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I'm still a bit in disbelief over the announcement of GLORY helping to produce a DREAM New Year's Eve event this year, and most of that reaction is not an "awesome!" reaction as much as it is one of stark bewilderment over GLORY's insistence to make Japan "work." In a way, GLORY has done what they initially set out to do, which was to take over K-1's role in the world of fight sports. At the time, this meant owning and operating K-1 and working with DREAM to produce those huge combat sports events that at one point in time were all the rage. Hopefully they will see more success in Japan than K-1 and DREAM saw in the past few years.

After DREAM's dormancy and documented financial and logistical problems, the name still exists and the companies behind it do not, but a lot of the same names are still floating around

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with a new infusion of money behind it, apparently that of Pierre Andurand and Glory Sports International. More details emerged from their press conference today as on December 31st we can expect "DREAM 18: Special NYE 2012," which like past NYE events will be a thirteen fight card with a mix of MMA and Kickboxing (10 MMA, 3 Kickboxing), possibly pro-wrestling if they rope Inoki in like they did last time.

The event will go down in the Saitama Super Arena and the MMA names mentioned so far are Satoru Kitoaka, Tatsuya Kawajiri and Hiroyuki Takaya. Still no word if this is the end of a GLORY-backed DREAM or if there will be more events in the future, but GLORY did announce that they plan to run a staggering ten events in Japan in 2012.

You can watch the whole presser after the jump.