The Swami Sez

The Swami's recent feat of accurately predicting 16 out of 22 victors at UCC XXII in Barcelona, Spain, and further improving to a remarkable 17 out of 22 in Northern Canada is certainly noteworthy. The question now looms: Can The Swami manage to predict 18 winners in the upcoming matches? While the Swami's skill and insight into the sport are undeniable, the UCC is known for its intense competitiveness, and there's a considerable element of chance involved in sports predictions. Consequently, achieving an 18-out-of-22 prediction rate may prove to be an exceedingly challenging endeavor.

Does this raise questions about The Swami's success being attributed to luck? The upcoming Berlin event will be a crucial test. For those who have been following, you're aware of my initial struggles, often hovering around a 50-50 prediction rate. As I gained experience, my accuracy improved. However, it's essential to acknowledge that in the UCC, fights can pivot rapidly, with a single punch or kick being all it takes to create an upset. The dynamic and unpredictable nature of these matches adds to the excitement, highlighting that even the most seasoned predictors must navigate a landscape where outcomes remain uncertain

UCC XXIV is set to coincide with the conclusion of Oktoberfest, promising plenty of beer and merry, albeit tipsy, Germans. This pairing is a delightful one, considering Germany's reputation for some of the world's finest beer and the warm hospitality of its people. Of course, one can't overlook the lovely Fraulein who serves up those delicious brews, all while donning the traditional and revealing Dirndls. It's bound to be a celebration filled with both great fights and the joys of Oktoberfest.

In the previous month, The Swami achieved a flawless record by accurately predicting all the division leaders, going a perfect 5-0. However, to introduce some variety, I'll be selecting the 2nd place matchups in each of the 5 divisions this time around. These fights carry immense significance as the victors are likely to position themselves for a title shot in the near future. In fact, there might be even more pressure on these fighters to secure victory, making the predictions for these contests particularly challenging. Expect some exciting and closely contested battles as the fighters aim to advance their careers and earn a shot at the championship.

Inter-stable fights indeed bring a unique intensity to the UCC. Fighters who spend countless hours training together, often as friends, rarely get the opportunity to unleash their full potential against each other in the cage. This pent-up frustration can manifest itself during these bouts. The Swami will highlight one inter-stable fight from each division, allowing fans to judge for themselves whether these fights exhibit a higher level of intensity. The verdict will come after UCC XXIV, offering a glimpse into the compelling dynamics of these contests.
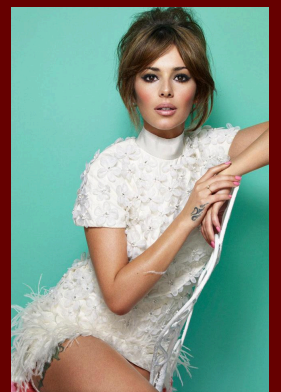
The Swami's Germany Picks

Featherweights

Audrey Aleen Allen 35-15 (Centerfold Angels) vs Cheryl Cole 28-14 (World of Fight)

Audrey Allen boasts an impressive 50 fights in her UCC career, but her most notable bout was a title loss to Miley Cyrus. With such extensive experience, Audrey is poised for another title challenge. Cheryl may have 8 fewer fights, but her recent Featherweight track record of 12 wins in the last 14 fights is impressive. Despite Cheryl's streak, The Swami predicts Audrey to secure a close victory, acknowledging her seasoned skills and determination.

Mila Kunis 29-12 (World of Fight) vs Natalie Portman 25-12 Raccoon

Former training partners Mila and Natalie have oddly never collided in the cage. Mila, once a title contender, has faced a setback, losing 2 of her last 4 fights. Natalie's journey is intriguing, as she was unexpectedly released by World of Fight and ended up with Raccoon, with limited information available about the transition. Since joining Raccoon, she's maintained a balanced record, with one win and one loss, the most recent being a convincing victory over Karate Diva Gavintra Phohojak. The Swami predicts Mila will emerge victorious.

Jenna Ortega 2-1 (The Wannabees) vs Sadie Sink 2-1 (The Wannabees)

Promising rookies Jenna and Sadie have shown their mettle with 2 wins in their first 3 fights. Jenna recovered impressively after facing top-ranked Jessica Gomes, securing convincing wins in her last two bouts. Similarly, Sadie, despite a loss to 2nd ranked Olivia Holt, has rallied with two victories, one notably involving a near arm-breaking win over co-star Bobby Millie Brown. Their upcoming clash will define their records, either advancing to 3-1 or reaching .500. In a closely fought match, The Swami's prediction leans towards Jenna emerging victorious.

Anna Kendrick 21-16 (Strikeforce) vs Ai Miyazato 20-17 (The Awesome Aries)

These two fighters first clashed at the inaugural UCC event in Tokyo, Japan. While the fight ended swiftly, it was far from lacking in action. Right from the opening bell, they engaged in an all-out brawl, trading blows toe-to-toe without relenting until a knockout occurred. Anna landed the decisive blow, dropping Ai with a powerful right cross. The bout featured a staggering 40 strikes in less than 3 minutes, showcasing their ability to go all-out. In a reversal of their initial encounter, I anticipate Ai will secure a close split decision victory this time around.

Lightweights

Candice Swanepoel   34-12 (World of Fight) vs Jennifer Connelley 30-11 (Hellfire Girls Club)

Both stable leaders bring extensive experience and know-how to the cage, having encountered almost every scenario. The Swami envisions a scenario where neither can truly surprise the other, and the outcome may hinge on a fight-altering punch or superior endurance in the later rounds. This match appears to be a coin toss, and in this instance, it landed heads up. Thus, The Swami predicts that Candice will emerge victorious in this closely contested battle.
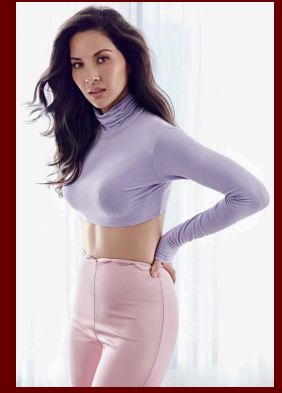
Nastia Luikin 25-14 (Karate Divas) vs Elisabetta Gregoraci 29-14 (Karate Divas)

Both of these standout Karate Diva's are perched to make a title run. Elisabetta has a few more fights under her belt but since losing to Cobra Kai rookie Emma Raducanu she has lost the next two by submission. Nastia broke a 2 fight losing streak by dominating Ashley Tisdale. In a fight for Karate Diva bragging rights The Swami picks Nastia to come out on top by submission.
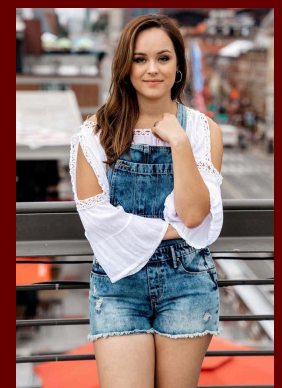
Lúcia Custódio 11-5 (Kunoichi Combat Club) vs Olivia Munn 19-17 (Hellfire Girls Club)

Olivia's impressive 6-fight win streak remains a personal best, but her subsequent performance has seen her go 5-7, struggling to establish consistent winning streaks. Meanwhile, Lucia is currently in peak form, having secured victory in 5 of her last 6 bouts. However, The Swami believes that Lucia might be facing a challenge beyond her current capabilities, with Olivia's experience potentially proving decisive in the later rounds. Despite Lucia's recent success, The Swami predicts that Olivia will capitalize using her seasoned skills and endurance.

Tanu Grewal 10-11 (Young Gunz) vs Hailey Orrantia 8-12 (Awesome Aries)

Tanu has displayed a streaky pattern in her fights, with 3 consecutive wins followed by 3 consecutive losses. Hailey, on the other hand, has struggled to establish any consistent streak, alternating wins and losses in her last 6 bouts. With neither fighter dominating the cage, a win could significantly impact their careers, while a loss could carry lasting consequences. The Swami has thoroughly analyzed this matchup and predicts that Tanu will secure victory by the narrowest of margins in what promises to be a closely contested battle.
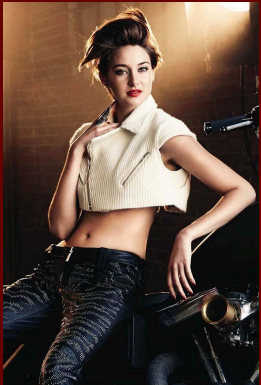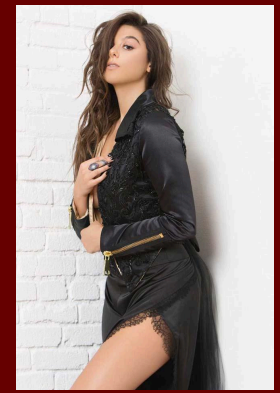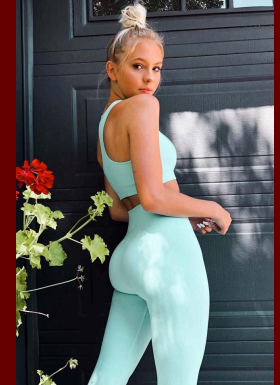
Welterweights

Raquel Pomplun 29-13-1 (Centerfold Angels) vs Kira Kosarin 32-14 (Hellfire Girls Club)

Rachel earned her place in this bout by defeating former champion Barbara Palvin. Following her loss to Barbara, Raquel has asserted her dominance with three consecutive wins, settling a score with the bikini model over some remarks about her acting abilities. Kira has been a consistent presence in the Welterweight rankings, seldom dropping out of the top 10. Her powerful legwork was evident in her fight against Shailene Woodley, landing an impressive 16 kicks. The Swami expects this trend to persist and predicts that Kira will win by decision.
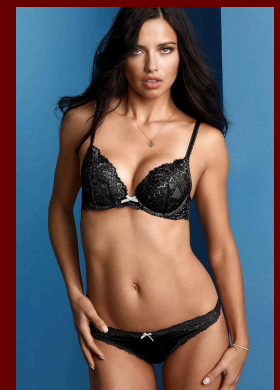
Shailene Woodley 34-12 (Lost Wildcat) vs Jordyn Jones 22-8 (Badass Barbies)

Shailene has enjoyed a reign at the summit, holding the Welterweight title for nearly two years. Despite some recent setbacks, she has alternated wins and losses in her last four bouts, including a significant victory over Bella Hadid. Jordyn, too, has experienced a similar pattern in her last four fights. However, her recent promotion to prime status has elevated her confidence, no longer relegating her to the underdog role. In what promises to be an intensely contested match, The Swami predicts that Jordyn will emerge victorious.

Erin Heatherton 25-15 (World of Fight) vs Adriana Lima 26-15-2 (World of Fight)

Erin and Adriana share a remarkable history, having been teammates and occasionally opponents for over a decade, dating back to their days in the International Lingerie Federation where they engaged in over 250 MMA fights, even facing each other four times. While they maintain a deep mutual respect outside the cage, once that door is locked, it's all business. In what promises to be a potential "Fight of the Night," The Swami anticipates Adriana narrowly clinching a victory in this highly competitive matchup.

Azealia Banks 15-18 (Alpha Angels) vs Vanessa Marano 8-9 (Awesome Aries)

Azalea has experienced some recent success but unfortunately transformed a promising 3-fight win streak into a challenging 3-fight losing streak. On the other hand, Vanessa has been unable to find her footing, maintaining an even record with an equal number of wins and losses. However, her most recent bout against Madison Iseman showcased significant improvement, hinting at better things to come. In what appears to be a "coming out party" of sorts, The Swami predicts that Vanessa will secure a signature win signaling a turning point in her career.
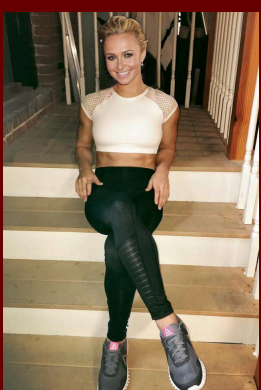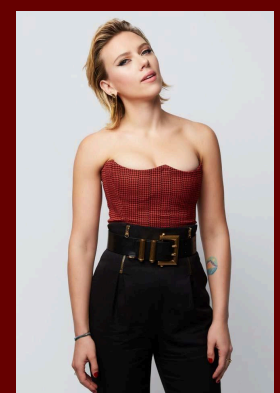
Middleweights

Emma Watson 32-9 (Badass Barbies) vs Scarlett Johansson 27-12 (Hellfire Girls Club)

When Emma is on top of her game she appears to be unbeatable having held the Middleweight title belt longer than any fighter. Scarlett has shown promise especially lately and is on a personal best 6 fight win streak. Scarlett's last fight was a dominating win over Gigi Hadid while Emma beat her former teammate Bar Refaeli. The two met back at the 4th tournament and it was a close split decision with Scarlett coming out on top. Look for a repeat in Germany.

Hayden Panettiere 19-17 (Haydens Powergirls) vs Alison Waite 17-10 (Centerfold Angels)
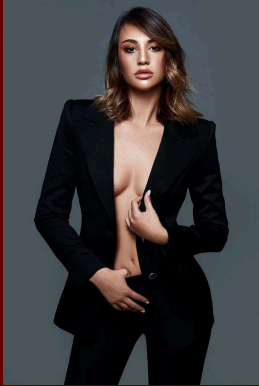
Hayden has turned her UCC career around, riding a 4-fight win streak and achieving a 5-2 record in her last 7 bouts. Conversely, Alison has been struggling, alternating between wins and losses in her last 6 fights and failing to establish a winning streak. However, Alison holds a previous victory over Hayden from their encounter in Barcelona. While the fight was closely contested in the opening round, Alison managed to secure a KO win in the 2nd. The Swami believes Alison is due for another win and predicts a similar outcome in their upcoming matchup.
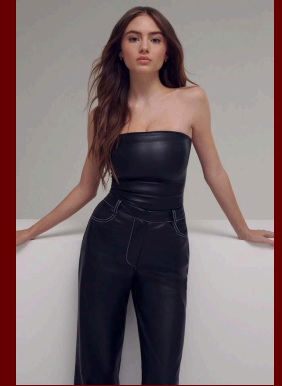
Daniela Ruah 2-5 (Raccoon) vs Jessica Simpson 10-18 (Raccoon)

Daniela's UCC career has been marked by streaks, beginning with two losses, followed by two wins, and currently on a 3-fight losing streak. Jessica, since her debut with Raccoon, has struggled to meet her potential, losing 6 out of 8 fights. While neither fighter has been particularly impressive, both possess physical strengths. Daniela holds an advantage in her upper body, whereas Jessica is known for her exceptionally strong legs. The Swami is a big fan of Raccoon, particularly Jessica, predicts her victory with a decisive body kick in the 4th round.

Kiara Tito 0-0 (Cobra Kai) vs Leni Klum 0-0 (Hellfire Girls Club)

Few fighters have entered the UCC with mire fanfare than Leni with stables vying for her services and even an International Court intervening and settling disputes. The spotlight is firmly on Leni to live up to the expectations. In contrast, Kiara hasn't garnered as much attention, but upon closer examination, The Swami expects a close battle. Leni may hold the advantage in striking, but Kiara's ground game is first rate. In a toss up fight The Swami anticipates Leni will come out on top but she will be pushed to her limits by Kiara.
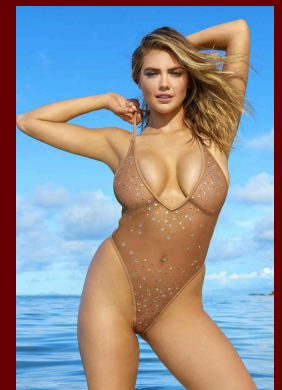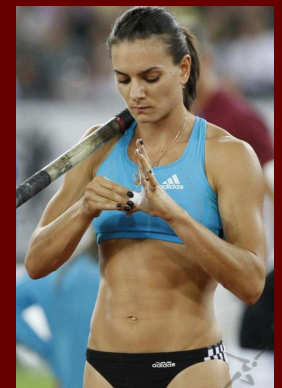
Heavyweights

Valerie van der Graaf 33-11 (Centerfold Angels) vs Kate Upton 32-14 (Death by Bikini)

In a pivotal battle with the likely prize being a title shot, the pressure is undeniably high. These two fighters have clashed twice before, with Valerie securing a split decision victory and Kate emerging victorious in the clinch. With no love lost between their respective stables, the desire to win will be intense. Both fighters have held the Heavyweight title and are eager to reclaim it. In a closely contested bout, The Swami predicts that Valerie will ultimately have her hand raised in victory.

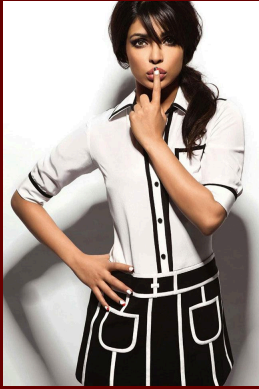### Bebe Rexha 23-14) Amped vs Yelena Isbinaya 24-15-1 (Queens of the Cage)

Bebe has consistently hovered on the brink of breaking into the top 10 but has fallen short in significant fights. Her recent four-fight win streak was snapped in the opening bout of the last tournament, where she lost to the 14th ranked Hunter McGrady. On the other hand, Yelena is known to be a streaky fighter, and when she's on her game, she's a formidable opponent. The question remains: will Bebe finally achieve that signature win she desires, or will Yelena break her three-fight losing streak? The Swami predicts a Bebe victory in convincing fashion.

Lindsey Morgan 4-6 (Raccoon) vs Kate Middleton 8-12 (Raccoon)

In the ultimate inter-stable showdown, The Swami places his bet on the Raccoon stable. Lindsey Morgan possesses impressive physical fitness and top-tier cardio, while Kate Middleton stands out as one of Raccoon's standout fighters, securing victory in four out of her last five fights in dominant fashion. The Swami's prediction leans towards Kate, as her experience shines through, allowing her to secure an easy victory over her younger stablemate.

Priyanka Chopra 10-18 (Awesome Aries) vs Shay Mitchell 9-16 (Badass Barbies)

In the ultimate Heavyweight showdown, two fighters from rival stables will clash for ultimate bragging rights. Priyanka seeks to add another win against her former teammate Shay and is determined to make an example out of her. On the other hand, Shay aims to showcase her talents for her new stable, armed with a fresh set of skills. In what could potentially be the fight of the night, The Swami's prediction favors Shay, foreseeing her comeback and securing a victory via a head kick.
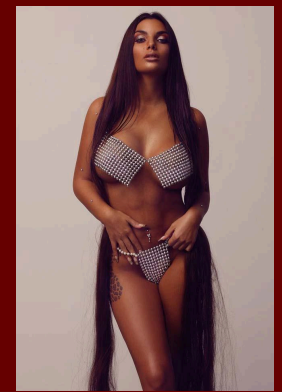
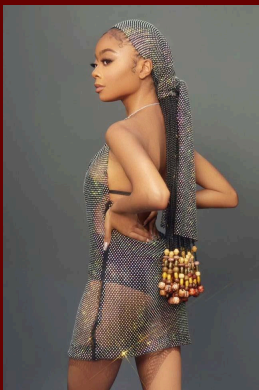## Swami's Sure Shot Win

Kayslee Collins 20-16 (Centerfold Angels) vs Elettra Lamborghini   7-18 (Italians Do It Better)

Kayslee has long displayed potential but has struggled to ascend the rankings, breaching the top 10 only once. In contrast, Elettra has been a consistent force for Italians Do It Better, notably shining in significant bouts with victories over Katharine McPhee and two wins against Doutzen Kroes. Anticipating a closely contested match that might reach the distance, The Swami's prediction leans towards Kayslee emerging victorious.
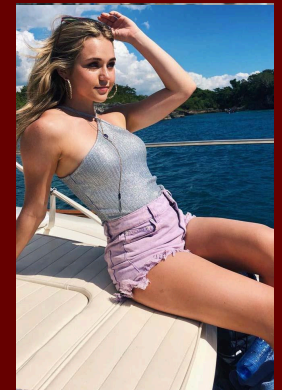
The Swami's Upset of the Month

Skai Jackson 0-3 (Awesome Aries) vs Brec Bassinger 7-18 (Wannabees)

It might seem like The Swami has taken an unconventional path by selecting an 0-3 fighter to secure her first victory against a Prospect with 25 fights to her name. Skai Jackson entered the scene with considerable attention but has yet to clinch a win. Nonetheless, after closely observing her fights, The Swami admires her fighting spirit. Brec, on the other hand, has been in the game for a while but has struggled to string together a notable winning streak. As mentioned earlier, The Swami predicts that Skai will break through and secure her maiden victory.

Please come back next Month to see The Swami results for UCC XXIV in Berlin, Germany.