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Ring Of Combat Returns To Atlantic City With Double Main Event Friday, February 20th at the Tropicana Casino & Resort

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (January 20, 2009) – One of Atlantic City's longest running sporting events, *Ring of Combat*, proudly announces that its 23rd event will take place on Friday, February 20 at the world-famous Tropicana Casino & Resort.

Ring of Combat XXIII will feature a huge card headlined by two main event fights with major title implications.

In the first main event, the ROC Heavyweight Championship will be decided as undefeated Bret Kohan (3-0-0) faces off against champion Joe "Apocalypse" Abouata (4-1-0).

Kohan has emerged from Ricardo Almeida's camp as one of the heaviest hitters around. As versatile as he is heavy handed, Kohan has kept his opponents on the lookout for both knockouts and submissions. In his last fight he scored a stunning knockout victory over Fernando Rivera. Now, he goes for the gold.

Abouata, fighting on behalf of Alex Wilkie's Warriors, will be making his second defense of the ROC Heavyweight crown. Abouata finished his last two fights with a vicious rear naked choke, and his punching power has proven to take an extreme toll on his opponents. In this fight, Abouata hopes to emerge with his championship gold still in tact.

In the second main event, Alexandre Moreno (6-1-0) battles Rafael Sapo (4-1-0) to determine the new ROC Middleweight Champion.

Coming out of Marco Alvan's Team Link, and being a teammate of UFC superstar Gabriel Gonzaga, Moreno has gained a reputation as a submission expert. Having scored all of his six professional victories by submission chokes, Moreno is going to be looking to continue the trend with this fight.

However, he faces another submission expert in Sapo. Also with brazilian jiu-jitsu training from Ricardo Almeida and multiple submission victories, Sapo will definitely be ready for a ground war against Moreno. Will one of these submission pros get a taste of their own medicine?

Ring of Combat is Atlantic City's longest running mixed martial arts promotion, and has proven to be a successful and competitive venue for fighters. Top fighters who began their careers with Ring of Combat include Matt Serra, Frank Edgar, Josh Koscheck, Kurt Pellegrino, and Phil Baroni.

Tickets for Ring of Combat XXIII are on sale (priced from \$50 - \$150), and can be purchased at the Tropicana Casino & Resort box office or Ticketmaster via phone 800-526-2935, or online at www.ticketmaster.com. For more information or the full fight card, visit www.ringofcombat.com.

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For additional information on the Atlantic City Tropicana, Home of The Quarter, visit the official website at www.Tropicana.net.

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