

Felipe Micheletti wins the Superkombat New Heroes 4 Man Tournament in Brazil

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In another packed Saturday of stand up fighting, the action moved to Brazil, where WGP Kickboxing played host to a 4 man Heavyweight tournament in which the winner qualified for a place on the Superkombat roster. Also on the card, Superkombat veteran, Miodrag Olar, was set to take on former MMA fighter and Bellator veteran, Thiago Michel, and fan favorite Sandro Pereira fought for the 85 kg Brazilian Title against Cesar Almeida.

In the opening rounds of the heavyweight tournament Felipe Micheletti won a hard fought decision against Argentina's Rogelio Ortiz, and Brazil's Edson Lima took out Robson Rocha by KO in the second round. Michelliti and Lima met in the finals, with Michelliti primarily back-peddalling and landing hard shots to the chin of Lima, who ambled forward swinging at air. In the first and third round Edson seemed a hair's breadth away from tumbling to the canvas. After 3, it was Micheletti who had his hand raised, and was awarded a place among the Superkombat Heavyweight roster.

On the other half of the card, Thiago Michel won a lackluster decision over Miodrag Olar. The Brazilian clearly outweighed the smaller Olar, pushing him around the ring and dominating in a display of brute strength and size. The other big fight was far more entertaining. Home-town hero Sandro Pereira put on a show of shows against Cesar Almeida in a knock down, drag out, balls to the walls 5-round throwdown. The two Brazilians opened up in the first, deciding during the first thirty seconds to stand in front each other and throw everything they had at full power while eating punches with a smile. To the delight of the fans, Pereira began to pull from Almeida in the later rounds, eventually coming away with the unanimous decision and the 85 kilogram

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Full Results

Semifinal #1: Fillipe Micheletti def. Rogelio Ortiz by KO (Liver Kick) in Round 2

Semifinal #2: Edson Lima def. Robson Rocha by KO in Rd. 2

Final: Fillipe Micheletti def. Edson Lima by Decision

Thiago Michel def. Miodrag Olar by Decision

85 kg Brazilian Title Fight: Sandro Pereira def. Cesar Almeida by Decision