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The last Tatneft Cup tournaments ended in October, Enriko Gogokhia, Alexander Stetsurenko and Tsotne Rogava winning the tournaments at 70kg, 80kg and heavyweight respectively. A new leg of Tatneft Cup tournaments are about to get underway this week, with two events both in Tatneft's home in Kazan, Russia.

The first event takes place on November 29 and as usual with Tatneft Cup cards, features two 70kg fights, two 80kg fights and two heavyweight fights for each respective weight's tournament. At 70kg, Artur Alimirzoev of Russia fights Farkhad Ahmedjanov from Belarus and Lithuania's Tadas Jonkus fights France's Abdoul Toure. 80kg sees Russia's Rinat Akhmetov take on multiple time Tatneft veteran Stanislaw Zaniewski of Poland along with France's Cheick Sidibe fighting Alexandros Chatzichronoglou of Greece. At heavyweight, 2011 Tatneft Cup winner Hicham Achalhi of Holland/Morocco fights France's Daniel Lentie. The other heavyweight fight sees Elmir Mehic of Bosnia fight Russia's Mikhail Tyuterev.

I think the fighter to keep an eye on for November 29 is Cheick Sidibe, who has been on a roll lately, winning numerous times all over Europe, including defeating Jason Wilnis at It's Showtime in May.

The second event takes place on December 1. At 70kg, Ait Said from the Siam Gym in Holland fights Russia's Vyacheslav Borschev while Samo Petje of Slovenia fights Thailand's Robert "The Terminator", probably better known as Robert Kaennorsing. At 80kg, also from Slovenia is Miran Fabjan, who fights fellow Tatneft veteran Leonildo Evora of Portugal. Ekapop Sor Klinmee is the second Thai on the event, as he fights at 80kg against Marino Schouten from Holland. Finally at heavyweight, Igor Bugaenko of Belarus fights Brazil's Eduardo Maiorino de Morais while Turpal Tokaev of Russia fights Lithuania's Mantas Rimdeika.

Out of the December 1 fight card, Miran Fabjan is coming off a win just three days ago, effectively making his fight against Evora his second fight in a week's time. It should also be interesting to see Robert Kaennorsing, who I haven't seen for quite some time, aside from being a trainer at Tiger Muay Thai. Robert has a very exciting style.

November 29:

70kg: Artur Alimirzoev vs. Farkhad Ahmedjanov

70kg: Tadas Jonkus vs. Abdoul Toure

80kg: Rinat Akhmetov vs. Stanislaw Zaniewski

80kg: Cheick Sidibe vs. Alexandros Chatzichronoglou

HW: Hicham Achalhi vs. Daniel Lente

HW: Elmir Mehic vs. Mikhail Tyuterev

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70kg: Ait Said vs. Vyacheslav Borschev

70kg: Robert "The Terminator" Kaennorsing vs. Samo Petje

80kg: Miran Fabjan vs. Leonildo Evora

80kg: Marino Schouten vs. Ekapop Sor Klinmee

HW: Igor Bugaenko vs. Eduardo Maiorino de Morais

HW: Turpal Tokaev vs. Mantas Rimdeika