

Ten Kickboxing Fights to Watch in February

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We're back with another set of awesome fights to keep an eye on this month. February is when things are really starting to kick off, as there's just a ton of good events and fights across the board. For that reason, Instead of just separating this into a Part 1 and Part 2 series, I'm going to separate it into Kickboxing and Muay Thai. So here are ten kickboxing fights to keep an eye on this month.

February 2: Andrew Tate vs. David Radeff - Enfusion Live: Belgium - Zwevegem, Belgium

Andrew Tate is one of the top 85kg fighters in the world and looks to rebound from a loss here. It's an interesting match-up, as Radeff is certainly capable at 85kg but hasn't been very active lately, due to an injury layoff. This fight will also help us learn a lot more about the 85kg division, in relation to where these two stand. Tate has huge power and a huge knockout ratio, so don't blink.

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February 2: Chang Hyun Lee vs. Li Ning - KHAN vs. Wu Lin Feng - Seoul, Korea

Chang Hyun Lee had his coming out party in our 2012 Fight of the Year against Genji Umeno at the K-1 WGP Final 16 and since then has been racking up wins. He's a very dynamic fighter and one of the most promising and exciting fighters out there right now. Li Ning is solid, but this should be another showcase for Lee.

February 16: Vincent Petitjean vs. Francis Javier Jorge - K-1 Event 4 - Troyes, France

This fight takes place at 86kg. Francis is the brother of Loren Javier Jorge. What's most interesting about this fight though, is Vincent Petitjean fighting under K-1 rules. He's one of France's top full contact fighters at 86kg, having beaten Andrew Tate at the end of 2011. He has a pretty good style for K-1 rules and a good showing and result here bring up some interesting things for him if he decides to pursue kickboxing.

February 22: Steve Moxon vs. Yohan Lidon - A1 - Melbourne, Australia

This is a great fight between two marquee names, and it takes place at 73.5kg. Moxon can get all the way down to 70kg while Lidon usually fights from 72.5-75kg. Moxon, however, actually also fights all the way up to 75kg despite his height. It's an interesting style match-up. Moxon's height disadvantage and dynamic boxing style, along with Lidon's more Muay Thai-oriented style make for an intriguing fight.

February 22: Chingiz Allazov vs. Alim Nabiev - Fight Club Octopus - Moscow, Russia

This is a battle of two super prospects. Alim Nabiev really made his name last year, going undefeated. He's still only 18 years old, while Allazov is only a few years older. Certainly Allazov has fought and defeated the better competition. Both fighters are highly skilled for their age and could be major players in the future.

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February 23: Thomas Adamandopoulos vs. Alexander Arutyunyan - Supremacy II Triumph - Stockholm, Sweden

This fight has all the makings of an all out war. Adamandopoulos is the #6 ranked fighter on the LiverKick lightweight rankings, so this poses a big opportunity for Arutyunyan, who is a teammate of Sanny Dahlbeck. The reason why I think this could be a war is because both fighters tend to get wild and let it all hang out in the ring at times. Expect some non stop action in this fight.

February 23: Henri van Opstal vs. Yoshihiro Sato - Shootboxing 2013 act.1 - Tokyo, Japan

This is a big fight for Henri van Opstal, as he went undefeated against Japanese opposition last year in Japan. A win over Sato would be his biggest win to date and would certainly draw interest from big organizations. Sato has been on a bad losing skid lately, dropping three in a row, including a puzzling loss to Kenta at Krush.26 a week ago. Sato will need a win here to get his career back on track.

February 23: Vladimir Mineev vs. Revanho Blokland - Fight Nights: Battle at Moscow 10 - Moscow, Russia

Vladimir Mineev takes on another Dutch fighter here, although it's not as stiff of a test as Ali Cenik was in December. Mineev showed he can hang in that fight but also showed some flaws. He's still very young and I expect this to be a dominant performance from him as he continues to advance his career.

February 23: Warren Stevelmans vs. Bovy Sor Udomson - Shootboxing 2013 act.1 - Tokyo, Japan

Warren Stevelmans comes off a big win over Dzhabar Askerov on very short notice and looks to get another win under his belt before once again fighting at GLORY, on March 23. He should beat Bovy but this one could be a slugfest. Bovy won't lay down for Stevelmans and will definitely exchange.

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February 23: Enriko Kehl vs. Ramal Aslanov - Fight Vision 3 - Baku, Azerbaijan

Enriko Kehl is still very young but is a fighter on the rise from 70-72.5kg. He's coming off his controversial loss to Dzhabar Askerov in December, which at the very least showed he can hang at 70kg.