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SAN JOSE, Calif., March 28 -- It took three tries before [Frank Shamrock \(Pictures\)](#) made 185 pounds to guarantee his Strikeforce middleweight title defense Saturday against [Cung Le \(Pictures\)](#).

A pounder over in his first attempt, Shamrock needed to drop another quarter pound after disrobing. Less than 15 minutes later, Shamrock nailed the weight.

Le, meanwhile, had no trouble, coming in a fit 183 pounds.

The former sparring partners headline a co-promoted Strikeforce/EliteXC card (Showtime, 9 p.m. ET/PT) at the HP Pavilion that was scrambled in recent days because of injuries and licensing issues with the California State Athletic Commission.

After [Jake Shields \(Pictures\)](#) and [Nick Diaz \(Pictures\)](#) were forced off the card, their respective opponents, [Drew Fickett \(Pictures\)](#) and [Jae Suk Lim \(Pictures\)](#), agreed to fight.

Set at a catch-weight of 172 pounds, Lim had no problem making weight. Fickett, however, seemed bothered as he came in three pounds over the limit, thus jeopardizing the EliteXC welterweight No. 1 contender bout. An hour later, the Arizonan shed four pounds, making the fight official. The winner will fight Shields June 14 in Honolulu for the vacant belt.

[Frank Shamrock \(Pictures\)](#) (185) vs. [Cung Le \(Pictures\)](#) (183)  
[Gilbert Melendez \(Pictures\)](#) (154.5) vs. [Gabe Lemley \(Pictures\)](#) (153)  
[Drew Fickett \(Pictures\)](#) (171) vs. [Jae Suk Lim \(170\)](#) - 172 catch-weight  
[Mike Kyle \(Pictures\)](#) (225) vs. [Wayne Cole \(Pictures\)](#) (209)  
[Joey Villaseñor \(Pictures\)](#) (185) vs. [Ryan Jensen \(Pictures\)](#) (186)  
[Marlon Sims \(Pictures\)](#) (162.5) vs. [Billy Evangelista \(Pictures\)](#) (160.5)  
[Luke Stewart \(Pictures\)](#) (171) vs. [Tiki Ghosn \(Pictures\)](#) (170)  
[Anthony Figueroa \(Pictures\)](#) (133) vs. [Darren Uyenoyama \(136\)](#)  
[Jesse Jones \(173.5\)](#) vs. [Jesse Gillespie \(180\)](#) - 176 catch-weight

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