

The Road to Glory NYC tournament was stacked. It was, far and away, the most talent packed Road to Glory show put on thus far. So it comes as a large surprise then, that the tournament winner- Francois Ambang- was given virtually no chance before decimating the competition and bringing home the \$20,000 prize.

Ambang began the night with a vicious first round KO over Jeremy Carper. In the second round of the tournament he then faced one of the tournament: Marcus Fisher. Francois brutalized Fisher for the first two rounds, earning a 10-8 score after a knockdown in the first, and a solid 10-9 after handily dominating the second en route to a unanimous decision victory. The final saw Ambang meet one of the most well known Americans at 77 kg, Brett Hlavaceck. Brett was also featured on Liverkick's "Top 8 North American Fighters to Watch Out For," (So you know he was legit.) After a close first round, Hlavaceck got injured in the second. Ambang seized the oppurtunity and finished the fight with a flurry to become the next Road to Glory Champion. This goes to show that even though a fighter may be a Muay Thai monster on the American scene, kickboxing is a completely different ballgame.

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Full Tournament Results

Quarterfinal 1: Marcus Fisher def. Anthony Nieves by Decision

Quarterfinal 2: Francois Ambang def. by KO Jeremy Carper in Rd. 2

Quarterfinal 3: Brett Hlavaceck def. by KO Ryan Parker in Rd. 1

Quarterfinal 4: Eric Utsch def. Tarek Rached by KO in Rd. 1

Semifinal 1: François Ambang def. Marcus Fisher by Decision

Semifinal 2: Brett Hlavaceck def. Eric Utsch by Decision

Final: Francois Ambang def. Brett Hlavaceck by TKO in Rd. 2