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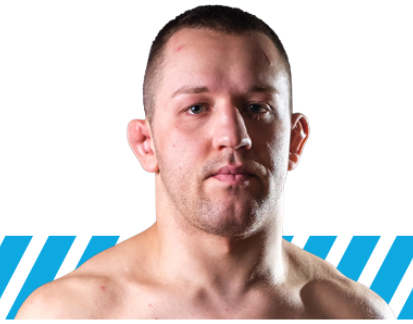
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MAIN EVENT (Fight #7):
OLLI SANTALAHTI VS STEFAN SEKULIC



MAIN EVENT



OLLI SANTALAHTI	CAGE 57	STEFAN SEKULIC
FINNFIGHTERS GYM	80 KG	FAMILY FIGHT TEAM
13-5-0		14-7-0
180CM / 80KG		185CM / 80KG
FINLAND, TURKU		SERBIA, NOVI SAD

THE MATCHUP

CAGE 57 Main Event will see Olli “The Amazing” Santalahti face Serbian UFC- veteran Stefan Sekulic in a matchup of two top European fighters. With both athletes strong suit being their grappling game, this fight comes down to whoever can implement their own gameplan first and win the early wrestling exchanges. To find top position hometown favorite Santalahti has two navigate through the dangerous striking of Sekulic while the Serbian veteran has to be ready to stop the powerful Finn at all cost.

STATISTICS

OLLI SANTALAHTI

Residence: Turku, Finland
Weight: 77 kg
Height: 180 cm
Reach: 192 cm
Coaches/ Team: Sami Sakko, Timo-Juhani Hirvikangas/ FinnFIghter´s Gym
Social Media: @santalahtiolli
Ranking: #1 Nordic Europe

STEFAN SEKULIC

Residence: Novi Sad, Serbia
Weight: 77 kg
Height:183 cm
Reach: 192 cm
Coaches/ Team: Family Fight Team
Social Media: @stefansekulic
Ranking: #12 Europe Balkans

FIGHTER PORTRAITS

OLLI SANTALAHTI

An unrelenting grappler and takedown artist, Olli Santalahti is an undeniable force inside the CAGE. With a dangerous submission arsenal both on top and off of his back, the grappling specialist has an ever developing striking game to complement his strong ground fighting.

STEFAN SEKULIC

Stefan Sekulic has a versatile and unorthodox striking game, but the Serbian is at his best in a grinding grappling match where he gets to utilize heavy top pressure and strong takedown game.

VIDEO MATERIAL ON YOUTUBE

OLLI SANTALAHTI

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGXlBsdigEE
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCvvxgCazew
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nECTucLYw4k

STEFAN SEKULIC

https://youtu.be/eQYreA1K_Xw
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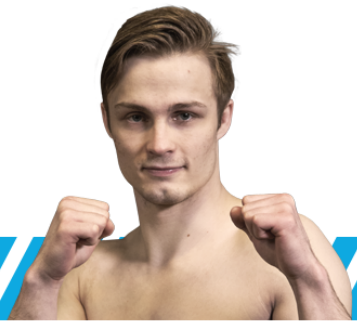
PREVIUS FIGHTS: OLLI SANTALAHTI

PRO RESULTS				Expand All Details
	Stefan Sekulić 13-5-0	14-7-0	Confirmed Upcoming Bout CAGE 57	2023.02.11
L	Kamal Magomedov 13-4-0	9-0-0	Loss · Doctor Stoppage (Cut) · 1:08 · R3 BRAVE CF 63	2022.10.19
W	Kirill Medvedovski 12-4-0	14-9-0	Win · KO/TKO · 0:51 · R1 Hamara MMA Vol. 1	2022.05.28
C	Oleg Nagorny		Cancelled Bout	2022.05.28
L	Ismail Naurdiev 12-3-0	20-5-0	Loss · Decision · Unanimous BRAVE CF 54	2021.09.25
C	Kevin Ruart		Cancelled Bout	2021.08.01
W	Georges Eid 11-3-0	7-3-0	Win · Decision · Split BRAVE CF 48	2021.03.18

PREVIUS FIGHTS: STEFAN SEKULIC

PRO RESULTS				Expand All Details
	Olli Santalahti 14-7-0	13-5-0	Confirmed Upcoming Bout CAGE 57	2023.02.11
L	Aslambek Arsamikov 14-6-0	7-4-0	Loss · Punches · 0:15 · R1 Serbian Battle Championship 44	2022.09.09
L	Vitaly Slipenko 14-5-0	13-4-0	Loss · Spinning Back Fist · 4:46 · R2 ACA 136: Bukuev vs. Akopyan	2022.02.26
L	Andre Fialho 14-4-0	13-3-0	Loss · Elbow & Punches · 1:53 · R1 UAE Warriors 24	2021.10.29
W	Zalimkhan Yusupov 13-4-0	14-7-0	Win · Decision · Unanimous Serbian Battle Championship 33	2021.08.21
W	Carlo Prater 12-4-0	34-20-1	Win · Decision · Unanimous Serbian Battle Championship 32	2021.07.24

CO-MAIN EVENT (Fight #6):
EEMIL KURHELA vs PAULO OLIVEIRA



MAIN EVENT



EEMIL KURHELA	CAGE 57	PAULO OLIVEIRA
03 FIGHT TEAM	65,8 KG	O.C.S MONTEIRO
4-0-0		1-3-0
177CM / 68KG		170CM / 65,8KG
FINLAND, RIIHIMÄKI		BRAZIL, MANAUS

THE MATCHUP

Nordic top prospect Eemil Kurhela is having a hard time finding a worthy challenger, but bravely BJJ black belt Paulo Oliveira steps up to the challenge. The aggressive Oliveira has his best chance for victory by grounding and catching Kurhela in a submission. With distinctive advantage in both power and athleticism, “Sergeant” Kurhela should take a calm and calculated win here, but knowing him, the 03 athlete is likely to look for another highlight finish.

STATISTICS

EEMIL KURHELA

Residence: Riihimäki, Finland
Weight: 65,8 kg
Height: 177 cm
Reach: 178 cm
Coaches/ Team: Aleksi Toivonen, Mikael Silander, Sami Mehamedi, 03 Fight Team
Other: Had his first child in 2022, a real reserve sergeant in Finnish military
Media: @eemilkurhela
Ranking: #14 Nordic Europe

PAULO OLIVEIRA

Residence: Manaus, Brazil
Weight: 65,8 kg
Height: 170 cm
Reach: -
Coaches/ Team: O.C.S Monteiro
Other: BJJ Black Belt, BJJ Champion
Ranking: -

FIGHTER PORTRAITS

EEMIL KURHELA

Very fast starter. Has both KO power in his hands and submission prowess. Fast and athletic with good scrambling ability. The most experienced amateur competitor in Finnish MMA history with 40 amateur fights. multiple time National champion and two-time European Bronze medalist.

PAULO OLIVEIRA

Oliveira is a BJJ specialist and a really aggressive submission hunter. Though he has limited experience in MMA he is a multiple time European medalist in BJJ.

VIDEO MATERIAL ON YOUTUBE

EEMIL KURHELA

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rlu5hfKn_NU
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ElaM3Mk0B74&t=611s
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYsb_Vg6hEA
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfxB8gtUrvw

PAULO OLIVEIRA

PREVIUS FIGHTS: EEMIL KURHELA

PRO RESULTS — Expand All Details

W	Markus Mäki-Ventelä 3-0-0 4-3-0	Win · Guillotine Choke · R1 CAGE 56	2022.12.10	
C	Gleison Macario	Cancelled Bout	2022.12.10	
W	Beka Eradze 2-0-0 4-2-0	Win · Injury · 2:32 · R1 CAGE 55: Lampinen vs. Tollefsen	2022.09.03	
W	Misha Goriashvili 1-0-0 3-1-0	Win · Rear Naked Choke · 3:39 · R1 CAGE MMA 54	2022.04.23	
W	Migen Pepa 0-0-0 0-0-0	Win · Ground & Pound · 0:33 · R1 CAGE MMA 53	2022.03.05	

PREVIUS FIGHTS: PAULO OLIVEIRA

Fight #5

MIKKO AHMALA VS EVASIO D´ONOFRIO





MIKKO AHMALA	CAGE 57	EVASIO D'ONOFRIO
LOOP MARTIAL ARTS	79 KG	AURORA MMA
7-6-0		12-8-0
188CM / 79KG		178CM / 79KG
FINLAND, ESPOO		ITALY, TERRACINA

THE MATCHUP

“Maniac” is ready to showcase another excellent striking performance, but he will need to do so early, as the danger of D´Onofrio grows the longer the fight goes. If Ahmala can get going early and put pressure on the Italian, there is a chance he will score a fast finish in this fight.

STATISTICS

MIKKO AHMALA

Residence: Helsinki, Finland
Weight: 77 kg
Height: 188 cm
Reach: 187 cm
Coaches/ Team: Olli Rainemo/ LOOP MMA
Other: Ahmala had his first CAGE fight in 2013
Media: @ahmalamma

EVASIO D´ONOFRIO

Residence: Italy
Weight: 77 kg
Height:178 cm
Reach:-
Coaches/ Team: Aurora MMA
Other:
Ranking: -

FIGHTER PORTRAITS

MIKKO AHMALA

A sharp striker with a very underrated grappling game. A real veteran of CAGE MMA Ahmala has turned into a technically fantastic fighter without forgetting the nickname “Maniac”.

EVASIO D´ONOFRIO

D´Onofrio has had a long career competeing throughout Europe in his career. A slow starter with power in his hands, once the Italian gets his engine going, he is as dangerous of a fighter as they come.

VIDEO MATERIAL ON YOUTUBE

MIKKO AHMALA

https://youtu.be/fh-GIubAImU
https://youtu.be/DOn3hXPQk9Y

EVASIO D´ONOFRIO

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACu4wrbQ0cM
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8imUZInpmJY&t=1s

PREVIUS FIGHTS: MIKKO AHMALA

PRO RESULTS				Expand All Details
	Evasio D'Onofrio 7-6-0 12-8-0	Confirmed Upcoming Bout CAGE 57	2023.02.11	
C	Andreas Berg Gustafsson	Cancelled Bout	2022.12.10	
W	Joachim Tollefsen 6-6-0 6-4-1	Win · Decision · Unanimous CAGE MMA 54	2022.04.23	
L	Maxim Mikhteev 6-5-0 11-7-0	Loss · Decision · Unanimous Total Fight Night 4	2019.10.12	
C	Anatoly Makarkin	Cancelled Bout	2019.09.14	
L	Vojtech Garba 6-4-0 3-2-0	Loss · Leg Kicks & Punches · 4:02 · R2 Cage 42	2018.02.17	

PREVIUS FIGHTS: EVASIO D´ONOFRIO

PRO RESULTS				Expand All Details
	Mikko Ahmala 12-8-0 7-6-0	Confirmed Upcoming Bout CAGE 57	2023.02.11	
L	Abdellah Er-Ramy 12-7-0 5-1-0	Loss · Punches · 1:04 · R1 LBE FC: Road to AFL	2022.10.08	
C	Abdellah Er-Ramy	Cancelled Bout	2022.06.18	
L	Joe Ray 12-6-0 14-6-0	Loss · KO/TKO · 3:45 · R1 Kunlun Fight MMA 15	2017.10.03	
W	Claudio Conti 11-6-0 6-3-2	Win · Decision · Split The Golden Cage 1	2017.05.13	
W	Fabio Carbone 10-6-0 0-3-0	Win · KO/TKO · 4:00 · R2 Slam FC 10	2017.05.01	

Fight #4
KIRILL ANDREEV VS ARTURS OZOLINS





KIRILL ANDREEV	CAGE 57	ARTURS OZOLINS
FINNFIGHTERS GYM	84 KG	
4-1-0		4-4-0
184CM / 84KG		189CM / 83,9KG
FINLAND, TURKU		LATVIA, RIGA

THE MATCHUP

Andreev is coming in hot for his CAGE debut. With record busy 2022, the FinnFighters Gym representative will be looking to use his strong grappling and dangerous ground striking to score victory in this outing. BUT do not sleep on Ozolins as the dangerous Latvian has all the tools to score a finish here.. provided he can stay on his feet against the takedown game of Andreev.

STATISTICS

KIRILL ANDREEV

Residence: Turku, Finland
Weight: 84kg
Height: 184cm
Reach: -
Coaches/ Team: Sami Sakko, Timo-Juhani Hirvikangas/ FinnFIghter´s Gym
Ranking: #5 Nordic Europe

ARTURS OZOLINS

Residence: Riga, Latvia
Weight: 84kg
Height: 189
Reach: -
Coaches: Allstars Training Center
Ranking: -

FIGHTER PORTRAITS

KIRILL ANDREEV

"Busiest man in finnish MMA" with a record of fife fights in 2022, Kirill Andreev is an excellent takedown artist with an aggressive ground and pound game that has scored him all four finishes of his pro career.

ARTURS OZOLINS

An athletic all-rounder with decent skills both standing and on the ground. Latvian Ozolins is a sharp striker with excellent cardio that keep him dangerous for the duration of the fight.

VIDEO MATERIAL ON YOUTUBE

KIRILL ANDREEV

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JXAcD20V8g&t=716s
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BtkL0o3zNOI&t=515s

ARTURS OZOLINS

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NFDlOn-h69g&t=35s

PREVIUS FIGHTS: KIRILL ANDREEV

PRO RESULTS				Expand All Details
	Arturs Ozolins 4-1-0	4-4-0	Confirmed Upcoming Bout CAGE 57	2023.02.11
W	Saku Heikola 3-1-0	7-8-0	Win · KO/TKO · 1:52 · R2 Carelia Fight 16	2022.10.05
W	Jussi Pirttikangas 2-1-0	0-0-0	Win · KO/TKO · 1:52 · R1 Hamara MMA Vol. 2	2022.09.10
W	Ričards Ozols 1-1-0	0-0-0	Win · Retirement · 5:00 · R2 Fight Night Huwila Areena	2022.07.16
W	Addis Saljević 0-1-0	0-2-0	Win · KO/TKO · 4:05 · R2 Hamara MMA Vol. 1	2022.05.28
L	Erikas Golubovskis 0-0-0	6-0-1	Loss · Decision · Split KOK 99	2022.03.19

PREVIUS FIGHTS: ARTURS OZOLINS

PRO RESULTS				Expand All Details
	Kirill Andreev 4-4-0	3-1-0	Confirmed Upcoming Bout CAGE 57	2023.02.11
C	Rasmus Elehrs		Cancelled Bout	2022.11.12
L	Dominic Schober 4-3-0	11-10-0	Loss · Decision · Unanimous Soko Fighting Championship 3	2022.06.04
W	Aidar Abdulrakhman 3-3-0	6-3-2	Win · Knees & Elbows · 1:34 · R3 WWFC 20	2021.09.25
W	Abdellah Er-Ramy 2-3-0	1-0-0	Win · Punches · 3:15 · R1 LNK Fight Night 12	2019.07.19

Fight #3
RIKU URHOLIN VS MICHELE





RIKU URHOLIN	CAGE 57	MICHELE MIRABELLA
PORIN KAMPPAILU-URHEILU KESKUS	93 KG	HAMMERS TEAM
1-1-0		5-5-0
182CM / 93KG		188CM / 93KG
FINLAND, PORI		ITALY, TERRACINA

THE MATCHUP

As most fights against a fighter with the last name Urholin, this match is a classic striker vs grappler fight. Mirabella will likely look to use his athleticism and keep the fight on it´s feet while Urholin will look to utilize his strong grappling prowess for the victory.

STATISTICS

RIKU URHOLIN

Residence: Pori, Finland
Weight: 93kg
Height: 182cm
Reach: 188cm
Coaches/ Team: Porin Kamppailu-Urheilu Keskus
Other: BJJ Black Belt, No-Gi European Champion
Ranking: #9 Europe Nordic

MICHELE MIRABELLA

Residence: Terracina, Italy
Weight: 93kg
Height: 188cm
Reach:
Coaches/ Team: Hammer Academy
Other:

FIGHTER PORTRAITS

RIKU URHOLIN

With his first Pro victory in the pocket the grappling ace Urholin is looking to make it two in a row to start 2023. No-Gi European champion and ADCC medalist is though battle for anyone he is able to drag to the ground inside the CAGE.

MICHELE MIRABELLA

Mirabella is a solid fighter with no massive weaknesses. A powerful puncher and a heavy top game have carried the Italian to multiple regional titles in his native Italy.

VIDEO MATERIAL ON YOUTUBE

RIKU URHOLIN

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0jjVbdsqlc&t=373s
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THvJNHYRohY

MICHELE MIRABELLA

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WKe3xjE3UeU&t=160s

PREVIUS FIGHTS: RIKU URHOLIN

PRO RESULTS				Expand All Details
	Michele Mirabella 1-1-0	5-5-0	Confirmed Upcoming Bout CAGE 57	2023.02.11
C	Michele Mirabella		Cancelled Bout	2022.12.10
W	Andreas Knutsson 0-1-0	0-0-0	Win · KO/TKO · R2 CAGE 55: Lampinen vs. Tollefsen	2022.09.03
L	Archil Gogolashvili 0-0-0	0-1-0	Loss · KO/TKO · 2:25 · R1 CAGE MMA 54	2022.04.23

PREVIUS FIGHTS: MICHELE MIRABELLA

PRO RESULTS				Expand All Details
	Riku Urholin 5-5-0	1-1-0	Confirmed Upcoming Bout CAGE 57	2023.02.11
C	Riku Urholin		Cancelled Bout	2022.12.10
C	Oreste Pellegrini		Cancelled Bout	2019.11.24
C	Salvatore Terralavoro		Cancelled Bout	2019.11.16
C	Giuseppe Ruotolo		Cancelled Bout	2019.10.04
L	Abdoul Sow 5-4-0	0-0-0	Loss · Ground & Pound · 2:30 · R2 Toscana Power Tournament	2019.05.19

Fight #2
KARRI ITKONEN VS HAMA DARA





KARRI ITKONEN	CAGE 57	HAMA DARA
GB GYM / PRIMUS	63 KG	FINNFIGHTERS GYM
1-3-0		0-2-0
175CM / 63KG		182CM / 63KG
FINLAND, HELSINKI		FINLAND, TURKU

THE MATCHUP

An interesting matchup between two bantamweights. Dara will likely look to use his range and kicking game to control the pacing of the fight, while Itkonen will want to close the distance, put Dara on his back and tire him out on a route to a late finish.

STATISTICS

KARRI ITKONEN

Residence: Helsinki, Finland
Weight: 63kg
Height: 175cm
Reach: -
Coaches: Anton Kuivanen/ GB Gym
Other:
Media: @karriitkonen
Ranking: -

HAMA DARA

Residence: Turku, Finland
Weight: 63kg
Height: 182
Reach: -
Coaches: Sami Sakko, Timo- Juhani Hirvikangas/ FinnFIghter´s Gym
Media: @hamadarax
Ranking: -

FIGHTER PORTRAITS

KARRI ITKONEN

Itkonen is a veteran of martial arts in every sense of the world. A versatile kickboxer Itkonen has changed his game up and focused on his grappling and top control in his last outing to score victory.

HAMA DARA

Long and lanky for the division, Hama Dara is a sniper like kicker with a good scrambling ability. Dangerous where ever the fight goes Dara is willing to step up to face any challenge put in front of him.

VIDEO MATERIAL ON YOUTUBE

KARRI ITKONEN

https://youtu.be/Tv-aiZu4v4Y

HAMA DARA

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lGxFN7F2b74

PREVIUS FIGHTS: KARRI ITKONEN

PRO RESULTS				Expand All Details
	Hama Dara 1-3-0	0-2-0	Confirmed Upcoming Bout CAGE 57	2023.02.11
W	Yasir Uyar 0-3-0	0-0-0	Win · Decision · Unanimous Total Fight Night 6	2022.11.19
L	Karvann Ahmadi 0-2-0	0-0-0	Loss · Decision · Unanimous CAGE MMA 53	2022.03.05
C	Karvann Ahmadi		Cancelled Bout	2022.01.29
L	Shakhboz Mirzoev 0-1-0	2-0-0	Loss · Decision · Unanimous Loimaa Fight Night 2019	2019.10.19
L	Hannan Housmand 0-0-0	0-0-0	Loss · Doctor Stoppage (Cut) · 5:00 · R1 NFC Fight Night 1	2016.05.28

PREVIUS FIGHTS: HAMA DARA

PRO RESULTS				Expand All Details
	Karri Itkonen 0-2-0	1-3-0	Confirmed Upcoming Bout CAGE 57	2023.02.11
L	Safiullah Husseini 0-1-0	1-2-0	Loss · Decision · Split CAGE 56	2022.12.10
L	Sebastian Decowski 0-0-0	1-0-0	Loss · KO/TKO · R3 FSC 5: Hardcorowe Kaszëbë	2022.10.08

Fight #1
KARVAN AHMADI VS ARMAN RAISI





KARVANN AHMADI	CAGE 57	ARMAN RAISI
BJJ VAASA	62 KG	TEAM RAISI
1-0-0		0-0-0
169CM / 61,2KG		167CM / 62KG
FINLAND, VAASA		NETHERLANDS

THE MATCHUP

The matchup between Ahmadi and Raisi has fireworks written all over it. The Dutch fighter has the more versatile skills and is the sharper finisher of the two, but as a natural flyweight will be facing the more physical athlete in Ahmadi. If Ahmadi can use his strong wrestling offense to shut down the Afghan challenger he has a solid chance for victory, but scrambling and a wild firefight might favor the debuting Raisi.

STATISTICS

KARVAN AHMADI

Residence: Vaasa, Finland
Weight: 63kg
Height: 169cm
Reach: 171cm
Coaches/ Team: BJJ Vaasa
Other: Wrestling champion, MMA National Champion, was on Big Brother in 2022
Media: @karvannahmadimma

ARMAN RAISI

Residence: Netherlands
Born: Afghanistan
Weight: 62kg
Height: 167cm
Reach: -
Coaches/ Team: Team Raisi

FIGHTER PORTRAITS

KARVAN AHMADI

A national champion with a lifelong background in wrestling. Physically gifted athlete with a smile to die for, Ahmadi is at his best when he can use his suffocating wrestling offense and impose his will on his opponents.

ARMAN RAISI

Arman Raisi is an Aghanistan athlete representing The Netherlands. An aggressive striker with a knack for high amplitude throws and an aggressive submission game, Raisi is a handful for anyone he faces in the CAGE.

VIDEO MATERIAL ON YOUTUBE

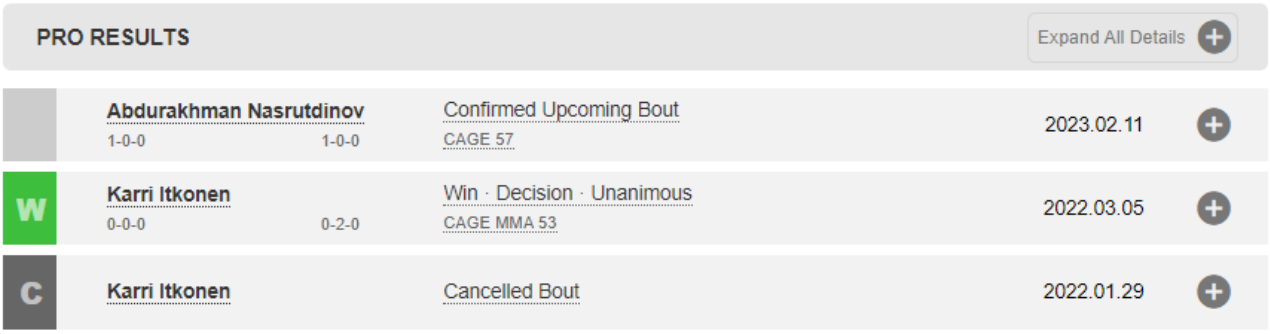
KARVAN AHMADI

https://youtu.be/Tv-aiZu4v4Y
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2Yg4Lczo_o

ARMAN RAISI

https://youtu.be/lodJL1pqd-g

PREVIUS FIGHTS: KARVAN AHMADI



PRO RESULTS				Expand All Details
	Abdurakhman Nasrutdinov 1-0-0	1-0-0	Confirmed Upcoming Bout CAGE 57	2023.02.11
W	Karri Itkonen 0-0-0	0-2-0	Win · Decision · Unanimous CAGE MMA 53	2022.03.05
C	Karri Itkonen		Cancelled Bout	2022.01.29

PREVIUS FIGHTS: ARMAN RAISI