Middleweight

1. Giorgio Petrosyan
2. Buakaw Por. Pramuk
3. Andy Souwer
4. Artur Kyshenko

5. Yoshihiro Sato
6. Nieky Holzken
7. Mike Zambidis
8. Albert Kraus
9. Murat Direkci
10. Pajonsuk
11. Sudsakorn Sor Klinmee
12. Gago Drago
13. Hinata
14. Saiyok Pumpanmuang

15. Armen Petrosyan
16. Yuichiro Nagashima
17. Chris Ngimbi
18. Mohammed Khamal
19. Khem Sitsongpeenong
20. Yuya Yamamoto
21. John Wayne Parr

22. Leroy Kaestner
23. Dzhabar Askerov
24. Marcus Oberg

25. Robin van Roosmalen

*Welcome back to the **LiverKick.com** rankings. These rankings are an attempt to break down the top 25 fighters in two different weight classes - Heavyweight, for fighters above the 77kg limit, and Middleweight, for fighters at the 70-72.5kg limit. Our rankings are based on in-ring accomplishments and recent wins and loses. We hope they reflect where these fighters currently stand, although we recognize that all rankings are inherently subjective.*

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Unlike the Heavyweight division, the Middleweights continue to see a lot of action - there just wasn't much of it since our last rankings. Khem Sitsongpeenong snuck up a spot with a win in

Thailand, while Robin van Roosmalen made it into the rankings at #25, but that's it for changes. No worries, as there's some excellent matchmaking around the corner.

April's big MW fight will come on the 23rd at Shootboxing as **#3 Andy Souwer** faces **#5 Yoshihiro Sato**
. Any clash between two top 5 fighters is worth taking note of, and this will be a good one.

Also in April, **#19 Khem Sitsongpeenong** vs. Prakaisaeng in the Isuzu Thai Fight qualifying tournament semi-final, and **#20 Yuya Yamamoto** vs. MMA's Akihiro Gono in Krush. Hopefully we'll also get some news on the delayed Krush 70kg tournament as well, as it will be interesting to see who makes their way into that field given the lack of K-1 MAX options at the moment.

Looking ahead, we will be gifted with a glut of major Middleweight fights in May. Some of the May highlights include **#1 Giorgio Petrosyan** vs. Chahid Oulad El Hadj, **#4 Artur Kyshenko vs. #6 Nieky Holzken, #7 Mike Zambidis vs. #21 John Wayne Parr, #17 Chris Ngimbi**
's first It's Showtime title defense,
#18 Mohammed Khamal vs. #25 Robin van Roosmalen
, plus
#2 Buakaw, #11 Sudsakorn,
and
#14 Saiyok
all in action at the France Thai Fight show. That's a lot of big fights, so start clearing your schedule.

One fi
nal note - the big 70kg event remains the It's Showtime July 23 tournament with **#1 Giorgio Petrosyan, #3 Andy Souwer, #5 Yoshihiro Sato, #9 Murat Direkci, #12 Gago Drago, #17 Chris Ngimbi**
and
#23 Dzhabar Askerov
. Winner of that will easily claim the #1 spot - the only question is, can anyone take the crown away from the Doctor?