

CES MMA READY TO RUMBLE WITH CES 61 ON OCT. 14 ON UFC FIGHT PASS

PROVIDENCE, RI (September 24, 2020) – A comeback more than six months in the making is about to launch at an arena near you live on UFC FIGHT PASS®.

CES MMA, the No. 1 mixed martial arts promotion in the northeast, returns for the first time since January with its official debut at “The Tent” at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, RI, on Wednesday, October 14 at 7 pm ET.

There will be no fans in attendance, but CES MMA 61 will stream live on FIGHT PASS, the industry’s preeminent streaming service for combat sports. Visit [FIGHT PASS](#) for more information on subscription packages and how to access the service live on fight night.

“CES is excited to get back to work showcasing some of the most talented fighters in the region to a worldwide audience on UFC FIGHT PASS,” said CES COO Jimmy Burchfield Jr. “Expect fireworks in October when these fighters return to the CES cage.”

CES 61 will be the promotion’s first live event since January 24 when UFC vet Matt Besette of Connecticut captured the vacant CES MMA Featherweight World Championship with a third-round knockout win over Charles Cheeks III in the main event. The event is also the promotion’s first at the Crowne Plaza and will be held outdoors under the venue’s 10,400-square-foot climate-controlled tent.

CES 61 features the return of unbeaten welterweight sensation John Gotti III (5-0, 3 KOs) of Oyster Bay, NY, who makes his sixth appearance with the promotion; hard-hitting bantamweight and 11-time CES MMA vet Kris Moutinho (7-4, 2 KOs) of Milford, MA; 3-0 bantamweight and fellow New Yorker Ashiek Ajim; and the CES MMA debut of undefeated Fall River, MA, bantamweight Mitch Raposo (4-0, 1 KO); and others. Full fight details will be available soon. Gotti’s return to the cage adds instant star power to CES MMA’s long-awaited return. The 27-year-old rising prospect last fought at CES 60 in his toughest test to date against, where he earned a hard-fought unanimous decision victory over the dangerous Marcos Lloreda in his FIGHT PASS debut. The always-exciting Ajim also appeared on the CES 60 undercard, scoring a knockout win over previously-unbeaten Andres Rodriguez 3 minutes, 14 seconds into the third and final round.

The broadcast duo of CES MMA publicist and play-by-play announcer Michael Parente and 27-time UFC vet and color commentator Joe Lauzon bring you the action live on FIGHT PASS. Visit [CESMMA.com](#) for more information, and follow CES MMA on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter at @CESMMA.

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CES MMA is a mixed martial arts promotional firm based out of Providence, R.I., founded by legendary boxing promoter Jimmy Burchfield Sr. It promoted the first sanctioned professional mixed martial event in the state of Rhode Island on Sept. 17, 2010 at Twin River Casino Hotel. Since its inception, CES MMA has promoted and developed the careers of several current and former UFC contenders, including Andre Soukhamthath, Tom Egan, Charles Rosa, Rob Font, Dominique Steele, Charles Rosa, Calvin Kattar and Mike Rodriguez, among others. Other UFC veterans to appear on CES MMA cards include David Loiseau and Drew Fickett. In October of 2012, CES MMA promoted its first pay-per-view event at The Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence, featuring the professional MMA debut of former WWE superstar Dave Bautista before signing a multi-year broadcast deal with AXS TV.

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