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## **MMA RETURNS WITH LFA 20 AT MYSTIC LAKE ON AUGUST 25**

**Tickets On Sale Now**

PRIOR LAKE – JULY 3, 2017 – Legacy Fighting Alliance (LFA) CEO Ed Soares announced today that the LFA will make its third trip to Minnesota at the end of August with a welterweight headliner and the return of two revered Minnesotans.

The main event of LFA 20 will feature a welterweight war between rising star Chad "Blitz" Curry and former RFA title challenger Nick "The Phoenix" Barnes. LFA 20 - Curry vs. Barnes takes place Friday, August 25 at the Mystic Lake Showroom in Prior Lake, Minnesota. The entire main card will be televised live and nationwide on AXS TV at 9 p.m. ET / 6 p.m. PT.

"I'm excited to bring the LFA to Minnesota for a third time in May," stated Soares. "RFA and Legacy FC hosted nine combined events in the state of Minnesota and the LFA has continued that tradition of success with LFA 2 in January and LFA 12 in May. Mystic Lake has been a great partner and we look forward to bringing LFA 20 to the Mystic Lake Showroom on August 25."

Tickets for LFA 20 - Curry vs. Barnes are available for purchase NOW at [MysticLake.com](http://MysticLake.com).

Curry (9-1) has transformed himself from one of Minnesota's most popular fighters to one of the sport's most exciting and promising prospects. The man aptly known as "Blitz" has decimated his last two opponents since moving up to welterweight. In fact, all nine men that he has defeated, never saw the final round. Curry is able to do this by utilizing a unique blend of technical grappling and stout ground-and-pound. The 27-year-old Minnesotan now faces a huge test as he gets set to headline his first televised event at LFA 20.

Barnes (11-2) makes his LFA debut roughly twelve months after competing for the RFA welterweight world title. The Wyoming native, who now calls San Diego, California home, has taken the time since that fight to strengthen his already formidable skill set. After coming up short in that title fight to a man who was then immediately signed to the UFC, the 26-year-old known as "The Phoenix" will look to live by the famous words of S.A. Sachs: "Hope rises like a Phoenix from the ashes of shattered dreams." The Phoenix will look to rise again at LFA 20.

The co-main event of LFA 20 will feature a highly-anticipated match-up between two of the promotion's top featherweight contenders. Bobby "The Wolfman" Moffett (9-2) and "Nasty" Nate Jennerman (9-2) will face off in a high-stakes affair as the two contenders jockey for position at the top of the division. The pair of featherweight standouts share more than just identical records. They both have roots in the famed RFA promotion.

Moffett who trains at The MMA LAB in Glendale, Arizona competed three times for the RFA. Meanwhile, Jennerman who trains at Roufusport in Milwaukee, Wisconsin finished his amateur career for the promotion.

The main card of LFA 20 will also feature the return of two of the most revered fighters in Minnesota. Melvin Blumer (13-3) returns to action just fifteen months after suffering serious injuries to his legs in a devastating motorcycle accident, which forced him into a lengthy rehabilitation process. Known as "Career Killer" due to his penchant for derailing top-notch competition, Blumer is also one half of the famed "Bash Brothers" alongside his identical twin brother Marvin Blumer. Blumer is now set to move up to featherweight at LFA 20.

Kelly Kobold (18-3-1) is one of the most respected women in the sport. She has enjoyed an illustrious professional MMA career that dates back fifteen years. A true pioneer in women's MMA, the warrior known as "Blood Red" has been there moving behind the scenes, cutting a bloody path through the ages until suddenly, just like that, she up and disappeared in 2011. Now she is back at 125-pounds, ready to stake a claim at the top of the division.

Currently Announced Main Card (Televised on AXS TV at 9 p.m. ET / 6 p.m. PT):

Main Event | Welterweight Bout (170 lb) - Chad Curry (9-1) vs. Nick Barnes (11-2)

Co-Main Event | Featherweight Bout (145 lb) - Bobby Moffett (9-2) vs. Nate Jennerman (9-2)

Featherweight Bout (145 lb) - Melvin Blumer (13-3) vs. TBD

Women's Flyweight Bout (125 lb) - Kelly Kobold (18-3-1) vs. TBD

Lightweight Bout (155 lb) - Jeff Peterson (7-4) vs. Brandon Jenkins (10-4)

Bantamweight Bout (135 lb) Mitch White (3-1) vs. Jesse Wannemacher (3-1)

In September 2016, RFA and Legacy FC officials announced that they would be merging to form the premier developmental organization in Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) starting in January 2017. RFA and Legacy FC have launched the careers of over 100 athletes that have reached the pinnacle of MMA by competing in the UFC.

LFA 20 will be the third LFA event to take place in the state of Minnesota. RFA and Legacy FC hosted a combined nine events in the "Land of 10,000 Lakes" before the merger. Six of those events took place under the RFA banner inside the Mystic Lake Showroom. The entire main card of LFA 20 will be televised live and nationwide on AXS TV at 9 p.m. ET / 6 p.m. PT.

Please visit [LFAfighting.com](http://LFAfighting.com) for bout updates and information. LFA is on Facebook at [Legacy Fighting Alliance](#). LFA is also on Instagram at [@LFAfighting](#) and Twitter at [@LFAfighting](#).

### **TICKET INFORMATION**

Tickets to see LFA 20 at 5 p.m. Friday, August 25 in the Mystic Showroom are available starting at \$35. Contact the Mystic Box Office at 952-496-6563 or visit [mysticlake.com](http://mysticlake.com) for more details.

**Event:** LFA 20  
**Date:** Friday, August 25  
**Time:** 5 pm  
**Place:** Mystic Showroom®  
**Tickets:** Starting at \$35  
**Sale Date:** On Sale Now

### **ABOUT MYSTIC LAKE CASINO HOTEL**

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Visit Mystic Lake in RiverSouth—Land of Big Fun! RiverSouth<sup>SM</sup> is a joint public-private collaboration promoting premier entertainment destinations just from Minneapolis. With four of Minnesota's biggest attractions just four miles apart, there's fun around every bend. Partners include Canterbury Park, Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, Valleyfair, the Renaissance Festival, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, and the cities of Prior Lake and Shakopee.

### **About LFA:**

LFA is a professional Mixed Martial Arts promotion that gives rising stars and top contenders the opportunity to prove their talent to fans and leaders in the industry. LFA was formed by the powerhouse merger between RFA and Legacy FC. LFA presents live Mixed Martial Arts events on a monthly basis around the United States including Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Denver, Dallas, and Houston. RFA can be seen live in over 48 million homes nationally through its television deal with AXS TV. Based in Las Vegas, Nevada, RFA is one of the most active and respected MMA organizations in the fastest growing sport in the world. (The Octagon, Ultimate Fighting Championship®, UFC®, and the eight-sided competition mat and cage design are registered trademarks owned exclusively by Zuffa, LLC. All rights reserved).

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