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CALVIN KATTAR; NED LAMOTTE VICTORIOUS IN MMA FIGHTS AT ROCKINGHAM PARK



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SALEM, NH — Local favorite Calvin Kattar made light work of John Bermudez by winning his MMA fight in only 29 seconds in front of 1,200 screaming and enthusiastic fans in the sold out

Sports Club at Rockingham Park on Friday night.

Kattar, of Methuen, Ma who trains with the Premier Fight Team in Derry, NH, asserted his dominance and improved his record to 6-1-0 with the first round TKO when Bermudez (3-2-0) of Dover, NH was clearly outclassed and overmatched.

“I wish it happened like this every time,” said an overjoyed Kattar afterward. “I’d like to win them all this way.”

In the co-feature on the 10-fight card that set up a rematch between Nate LaMotte (9-4-0) of Manchester and Marcus Ajian (6-3-0) of Sandusky, Ohio, LaMotte exacted his revenge when his opponent tapped out in 1:10 of the first round after getting caught in a heel hook.

“It was a little unexpected how it turned out,” said LaMotte, who trained eight hours per day for the rematch and fights out of Team Burgess in Manchester. “He wanted to wear an ankle brace and I said it was okay. I went for his ankle with a Ju-Jiutsu move and that was it. What’s next for me? I’ll fight anyone wherever they want me to go.”

In the first four bouts of the night, all featuring amateurs, Team Fury of Derry, NH and Methuen had a big night winning the first three with its fighters. Claudio Rene (1-0-0) of Methuen defeated Dan Lepore (0-1-0) of Manchester by TKO 22 seconds into the second round, Kenny Rodriguez (2-0-0) of Manchester and Rick Corrigan (0-5-0) of Whitefield, NH took their battle the entire three rounds before Rodriguez prevailed by unanimous decision, and John Santos (1-1-0) of Manchester won by unanimous decision over Jeremy Spreadburry (0-1-0) from Lyme, NH in an exciting and even match that went the full three rounds. In the fourth, Team Fury’s Nick Santos (0-3-0) of Manchester succumbed to an arm bar by Jeff Silva (1-2-0) of Lawrence, Ma after 43 seconds into the second round.

The pros took over in the fifth fight of the night and Chad Lightfoot (1-0-0) of Attleboro, Ma made his

debut a winning one in the 205 lb. weight class when he defeated Jose Santiago (0-3-0) of Pawtucket, RI by unanimous decision. In the sixth, Tom Moreau (3-1-0) of Derry reigned strikes on the head of Jay Fortier (2-4-0) of Manchester in the 170 lb. class and won in only 1:04 of the first round by TKO. The heavyweights took over in the seventh and Randy Smith (6-9-0) of Locke, NY scored a split decision over the previously undefeated Cody Lightfoot (3-1-0) of South Berwick, Me after battling for three bloody rounds. In the eighth fight for 155 pounders, Team Fury’s Ricky Hines (2-1-0) of Methuen and Sean Ratcliffe (3-3-0) of Haverhill, Ma fired up the crowd with an intense match that forced Ratcliffe to tap out after a rear naked choke in 1:39 of the second round.