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The Tatneft Cup's final event of the 1/8 qualification stage took place in Kazan, Russia today. The participants were vying for the final spots left in the next round of the Tatneft Cup, the quarter finals. Some good fighters have advanced so far and that continued at today's event.

Most notably, at 70kg, Dzhabar Askerov knocked out Antoine Mandela in the second round to advance to the next stage. This was Askerov's third win in less than a month's time, an extremely tough task. He defeated Jeremy Sportouch on March 8, Maxim Vorovsky on the 23rd and now today's victory. Askerov has won the Tatneft Cup at 70kg for the past two years and is the favorite to three-peat.

Liverkick.com's #3 ranked light heavyweight, Hicham El Gaoui returned to the ring and took on Konstantin Gorokhov, a replacement for Dario Kadic. El Gaoui scored a rare stoppage win for

himself, as Gorokhov did not come out for the third round. Also at 80kg, Amir El Mansouri defeated Parinya from Thailand by decision in an extra round.

At heavyweight, Martynas Knyzelis defeated late replacement Alexander Volobuev. In the second heavyweight fight, Saulo Cavalari, who qualified by winning the Tatneft Cup South America, knocked out Andrey Shmakov.

In another 70kg fight, Maxim Smirnov defeated Ravy Brunow in an extra round. Brunow also qualified by winning the Tatneft Cup South America.

Full results:

70kg: Maxim Smirnov def. Ravy Brunow by extra round decision.

70kg: Dzhabar Askerov def. Antoine Mandela by KO in Round 2.

80kg: Samir El Mansouri def. Parinya by extra round decision.

80kg: Hicham El Gaoui def. Konstantin Gorokhov by TKO (Corner Stoppage) at the end of Round 2.

80kg+: Martynas Knyzelis def. Alexander Volobuev by extra round decision.

80kg+: Saulo Cavalari def. Andrey Shmakov by KO.