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Contender Asia Season Two is Coming

The Contender Asia series shines the spotlight on our sport and is set to showcase the tourism appeal of Malaysia as host country. With cameras already rolling, we caught up with Eli Madigan and Jesse Miles between a break in filming. Whilst there has been a few bumpy roads leading into Malaysia, the fans are excited to know the lights are on, the cameras are rolling and the action is set shine bigger and brighter than season one.

Jesse Miles and Eli Madigan

Can you describe your fight style, and do you have a favourite technique?

Eli: My fight style is unique in that I am a very aggressive fighter that likes to stay on the front foot and keep my opponent under pressure. This has proven to be an affective fight style for me over the years and has won me my 32 out of my 37 fights. My favourite technique would have to be my teep front kick, a lot of people like to use this technique as a defensive weapon were as I like to use it as a striking weapon against my opponent, it has shown to be a very successful in my fights.

Jesse: I would like to believe that my fight style is dependent on my opponent. Each different fighter will provide different strengths to avoid and weaknesses to exploit, if you have a set style your style may work against some but fail against others.

Tell us about your most memorable fight and why it was important to you?

Eli: My most memorable fight would have to be against Soren Mongkoltipong. There was a lot of hype coming into this fight as he had been a previous Contender challenger and he was the gate keeper between Bruce McFie and me when we fought. Going in as the underdog of this fight knowing most the crowd was backing Soren then winning the fight on his home turf was a proud moment for me. I now know the gate I'm open for anything.



Jesse: My most memorable fight was probably in Thailand for the IFMA world championships. I fought a very talented Spanish fighter in the finals. The reason it was so memorable was because it was the first loss of my career. I felt I didn't lose because of my lack of ability but instead because of my lack of conditioning. This was an in-valuable lesson to me. I remember thinking before this fight took place, that I had too much heart to ever give up in a fight. My coach Ajam Mike Miles quoted me this "Fatigue will make cowards of the bravest men", I will never forget this.

Both Clifton Brown and Ray Sefo are team mentors for this coming season; do you have a preference on which team you would like to fight under?

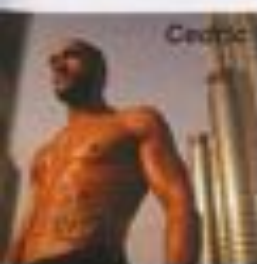
Eli: Given the choice I would like to be on Ray Sefo's team reason being I think he would have a lot to offer as a coach especially with his background of a former K1 Fighter.

Jesse: I will be happy to train and learn from either of them, and think that they would both be able to help me improve immensely, but if I had to choose, I would probably like to work with my fellow Canadian Clifton Brown.

Anybody you would like to thanks and or final words for your fans?

Eli: First of all my thanks goes to my father Paul Madigan who trains me day and night and his co-trainer Tyson Murphy. A big thanks to Scotty Ward for taking me on board with his No Contest sponsorship and his top of the line fight gear. I'd also like to thank my Aussie fans and my family for all their support over the years.

Jesse: It has been a very long road for me to get to this point in my career; I would like to thank all of my supporters that helped me along the way, whether that is a sponsor, teammate, instructor, family member, or fan. Thank you for helping me achieve a goal of mine since I was a wee little one. I will do my absolute best to make you proud!



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