

## Mumbai Fighters get walkover to gain WSB last 8 berth



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The fight was scheduled on Monday in the US but was cancelled due to a re-structure of the home team's management.

"Our fight against LA Matadors in The Music Box at Hollywood next Monday has got cancelled as their team management has been re-structured. We have been given a walkover and full three points and it has assured us of a quarterfinal berth," a Mumbai Fighters team source said.

"We have now 14 points with a game in hand against Astana at Almaty in Kazakhstan on the 17th while the Matadors have only 10 with a game in hand against Bangkok Elephants. So you can say we are through to the quarters," said the source.

A victory over another team in the best-of-five bout fights gains the winners three points. "As the fourth-best team (out of six) in Group A we will meet the team that tops Group B (Baku Fires of Azerbaijan) in the quarterfinals," the source added.

Formidable Baku Fires have won 27 points by winning all their nine bouts in the six-team Group B. In distant second place with 16 points are Mexico City Guereros.

The quarterfinals would also be a home and away affair with Mumbai taking on Baku away from home on March 2/3 and the return leg being hosted by the Indian franchise on March 9/10.

The semifinals are slated for March 23-24 and 30-31 and the final is scheduled on April 27 and 28.