



BEATDOWN 4

Hinkle vs. Tuchscherer

SNMMA Heavyweight Championship

4 Bears Casino □ New Town, ND • Saturday, March, 21, 2009

Hinkle-Tuchscherer headlines “Beatdown 4” for SNMMA heavyweight title

*Saturday, March 21 at 4 Bears Casino in N. Dakota
Special Guest Brock Lesner*

NEW TOWN, North Dakota (March 10, 2009) – The first Sovereign Nations Mixed Martial Arts (SNMMA) championship will be contested Saturday night, March 21 at “Beatdown 4” when **Brandon “The Iron Lion” Lee Hinkle** battles **Chris Tuchscherer** in the main event at 4 Bears Casino in New Town, North Dakota. UFC heavyweight champion Brock Lesner is scheduled to make a special appearance.

SNMMA links federally recognized tribes throughout the United States and Canada. SNMMA’s mission is to develop, promote and help regulate mixed-martial-arts in a fair and professional manner by federally recognized tribes that are sovereign nations.

Sherdog named Hinkle-Tuchscherer as one of its top 10 MMA fights for March. Hinkle (14-9-1, 8 (T)KO, 4 Submissions), fighting out of Columbus, Ohio, is a former NCAA, Division II wrestling champion. He is also 2-0 as a professional boxer. Tuchscherer (15-1-0, 5 (T)KOs, 6 Submissions), from nearby Fargo (ND), was a 2-time NCAA, Div. II All-America wrestler. Hinkle-Tuchscherer for the vacant SNMMA heavyweight title is scheduled for five, 5-minute rounds (all other fights on the card have three, 3-minute rounds).

“What makes SNMMA different from other native organizations is that it’s not based on race,” SNMMA president Pat Packineau explained. “SNMMA has been created to draw awareness that tribal casinos host numerous mixed-martial-arts events every year and our new organization unites tribes in the sport by having our own championship belt.

Boxers of any race may capture the SNMMA championship, as long as the title fight is contested on federally recognized land or have off-tribal sites approved in advance by the SNMMA board of directors.

“The SNMMA’s goal is to bring notoriety to Native American casino MMA events and recognize the athletes competing on Tribal Lands for SNMMA championships. We’re excited to host the first SNMMA title fight at 4 Bears Casino.”

The Minnesota Martial Arts Academy will be represented by a large contingent of Minneapolis and St. Paul based fighters on the card. Former UFC fighter **Drew Fickett** (36-10-0) takes on welterweight **Nick “The Carnie” Lentz** (14-3-1) in a much-anticipated co-feature.

Fighting on the undercard is featherweight **Clint Godfrey** (7-1-1) vs. **Rich Taylor** (5-1-0), lightweight **Marshall Martin** (10-5-0) vs. **Dan Casey** (12-2-0), heavyweight **Jessie Wallace** (3-0-0) vs. **Zak Jenson** (6-2-0), lightweights **Jon Knutson** (2-3-0) vs. **Pablo Garza** (2-0-0), light heavyweight **Jim Miltonberger** (1-1-0) vs. **Bruce Nelson** (17-25-1), middleweight **Josh Rosaaen** (2-3-0) vs. **Ryan Braun** (2-4-0), heavyweight **Seth Harrison** (1-1-0) vs. **Tyler Bartholemew** (0-1-0), light heavyweight **Dane Sayers** (3-0) vs. **Shane Dezee** (8-3-0). All fights and fighters are subject to change.

Tickets, priced at \$20.00 (bleachers), \$30.00 (floor) and \$50.00 (ringside), are available at 4 Bears Casino’s Players Club or by calling 800.294.5454 X4724. Go to www.4bearsfightclub.com or www.snbcmma.com for additional information. Minimum age requirement to attend is 21.

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SNMMA is committed to serving the communities and advancing the lives and economic situation of all Native people, as well as all professional boxers, in a positive and professional manner. For more information about Sovereign Nation Mixed Martial Arts call 701.6277539, go online at www.snbcmma.com, or write to SNMMA, P.O. Box 5, Parshall, ND 58770.

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