

Death By Bikini - Haggis in a Bikini

(These interviews occurred approximately some days after the UCC XIX event, held in Scotland)

Kate Lost! Again!

The Death By Bikini leader was unable to recover from her Tournament final loss. In Scotland she was out fought and lost on points to rival Kylie Jenner. Forced to hand back the Heavyweight Title to Kylie, Kate will now need to rethink and rebuild herself in time for the last UCC event of 2022. India will be the destination for UCC XX, where Kate won't be able to challenge Kylie again for the title. Instead she'll have to fight Valerie van der Graaf. The two have only fought once before, way back at UCC IV in Toronto. Valerie won that match, so it will be vital that Kate gets the win. Otherwise she risks falling off the main heavyweight card in 2023.

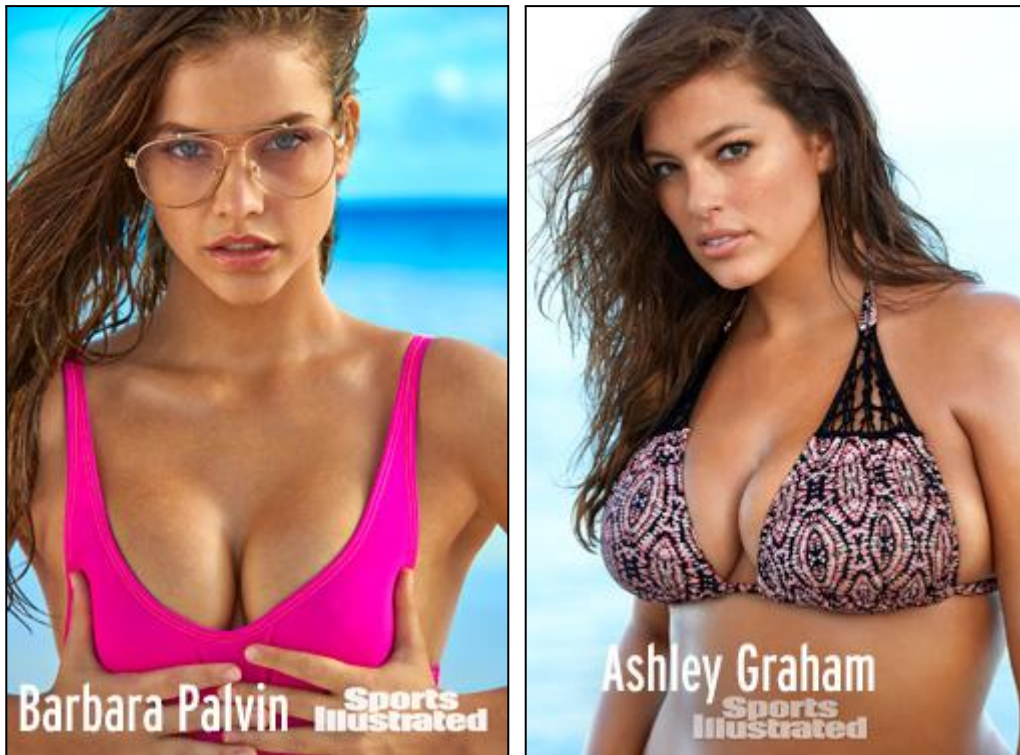
Despite Kate's loss in Scotland, there were plenty of positives for Death By Bikini. Vita Sidorkina followed up her impressive run of victories to defeat Dove Cameron and secure the lightweight division title. Her fellow lightweight stablemate, Lais Riberio was also impressive as she knocked out Amped's Sky Ferreira and kept herself in the running for a title shot in 2023.



Scotland proved to be a unique event for Death By Bikini, where not a single match pitted two members of the stable against each other. With a roster of 25 members, there is usually at least one or two matches where the girls must fight each other. By some cosmic miracle, that didn't happen in Scotland.

There were 14 winners and 11 losers in the DDB stable after UCC XIX. Standouts amongst the winners were Barbara Palvin, the cover girl on the last issue of TKO Magazine. Her win against Kira Kosarin gives her eight wins in a row, but she must face Kira again in India. The winner of that match is likely to face either Ellie Goulding or Shailene Woodly in early 2023 for a title shot.

Ashley Graham found solid form when she knocked out Strikeforce's Iggy Azalea in round one of their clash. The win keeps her near the top of the heavyweight division.



Rather than have in depth interviews with the women who consistently win or stay near the top of the UCC rankings, this TKO issue is dedicated to the DDB fighters who haven't been so prominent in the last months or year. Win, lose or draw, each member of the stable is important. And each deserves to have her voice heard, even if she isn't on a winning trajectory.

The exception to the rule is, of course, Vita Sidorkina. The latest Death By Bikini champion!

Vita Sidorkina - For the Love of Combat

UCC Rank: 9
Lightweight Rank: 2
Earnings: \$549,801
Win Streak: 8

Latest Winn: Round 5 Decision vs Dove Cameron
(Unanimous)

Next Opponent:
Dove Cameron



Sports Illustrated

A photograph of Vita Sidorkina, a mixed martial artist, posing on a rocky beach. She is wearing a pink bikini bottom and has her hair in two braids. She is looking back over her shoulder at the camera. The background shows a rocky shore and the ocean.

“Only one more UCC event remains for 2022. I’m riding high at the moment and I don’t want to lose any momentum. In Scotland, at the Holyrood Abbey Ruins, I achieved a fantastic win against Dove Cameron. I dominated our match and after five rounds I’d out scored her. Now I’ve brought the Lightweight Divisional Title home to Hawaii. It’s mine, and I want to keep it around my tiny waist.”

“I’m sure Dove’ll want it back at UCC XX. But when we get to India, she’s going to have a hell of a time trying to take it from me. It’ll be our second fight and she’ll have learned a lot from what we just went through. That goes both ways, I’ve learnt too. I’ll have an advantage, but you never ever give a Badass Barbie an inch. When you do, that’s when they kick you in the pussy and poke you in the eye.”

“I defeated Badass Barbie, Madison Beer for a Tournament win, and now I’ve defeated her stablemate for a divisional title win. As dangerous as the Barbies are, damn they’re a lot of fun to cage fight against!”

“That’s the thing about MMA cage fighting. It’s got to be fun. You have to enjoy it. That’s easy to say when you’ve got two titles like I do, but even so - you have to enjoy and love what you do. Otherwise, why do it?”

“Personally, I love close combat. The trading of sweat and blood. The smells and the noises. The grunts and groans, the taunting and teasing. The pulling of hair and clothes. Never knowing quite what your opponent will do and what’s coming next. Will this fight end with me naked? Will I knock her out in the first round? Am I going to get poked in the eye or will I need to claw her tits?”

“I love all of it. Even when I lose on rare occasions to the likes of Emily Ratajowski or Olga Kurylenko. I still want to get back up and get back in the cage. I’m pumped for UCC XX and I’m more than ready for 2023.”



Irina Shayk - Good luck, Hansika

A photograph of Irina Shayk, a Russian model, standing in shallow, clear turquoise water. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. Her dark hair is wet and messy, and she is wearing a thin, multi-strand necklace. The background shows a rocky coastline under a bright sky.

UCC Rank: 78
Welterweight Rank: 17
Earnings: \$555,186
Win Streak: 1

Next Opponent:
Alyssa Arce

Latest Win: Round 5 Decision vs Hansika Motwani
(Unanimous)

Sports Illustrated

"I was last interviewed for TKO magazine after UCC XVI in Italy. That was back in March and since then I've had some highs and lows. I lost my match in Brazil and then lost in Singapore to Barbara Palvin and Camille Rowe, respectively. Emily VanCamp sat on my face to eliminate me in the third round of the tournament series in Hawaii, but in Scotland I'm back with a points win against Hansika Motwani."

"If someone had said to me back in Italy that I'd be fighting Hansika in eight months' time, I would have laughed at them. She was pretty much a 50% fighter. Losing as many matches as she won and never really lighting the UCC on fire. But, the Lost Wildcats have come a long way this year. They've really pulled their panties up and trained hard. Shit, just look at how well women like Koda Kumi and Katherine McPhee have been doing."

"Hansika has my respect. That's saying something, because usually I fucking hate everyone and don't give a fuck. Of course I didn't really let Hansika land any punches or kicks on me on Ghost Island, but I'll be generous and give her some respect anyway."

"It's actually a pity that we fought each other in Scotland. It would've been more exciting to fight at the next UCC event, since we'll be in Hansika's home country, India. But, I'll be fighting the boring and vanilla Alyssa Arce. Hansika is fighting Nina Dobrev. I wish her luck."



Danielle Herrington - So Mad!



“Why the fuck has it taken so long for me to be interviewed for TKO? Seriously, the last time I was in these pages was like a year ago, when I lost to Yelena at UCC XIV in Ireland. Damn. That makes me so mad!”

“It’s not like everything I’ve been doing since then has been shit. I had a great win against Alexandra Daddario at UCC XVII in Brazil. I know I was eliminated in both the Fifth and Sixth Tournaments by Kate Upton, but...it’s freakin’ Kate Upton, yo!”

“Should I be happy I’m being interviewed after fighting Scotland? Um...I guess so. It’s just a pity that I was outplayed and beaten by Dua Lipa. This interview would have been a lot more fun if I was a winner.”

“That fight with Dua, which was in some ruins of a church or something, wasn’t great. I only landed one of my kicks and not even half of my punches. No way can you win a cage fight unless you actually hit your opponent.”

“I want to put Scotland behind me and concentrate on improving and beating Bebe Rehex in India. She made me tap out to an armbar when we fought in Greece. I don’t want a repeat of that disaster.”

“I guess I have a lot to think about.”



Rose Bertram - Baywatch Sucks



“After losing to Susanna Tirpak at UCC XVI, things haven’t really been going my way in the UCC. I had a win against Tsianina Joelson, but then was eliminated by Pamela Anderson in the first round of a tournament. Then forced to submit to a leg spread, thanks to Yasmine Bleeth. I really hate Baywatch.”

“I probably shouldn’t say I feel lucky to have won in Scotland, but I do feel that way. I fought royalty in the shape of Maitha al-Maktoum, and I won convincingly in the second round, but it feels like a lucky consolation prize.”

“Luck often isn’t on my side in the UCC, so I’ll take the win and try to build on it at the next event.”

“I’d love to end 2022 with a smile on my face, but as my bad luck would have it, I’m facing Pamela-fucking-Anderson, again. Oh, man. Really?”

“If she makes me submit to her again, I’m gonna be so mad. God, I hate Baywatch.”



Hunter McGrady - Where's the Impact?



"In Brazil I was beaten and hurt by Sierra Skye Egan, then in Singapore I was TKO'ed by Chiara D'Amico, and then I was eliminated in round one of my tournament by Nathalie Emmanuel. Bang. Bang. Bang. Three losses in a row and I have nothing to show for it, except for a decline in my heavyweight ranking."

"If I was hoping for an easy match in Scotland against Dana Loesch, I was mistaken. She's hardly a superstar in the UCC, but she sure as shit put up a huge effort. If I hadn't been able to land a fatal blow at the end of the third round...well, the fight could have gone either way."

"I need to do something more in the UCC. I have the build and strength to be a serious threat in my division, but I'm struggling to keep at a 50% win rate. Fuck it. I need to do more. I need to make a statement."

"When we get to India I'll fight Raccoon's Lindsey Morgan. I'm going to have to destroy her to make an impact. A knock out might not be enough. I'm going to try and injure her, I want to take her out. The UCC needs to know that Hunter McGrady is a force to be reckoned with."

"I just hope I don't end up eating my words. Nom. Nom. Nom."



Haley Kalil - The Struggle is Real

UCC Rank: 397
Middleweight Rank: 88
Earnings: \$140,888
Win Streak: -2

Latest Loss: Round 5 Decision vs Danneel Harris (Split)

Next Opponent:
Jessica Biel

A full-page photograph of Haley Kalil, a mixed martial artist, standing in shallow water. She is wearing a blue bikini with a colorful, patterned design. She has long, wavy brown hair and is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a bright, overexposed sky and water.

Sports Illustrated

"Things aren't great for me in the UCC. There's only one member of Death By Bikini that ranks lower than me, Jasmine Sanders. But she only has three professional cage fights. I have 12 and I've only won five of those. Things aren't great, at all."

"It's no wonder I haven't been interviewed for TKO Magazine. Not many readers want to hear from a girl who's struggling to stay in the competition. If anyone in our stable has room for improvement, it's me."

"In my last fight against Danneel Harris I did last the full five rounds, but I never, ever looked like coming close to beating her. I made so many mistakes and I was so inaccurate with my strikes, I looked like a rookie fighting a professional."

"I've lost to Alexandra Burke, Jodie Comer, Blake Lively, Lauren Gottlieb....the list goes on and on. The couple of wins I have achieved are hardly anything special. In Singapore I won against Kiira Korpi, but I have the referee to thank for that. Lena Gercke stepped in and called the fight in my favor. if she hadn't, would Kirra have beaten me?"

"Jessica Biel will be my opponent for UCC XX. She also lost in Scotland, so we will both fight with no positive momentum. I will fight her with all my heart, I hope it's enough. I don't want to be at the bottom of the barrel."

