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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

BELLATOR'S BRITISH INVASION INVADES BRISTOL'S BOYS & GIRLS CLUB FOR OFFICIAL FIGHT WEEK PRESS CONFERENCE

BELLATOR MMA BRINGS THE BIGGEST NAMES OF THE SPORTS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE TO OFFER LOCAL WRESTLERS WORDS OF INSPIRATION GOING INTO STATE FINALS

What: Bellator MMA will host a **private event** with an invited group of young martial artists, including high school wrestlers from the tri-state area to an afternoon with some of the biggest names the sport of MMA has to offer, prior to the "Bellator: The British Invasion" event, which takes place Friday, Feb. 27 at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, CT.

Bellator kicks off the afterschool activities with an informal panel of the sports biggest names from the past, present & future featuring the inventor of MMA Royce Gracie, MMA Hall of Famer Tito Ortiz and wrestling Phenom Aaron Pico. The three fighters will offer motivational speeches and field questions from the kids as they prepare for state finals just days later.

Following the once-in-a-lifetime panel, the official press conference for "Bellator: The British Invasion" will take place featuring the ten athletes performing on the televised portion of the event, as well as Bellator President, Scott Coker.

Bellator commentator Jimmy Smith will be on hand to moderate, and entertain the guests in attendance, along with Bellator ring girls Mercedes and Summer.

Who: **Panel**
Royce Gracie
Tito Ortiz
Aaron Pico

Press Conference
Bellator President Scott Coker
Bellator light heavyweight champion Emanuel Newton
Liam McGeary
Paul Daley
Andre Santos
Cheick Kongo
"King Mo" Lawal

Rameau Sokoudjou
Linton Vassell
Michael Page
Curtis Millender

When: Wednesday, February 25
Panel begins at 3:30 p.m.
Press conference begins at 4:30 p.m.

Where: Boys & Girls Club of Bristol
225 West St.
Bristol, CT 06010

RSVP: Media members must RSVP to JaredK@bzapr.com

Fight Info: Bellator MMA returns to The Mohegan Sun Arena on Friday, February 27 for "Bellator: The British Invasion" featuring four of the UK's biggest and brightest MMA stars fighting on American soil. Light Heavyweight Champion Emanuel Newton defends his title against Liam McGeary in the headlining match, while "King Mo" Lawal meets Cheick Kongo in a heavyweight superfight.

Tickets for the event are on sale now and can be purchased on Ticketmaster.com, Bellator.com or by visiting the Mohegan Sun Box Office.

B-Roll: [30 second event commercial spot](#)

"Bellator: British Invasion" - Friday, February 27, Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville, Conn.

Main Card (9 p.m. ET)

Bellator Light Heavyweight Title Fight: Champ Emanuel Newton (25-7) vs. Liam McGeary (9-0)

Bellator Welterweight Feature Fight: Paul Daley (35-13) vs. Andre Santos (37-9)

Bellator Heavyweight Feature Fight: Cheick Kongo (22-9-2) vs. "King Mo" Lawal (14-4)

Bellator Light Heavyweight Feature Fight: Rameau Sokoudjou (16-12) vs. Linton Vassell (14-4)

Bellator Welterweight Feature Fight: Michael Page (7-0) vs. Curtis Millender (7-0)

Preliminary Card (6:45 p.m. ET)

Bellator Bantamweight Prelim Fight: Randy Costa (0-0) vs. Carlos Hernandez (1-1)

Bellator Heavyweight Prelim Fight: Raphael Butler (8-1-1) vs. Josh Diekmann (15-5)

Bellator Welterweight Prelim Fight: Jesse Juarez (22-9) vs. Brennan Ward (9-3)

Bellator Middleweight Prelim Fight: Jason Butcher (8-1) vs. Tamdan McCrory (12-3)

Bellator Welterweight Prelim Fight: Bobby Flynn (4-2) vs. Neiman Gracie (2-0)

Bellator Bantamweight Prelim Fight: Marvin Maldonado (2-2) vs. Blair Tugman (6-5)

Dark Bout (approx. 11 p.m. ET)

Bellator Featherweight Dark Fight: Matt Bessette (13-6) vs. Josh Laberge (9-4)

About Bellator MMA

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