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Team Bahrain gets first gold medal

The home team advance into five finals in IMMAF World Championship

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Bahrain's run of good results continued through to Day 4 of 2019 IMMAF World Championships, as the Kingdom was able to get its first gold medal through Murad Guseinov, who became the Junior Welterweight world champion with yet another dominant performance. Team Bahrain was able to progress through to five more

finals, which will be held this Saturday at the Khalifa Sports City Arena, in Isa Town.

Women's Featherweight phenom Sabrina Sousa piled her way through the final of her weight class, by beating Finland's Jenni Kivioja. She will face Jasmine Favero, from Italy, in the final. Brena Cardozo won a bronze medal in the Women's Bantamweight division. Pasha Karkhachayev was made to

work for his first victory in the World Championships, as he beat Shamsutdin Makhmudov, from Russia, and made his way to the final and towards his second-straight gold medal in the Super Heavyweight final match. Pasha will take on Rassul Khatayev, from Kazakhstan in his second straight world final.

Another Bahrain appearance in the final will be that of Magomed Gadzhiasulov, in the Light Heavyweight division,

who beat Dima Ruzhtskyi from Ukraine, and will now face his countryman Murtaza Talha Ali, who beat Serik Abirov, from Kazakhstan.

In the Welterweight division, two Bahraini fighters will also face off, as two more medals are guaranteed. Zagid Gaidarov and Ramazan Gitinov both won their respective fights and will fight with world gold on the line.



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa looks on during a match



A winner celebrates after his bout



Winners celebrate on the podium

Kooheji set to make Bahrain proud

Hamza Kooheji is set to be the main attraction of Brave CF 29 when he takes on Nahuel Gandolfi

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Hamza Kooheji will make his main event debut in a night full of emotions, this Friday, at the Khalifa Sports City Arena, in Isa Town, Bahrain. Starting at 5.30 PM, BRAVE CF 29 will be the culmination of a lifelong struggle for recognition, in a sport that went from zero to 100 in the country thanks to the efforts of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa's relentless work in providing local fighters with the proper platform to become the heroes they deserve.

As "The Pride of Bahrain" makes the walk tonight, he will become the first Bahraini to fight in a main event for BRAVE Combat Federation in the Kingdom. Kooheji has been one of the stalwarts of the mixed martial arts scene in Bahrain and was



Hamza Kooheji and Nahuel Gandolfi face off against each other



Fighters face off against each other



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moved by the huge support he received this Thursday, during the ceremonial weigh-ins.

The last fighter to come to the stage to face off against his opponent, Argentina's Nahuel Gandolfi, Hamza has become one of the faces of the sport in the Middle East and definitely a hero for the Bahraini people. This could be in sight as he was cheered on to the stage and intimidated his adversary

in the last staredown before the duo throw down during fight night.

From the start of his career, coached by current BRAVE CF president Mohammed Shahid, to the fame acquired through his efforts and victories for BRAVE CF around the world, Kooheji hasn't changed at all. He's still the best training partner at KHK MMA, the world-renowned gym in the heart of Bahrain, that has

become synonymous with grassroots development.

Not only he's one of the Bantamweight division's top fighters, Hamza is also a role model for the youngsters fighting their way in the amateur scene. It was no surprise, then, that the youngsters were screaming for their idol, giving him the energy to represent Bahrain with honour and courage, something he's always done.



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