h2=. *MMA DFS and Betting Breakdown for UFC Vegas 94 - Jandiroba vs. Lemos*

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UFC Vegas 94 is an eleven-fight slate going down in the comfortable confines of the UFC Apex Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. The card is headlined by a strawweight contender's fight featuring the surging grappler Virna Jandiroba and the devastating striker Amanda Lemos. The card has a lot of closely lined contests, so we should be in for a competitive night of fights. Let's begin with the main card opener in the featherweight division.

Note: All DFS salaries listed are from DraftKings & all odds quoted are from FanDuel Sportsbook.

h3=. *Bill Algeo $8,900 vs. Doo Ho Choi $7,300*

Fight Odds: -176 Algeo vs. +142 Choi
Weight Class: 145lb. (Featherweight)

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Doo Ho Choi hasn't posted a UFC win since July of 2016, but the context includes a lack of consistent fights. Choi did a mandatory military service in South Korea before returning to the octagon for an unlucky draw against Kyle Nelson. Now, he is facing an opponent that Kyle Nelson dispatched in the first round in April in Atlantic City, and he has had ample time to prepare with the Korean Zombie Team. Choi has power in his hands, he is a slick striker, and Algeo may be gun shy after a stoppage loss. Algeo has solid pace, cardio, and grappling, but he has been cracked on the chin in many of his wins and he needs to rally in rounds two and three. I think Choi can stop him early or distance himself enough in the striking in the first two rounds that he can ride out a tough round three to a decision victory. Algeo's best chance to win is to avoid power punching exchanges and force the grappling early and often.

Prediction: *Do Ho Choi defeats Bill Algeo via KO1/DEC*

h3=. *Cody Durden $8,300 vs. Bruno Silva $7,900*

Fight Odds: -105 Durden vs. -115 Silva
Weight Class: 125lb. (Flyweight)

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This is a fascinating fight in the flyweight division as two aging veterans look to step up into a top-10 opportunity if they can secure an impressive victory. Cody Durden is a dogged wrestler with slam knockouts, submissions, and a number of decision victories on his resume. He has shown improvements since training at American Top Team, but the size, wrestling prowess, and grappling technique of Tagir Ulanbekov was too much for him to overcome in his last bout. Bruno Silva is a much smaller opponent than Ulanbekov, but he offered the common opponent much more resistance in the striking phases, deadening the calf and responding well to takedowns. Silva's professional record only shows one loss via submission, but an overturned result in the UFC and a submission loss on TUF obscure the fact that Silva has been vulnerable to submissions throughout his career, particularly late in bouts when he is fatigued. Durden will be looking to ground him, wear him out, and submit him late. If he can't secure takedowns, the laser-like front kicks to the face, the stiff calf kicks, and the more impactful combinations from Silva could close the show standing. Tough fight to call because Durden has the better wins (i.e. Charles Johnson) but he has fared worse against common opposition (i.e. Ulanbekov).

Prediction: *Bruno Silva via KO1/2 or Durden via SUB2/3*

h3=. *Kaynan Kruschewsky $8,700, vs. Kurt Holobaugh $7,500*

Fight Odds: -138 Kruschewsky vs. +112 Holobaugh
Weight Class: 155lb. (Lightweight)

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Kaynan Kruschewsky got face planted by Elves Brenner as an underdog in his UFC debut, but now he gets a seemingly more manageable task in the form of Ultimate Fighter Winner Kurt Holobaugh, a wild striker with a crafty submission arsenal. Holobaugh was controlled for eleven minutes in his last bout against Trey Ogden, running his UFC record to 1-5. I can forgive Kruschewsky getting flattened by a powerful young fighter like Brenner, and he has a much better opportunity here against an opponent who has dropped decisions, submissions, and knockouts at the UFC level. Holobaugh is always live to hurt Kruschewsky who stands upright and has two losses via KO1, but Kruschewsky has five round experience, he finishes fights with strikes and submissions, and he should be able to mix in takedowns if he needs them.

Prediction: *Kaynan Kruschewsky defeats Kurt Holobaugh via UDEC*

h3=. *Steve Garcia $8,600 vs. Seung Woo Choi $7,600*

Fight Odds: -158 Garcia vs. +128 Choi
Weight Class: 155lb. (Lightweight)

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Steve Garcia and Seung Woo Choi have combined for 19 knockdowns in each of their last five fights (for and against), so you know this fight has fireworks written all over it. Both of these fighters can be clipped on the chin, both of these fighters can make critical mistakes, but both fighters are hungry, dangerous, and looking for a highlight reel victory. Seung Woo Choi has been working with Doo Ho Choi under the tutelage of the Korean Zombie and he appears to be in the best shape of his career leading into this contest. Garcia's recent opponents have been looking to force grappling exchanges and losing energy as a result, but the way to beat Garcia remains testing his chin as Maheshate was able to do. Garcia is the kind of guy you like to bet on as an underdog because he will fight hard for your dollar and swing for the fences, but as a favorite, he makes too many mistakes and leaves himself too vulnerable to trust him. Charlie Ontiveros had him on ice skates on multiple occasions as a -3xx favorite.

Prediction: *Seung Woo Choi defeats Steve Garcia via Stoppage Rd.1/2*

h3=. *Virna Jandiroba $8,500 vs. Amanda Lemos $7,700*

Fight Odds: -138 Jandiroba vs. +112 Lemos
Weight Class: 115lb. (Women's Strawweight)

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Virna Jandiroba is finally getting her shot at a five round fight on a main event stage against former title challenger Amanda Lemos. Oddsmakers are expecting this fight to end inside the distance at a high clip because of the contrast in styles and the skills possessed by each woman. Virna Jandiroba is a fantastic grappler who uses a single leg series, a guard pull to deep half guard, and a back take as the foundation for her winning formula. After 23 professional contests, Virna Jandiroba has been set back just 3 times, losing to MacKenzie Dern, Amanda Ribas, and Carla Esparza, three fighters who can outdo Jandriboa in the wrestling and grappling phases of the fight. Amanda Lemos is a powerful striker who has rocked, wobbled, and finished many of her UFC level opponents. The fight has a binary dynamic in which Jandiroba should be levels ahead of Lemos on the mat if she can secure takedowns, but she is levels behind in terms of power and speed standing should the takedowns fail. Based on my tape study and the stats, I believe that Lemos makes too many mistakes in the wrestling and grappling phases that a top player like Jandiroba can exploit. Lemos was submitted standing by Jessica Andrade who is a training partner of Jandiroba. In the small cage (Apex), grapplers have an easier time getting to takedowns and clinch positions.

Prediction: *Virna Jandiroba defeats Amanda Lemos via SUB 1/2/3*

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