF and Alash Pride League.

With all athletes successfully cleared for competition, BRAVE CF 105 is positioned to deliver a memorable showcase of skill, determination, and championship ambition. Fans around the world can look forward to an extravaganza that combines high-stakes matchups with the global spirit that has become synonymous with the BRAVE CF brand.

BRAVE CF 105 will broadcast worldwide.

Atlético Madrid mock Barcelona after rejected Julián Álvarez bid

Manama

Atlético Madrid have sparked controversy online after reportedly rejecting an opening offer from FC Barcelona for striker Julián Álvarez, responding with a series of sarcastic social media posts aimed at the Catalan club.

According to reports, Barcelona submitted an initial bid for the Argentine forward, which Atlético swiftly turned down, valuing the player significantly higher and showing no intention of negotiating at that level.

Following the rejection, Atlético posted mocking messages on social media parodying transfer negotiations and taking aim at Barcelona's approach.

In one widely shared post, the club jokingly claimed to have sent a "formal offer" for Lamine Yamal consisting

of concert tickets, a newspaper subscription, and sunflower seeds, referencing what they implied was an undervalued bid for Álvarez. The club also "announced" fictional deals involving players

such as Pedri and Raphinha, alongside a tongue-in-cheek warning for fans not to believe everything they see online, particularly anything linked to FC Barcelona.



Argentine forward Julian Alvarez

Despite the humour, Atlético later issued a more serious message distancing themselves from misinformation circulating online, while reiterating that Álvarez is not for sale at a reduced price, with reports suggesting a valuation in excess of 175 million.

Barcelona's interest in the Argentine striker is understood to be genuine, with initial contacts already made, although negotiations remain at an early and complex stage.

Álvarez, currently on international duty with Argentina ahead of upcoming World Cup fixtures, has not commented on the speculation. While the situation continues to attract attention online, Atlético's stance remains firm and a deal between the two clubs appears unlikely in the near term.

BBA confirms new season schedule

TDT | Manama

The Bahrain Basketball Association has approved the calendar for the upcoming domestic season, covering both age-group and senior men's competitions as part of its preparations for the new campaign.

According to the confirmed schedule, youth competitions will tip off on August 14 with the Under-12 Minis Championship, followed by the Under-14 tournament on August 15, and the Khalid bin Hamad Under-16 League on August 17.

The Under-21 League is set to begin on September 3, while the Under-18 Khalid bin Hamad Youth League will start on September 6.



In the men's competitions, the Federation Cup will get the season underway on August 10, followed by the 3x3 Club Tournament on August 15.

The Zain Bahrain Basketball League is scheduled to begin on October 4, while the Super Cup will take place on October 23, featuring a clash between Muharraq and Manama.

Mercedes opt out of buying stake in F1 rivals Alpine

BBC

Mercedes have pulled out of talks to buy a minority shareholding in the Alpine team because they felt it was overpriced.

The German car company and its F1 boss Toto Wolff had agreed in principle with Alpine owners Renault to buy the 24% stake in their team that is owned by investment group Otro Capital.

But Otro was demanding a price Mercedes considered to be above market value and the deal has collapsed.

Insiders have told BBC Sport Otro wanted \$720m (£536m)



Toto Wolff (right) had hoped to join forces with Alpine, run by Flavio Briatore (left)

for its shareholding, a figure that values the team at \$3bn (£2.2bn). Otro paid 200m euros (£171m) for its stake in June 2023.

A source at Renault said: "We understand that discussions have stopped."

Mercedes and Wolff were both contacted for comment, but were unavailable.

Mercedes considers a figure in the region of \$2.2-2.4bn (£1.6-1.8bn) a fair valuation for Alpine, sources have said, based on the usual method for valuing a company. When it is loss-making, as Alpine is, this is based on revenue multiples.

Other recent deals involving F1 team ownership have seen Mercedes valued at £4.6bn and world champions McLaren at £3.5bn.

Both of those teams are profitable, and considerably more successful than Alpine, which is fifth in the constructors' championship after five races this season, having finished last in 2025.

Other parties interested in buying the Otro shareholding included a group of investors linked to former Red Bull team principal Christian Horner, as well as a number of private equity groups.

However, Renault is said to have decided not to continue with any further talks on the matter.

Renault has a power of veto over any sale of the Otro shares

until September, and would have used that to block any sale to a group that had links with Horner.

Alpine this week struck a major title sponsorship deal with the luxury goods brand Gucci.

This was landed by executive adviser Flavio Briatore through his links with Luca de Meo, the former chief executive officer of Renault who is now CEO of Gucci owner Kering.

Mercedes' interest in a shareholding in Alpine was founded on the idea of a long-term engine supply and the benefits of a number of economies of scale that arise from such links.