

# Duck Picks and breakdowns

UFC 266

## My picks

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## Alexander Volkanovski beats Brian Ortega

*Confidence-70%-Ortega is so dangerous, But Volk might be the best fighter on the planet*

Let me cut to the chase, The biggest question in the fight is will Volkanovski land the leg kick? How does Ortega deal with them? And will that compromise his fighting style? Volkanovski has some of the best leg kicks, He shut out Max Holloway 5-0 in the first fight with them, Volkanovski landed 75 out of 93 (80%) of the leg kicks thrown. The leg kicks landed because Max Holloway had a boxing stance which mean he must be heavy on the lead leg to land with power, Ortega fights out of a boxing stance also so I can see him eating tons of leg kicks as one thing I notice was when Korean Zombie thrown a leg kick it would hurt Ortega, It made him switch stances at some point in the fight, But he never really thrown any. Volkanovski for a fact will throw tons of leg kicks. Ortega must do at least some of these things or he be a sitting duck out there to get punched in the face later in the fight:

1. Be in a Muay Thai stance for example, but any stance with a light lead leg stance will work, as a light lead leg make it easier to check kicks
2. Put the leg out of the way
3. Kick someone in the head with your lead leg as your leg not on the ground getting kick,
4. Return the favour and kick they leg back; they must pick their legs to check you kick so they can't kick

5. Pressure as you can't throw a kick going backward, try it at home, it impossible to throw a good kick going backward,
6. Hit them with a hard punch when they going to leg kick you, you still eat a leg kick, but you make them think about kicking you
7. Check the leg kick if it a thigh kick as it the strongest part of you leg connecting with the weakest of their, It also make them hesitant
8. Catch the kick, I don't think you can catch calf kick, But Volk mainly throw Thigh kicks, so he can maybe get some easy takedown, and him on top of you will be a nightmare

I think Ortega can do some of these as it is checking a leg kick, it's day one Muay Thai, I know Volkonoski is a world champion, but still my point still stands, I'm almost confident we won't see the Ortega who fought the Zombie as either he gets his leg kick off his body or must change stuff and not fight in his most prefer style.

Volkanovski tweeted after the Max Holloway vs Calvin Katter fight. He did not land this strike number on me. Which is true. Max Holloway landed 134 in the first fight and 102 in the second fight. I think the main reason for this is his feints. You don't know what is real and what isn't. Volk might have the best feints in the UFC. He also made Jose Aldo do nothing in their fight. Volk might honestly be one of the best fighters to watch for hardcore fan because he just fights so smart. I know for a fact, The Brian Ortega who fought the Korean Zombie won't show up. Korean Zombie didn't remember 3/5 of the fight with Brian. Korean Zombie might be one of the better fighters to look good against. As he is well regarded and rightfully so and is hittable. Volk is a fighter who makes you fight bad. I.eHolloway looked average, and making Aldo look terrible. And also Volkanoski might be the best fighter in the planet

My last point and this might just be for the betting people. And the reason I'm only 70% confident in Volkanovski. I think Ortega is the most dangerous fighter at 145, Finishes in all but one of his wins, and in that decision, he dropped Zombie multiple times, as he dropped Zombie in the first round also. He can submit you or knock you out. I also got suspicion on Volkanoski chin, He got dropped at least 3 time in his career, twice in the second Holloway fight, first round Max landed a head kick and in the second round, Max landed an uppercut. In the Chad Mendes fight, he got dropped with a lead hook after getting hurt. I think If Ortega lands hard, he will finish Volkanski. His 2 standing KO in the UFC comes from an uppercut and a knee and all I'm saying is Volkovski is five foot six. His submission game is also legit, But I think Volk is too smart to get submitted as he won't fuck with any of the ground stuff, Ortega's takedown is pretty shit. So, I doubt he get submitted unless Volk get dropped or he become cocky. I say this, having a bet on the under on Ortega is not stupid as I think he must blast him early to wins,

## **Valentina Shevchenko Beats Lauren Murphy**

*Confidence- 95% anything Can happen*

Lauren Murphy has a chance. It's MMA and anything can happen.

## Robbie Lawler beat Nick Diaz

*Confidence-99%- best bet on the card*

The first fight between them must be the longest time between rematches, it was on April 4, 2004, I was 3 at the time. I bet they're people on Tapology who weren't even born when the fight happened. It was on the card when Chuck Liddell fought Tito Ortiz for the first time. It was a huge coming out party for Nick Diaz, everyone thought he was a jiu-jitsu fighter, but then seeing him sleep Robbie Lawler, People were on notice, Now let's get to the fight. Before the tape, I I'm confident in Robbie Lawler, As Nick Diaz hasn't fought in 6 years, haven't won in 10-year, Nick Diaz is a dinosaur, and one thing you can say about Robbie Lawler is that he is still in the game fighting while Nick Diaz was in the party scene getting drunk and doing all that stuff that won't age you well

I don't need to watch tape. All the stories of Nick Diaz are truly startling. The fight being changed to middle weight is not a good sign, also Josh Thompson news is a bad sign. Robbie Lawler just outworks fighters who have crazy output. He still has to power, and I think he has the will to fight. I think Nick Diaz is doing it for the money

## Curtis Blaydes Beats Jairinho Rozenstuck

*Confidence 80%- It heavyweight, So anything can happen*

The biggest thing about this fight is will Rozenstuck land a punch, or will he not land a punch? Rozenstuck has the Derreck Lewis thing going on, He look shit until the moment he gets the KO punch. I am 100% tuning in to see if Jairinho can land the punch like Derrick did. I'll say Blaydes wins the Derrick Lewis fight nine out of ten times. Just the time they fought he landed the death uppercut that will kill a horse. He was out striking him at will. And not to even mention Blaydes is the best wrestler in MMA heavyweight history, He would have hurt him on the ground also. Also, Blaydes is 0-3 against the big blacksplosive power puncher in Derrick Lewis and Francis Ngagnnu and now he's fighting another one in Rozenstuck and can we all agree that Francis, Derrick and Rozenstuck is the top 3 heaviest hand fighter in the UFC

One thing I said about Rozenstuck right away, he is surprisingly technical while watching tape. He is throwing crisp strikes, And I saw him switch stances. I think my problem with Rozenstuck is that he is a pure counter fighter, and that is not a negative on him, being a pure counter fighter is not always a bad thing. Fighters like Anderson Silva, Israel Adensanya and Valitina Shevshinko are pure counter fighters. The biggest problem is that they must have something to counter so that they can be put into the staring contest. one thing I think Blaydes should do is feint, Cyril Gane basically shut down Rozenstuck with them, Junior also did this to fluster Rozenstuck to an extent before getting killed with an uppercut, left hook combo. Blaydes also needs to avoid the fence. Most of Rozenstuck KOs tend to be when his opponent is trap against the fence. I think this is because generally his opponent tends to move back out of the way from his big death punches as they throw non comital strikes like Jabs and leg kicks. Curtis does do both well, His feints are false wrestling entry's and what look a bit like Maycee Barber or Michelle Waterson jabs, because he does extend his arms a bit too much, but out or range to get hit, I think Rozenstuck could maybe explode and catch him with a huge overhand. Also, Blaydes' control the octagon well, He is always in the centre or has his opponent against the fence. I think Rozenstuck will catch Blaydes if it stays on the feet as he is hittable. But the fight most likely won't stay on the feet as Blaydes is the best wrestler in

Heavyweight history, And after the Lewis fight he will most likely want to go to his roots which is the wrestling

But what about Blaydes wrestling, Curtis Blaydes has the takedown record by far, He got 59 takedowns while 2<sup>nd</sup> place Cain Velasquez got 34 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Randy Coutour got 25. Curtis Blaydes has a powerful blast double and single, but when you get to the fence it's the issue, He just kept getting you down with body lock takedowns and Supplex's. He also makes it hard for you to come up, while making you work and punching you in the face for your issue. One thing I notice is that Rozenstuck get taken down with clinch takedowns and trips from both Cyril and the Reem, and in the Reem fight he was a turtle off his back when he got down there. And that is terrible against Curtis as he's a fighter which is not if, but when will he take you down. But Rozenstuck grappling has been improving rapidly, he is stopping takedowns easier and got up quick against Gane. But still, he is fighting Curtis Blaydes so I don't think that matters. Curtis Blaydes is just that good at wrestling, All Curtis need to worry about is entrys on his takedown as that how he got caught by Derrick Lewis, But that happening twice in the row is pretty unlikely.

Last point is Blaydes does have a chin, even though he got finish in all 3 of his loss, one of his losses is to a doctor stoppage for his eye against to Francis Ngannou, then getting hit in borderline legal shot as it was on the back of the head by Francis Ngannue, and still he went up and it was an early stoppage. And the Derrick Lewis KO was a perfect uppercut by one of the best heavyweights out there. I see him take hard shot all the time and not get him out of there. Rozenstuck needs to land a good shot to get him out of there.

## **Cynthia Calvilio beats Jessica Andrade**

*Confidence – 50%- I feel like I'm going to get bullied for this one*

Let me start with I love watching Jessica Andrade fight, she never had a boring fight in her career. If I were to get a friend who has never watched WMMA, I would show them Jessica Andrade. I'm also a fan of Cynthia Calvilio, I liked her from the start. I remember back in my casual days when she did a sweet back take from Anaconda choke on Amanda Cooper. But honestly, one thing I don't like about Calvilio is she is not that much bigger than Andrade as Andrade is 5 foot 1 with a 62-inch reach and Cynthia is 5 foot 4 with a 64-inch reach advantage. Also, Calvilio is a former strawweight like Andrade. Andrade should just be so much stronger the Calvilio. She should hulk smash her every way the fight goes. Calvilio is tough so I wouldn't be surprised if it goes 3 rounds. But Andrade never tire. She just a great athlete

One thing that surprised me is that Cynthia boxing is really underrated. She has good hands. The problem with the Chookagian fight was the reach. She just fought the wrong way for a woman with a reach disadvantage. In this fight, Cynthia is the bigger fighter. She throws straight punches and has a boxing stance. Andrade rarely kicks, so that is no problem. Call me nuts but I think Cynthia might box Andrade up. Andrade mainly throws hooks so she must be close, While Cynthia can be further out. I also think Cynthia has a chin on her, so Andrade has so land good to KO her. I also think the grappling is close. Cynthia grappling is the best part of her game. I didn't like how easily Valtina just destroyed Andrade. Who was the last fighter Valtina just destroyed? I didn't like that look from Andrade just getting ragdolled because Cynthia has good takedowns, and her back takes are great. Andrade also has good takedown where she just slams people

I think the reason why I made this pick is that I think Andrade is on the downward protectory right now. She has been in the game forever. Cynthia is in her prime right now. I didn't like how Andrade look against Valtellina. She just got destroyed. I think this might be a crossroads fight. I think this might be an upset. I think Cynthia just wants it more, I don't think Andrade want it any more

## **Marlon Moraes Beats Merab Dvalishvili**

*Confidence – 60%- People are seriously counting out Marlon*

This might be the most intriguing fight on the card for me, I think this fight will tell us if Marlon is shot or not. He's recent loss aren't bad. Henry Cejudo is one of the best fighters ever, Cory Sandhagen is the best striker in the division, And the Rob Font fight, he was like a month later from him getting wheel kicked. Also, Jose Aldo is one of the best fighters of all time and is still going strong, so going to a split decision type fight with him is not terrible. People always bitch about decisions going to or against people. It was a close fight. Marlon Moraes was a beast. The only thing that matters is if he is the same guy as he could be on a descent. Marlon is 33 years old, so he is not old, But I have seen younger fighters get shot. Merab is one relentless fighter, He just doesn't stop. Before tape I'm writing this, I think I'm 50% Merab just get nuked with something big and the other 50% is Merab surviving the first round the first round

One thing I say, Marlon Moraes did destroy the Bantamweight Champion of the world Aljamain Sterling who I think has many similarities to Merab Dvalishvili. He drops Aljamain Sterling with a rear uppercut, lead overhand combo, and he lets him up before landing the knee that made him Dab. Marlon was just super aggressive against him. Making sure Aljamain Sterling was always going backward. You can't shoot going backward. It can be a double edge sword as you can walk into your opponent's takedowns. Also, him being aggressive, He expose Aljamain Sterling striking holes. Merab will have similar holes. I think Marlon could time a knee or uppercut. I think people are down on him for the Rob Font fight, he shouldn't have been sanctioned to fight Rob Font. He looks so slow relative to every other fight I had seen of his, He also got knockout relatively easily. He got dropped by a jab. I think that is the reason why everyone is counting out Marlon. I am almost confident I will see the old Marlon again. He had a 10 month off to recover his brain. Also, Marlon might be the strongest 135lb and does have good ideas for wrestling. I don't think Merab will easily takedown Marlon, and if he will most likely get up as Merab top game isn't special.

My biggest worry is Marlon gassing. I'm confident in Marlon winning the first with damage. Merab wins the third because of Marlon gassing out. I think in most circumstances, I'm confident in Marlon not gassing that bad, But Merab output is insane and if he kept doing bullshit, it might gas out Marlon. But I doubt that he gasses out in a round. He is a bantamweight, not a heavyweight and in the 3 round fight he has, He usually has good cardio for a bit. Also, he took the third round from Aldo. He did more damage in that round. I love Aldo like most people, but I can't be biased, and Marlon did win that round. I think if Marlon uses the more basic technique like jabs it would be beneficial, He was landing tons of them against Aldo, He triple jab Aldo at one point.

The reason why I'm picking Marlon is because I think if the decision happens is be a close one and Marlon also has the chance to fuck up Merab as Merab has to walk through the fire against Marlon. And Marlon is one dangerous motherfucker

## **Dan Hooker Beats Nasrat Haqparast**

*Confidence – 90%- Should be a lay-up for Hooker*

Honestly this might be one of the nicer fight you could give Dan Hooker, Nasrat go to decision in 4 out of his 5 win in the octagon, If you're worried about Nasrat just sleeping him, he didn't sleep Alex Munoz, Rafa Garcia or Thabot Gotti, Also it a huge step up for Nasrat, He's last 2 opponent doesn't have Wikipedia page, Not including Dober who slept him in 70 seconds, His last 4 opponent Ufc records are 0-2, 1-2 and the one win is contender series so doesn't really count, 4-3 but is 1-3 in his last 4 and the last guy is 1-5. He did beat Marc Diakiese in June of 2018, that was a decent win, but it was 4 years ago, And that's forever in MMA. Nasrat did fucked them up, but you can't go from those guys to fighting the number 8 guy in the world, who went toe to toe with the man of the division Dustin Poirier for 5 rounds, And the Chandler loss he just got caught, He was doing good. Michael Chandler might have the heaviest hands in the division, and he did knockdown the lightweight champion with the same setup. I don't know if it's just me, but I hate fighters skipping the ladder, I don't think it's good as you don't improve. I think fighters shouldn't take huge steps as you end up getting fucked up. Nasrat needs a step up, but he should fight someone just outside the ranking, or low in the rankings as 155 is a shark tank.

Dan Hooker also got more weapons, Nasrat got fast hands and great boxing, but that's about it, Nasrat feet are always heavy on the lead leg and he is a tad bit plodding. Not a good combo for a guy who best and most used weapon is the calf kick. Calf kick isn't undefendable, you can do most of the same defence to leg kicks as I explain in my Volkanoski vs Ortega breakdown, only difference is that you can't catch a calf kick, Unless you want to get set up for a head kick, And to check a leg kick, You rotate your leg so you can hit a shin to shin collusion and usually they kick a bonier part of the shin. But I honestly doubt he checks them, and it will make him scared that the calf kick is a win in itself because it will open different weapons because Nasrat will fight differently. Dan Hooker's knees and elbow are brutal, and his grappling is opportunistic. He won the Felder fight because of the backtake in round 2 and the takedown in round 5 as one judge gave him round 2, and the other round 5. Most people scored that fight 2,4,5 Felder. And watching Dan Hooker over the years, he always does this. One downside of Hooker is his cardio. But he can usually go a hard 3 rounds, If this fight was a main event than that will be a problem

The only reason why I'm not 100 percent certain of the outcome is that going through two fight of the year contenders and the Chandler knock out will or most likely change a man. But I think Hooker needs to lose all his skills or be made of literally glass to lose the fight and I doubt that will happen as he honestly didn't look bad against Michael Chandler. I think people only care about the result, and not watch the fight sometimes. If Chandler were in them for another minute. Chandler's leg might be compromised, He was landing good calf kicks. The calf kick was getting to Chandler, But Chandler does have the Sean O'Malley thing where I think they're about to break they're leg about every 30 seconds,

One thing I forget to mention is Dan didn't have Eugene Bareman in his corner in the Chandler fight. I don't know if that matters because he got destroyed early. But I think It might.

## **Shamil Abdurakhmov Beats Chris Daukaus**



*Confidence – 60%- Let see if Daukaus is real*

The biggest thing that jumps out on paper for me in this fight is Shamil is 40 and hasn't fought in 2 years, in a fight where he basically just got owned and did nothing against Curtis Blaydes, So It doesn't really count. So, the last fight you really saw anything was on April 20, 2019, against Marcin Tybura. He could be shot in the time and get knocked out early. The other thing that jumps out for me is that Daukaus hasn't gotten out of the first round in the UFC. He went 4:28 minute against Parker Porter, 45 seconds against Rodrigo Nascimento and a minute and 55 second against Aleksei Oleinik. It is a thing where you see a lot and not a lot as you have seen his fast hands, but you don't see him in a deep fire fight, and there is a huge chance that Shamil can make it to the second or third round. But still, he weighs 235lb(106kg) in his last fight and has been losing weight in every appearance, so he is not a heavy heavyweight. I say he has good cardio for at least for heavyweight

Shamil is a guy I don't really know a lot about, the first thing I notice was that he has a boxing stance and is very loopy with the punches he throws, Shamil throw mostly overhand and hooks. I think if this is a clean stand-up fight Daukaus will KO Shamil early. Daukaus footwork and hand speed. One thing I like is that he grabs the head and throw uppercut, Turning the fight dirty could be very useful in the fight to counter Daukaus hands speed and footwork. One thing I like is that Shamil grabs his opponents head and throw uppercut, But Daukaus does have good instinct in the clinch, he throws heavy leather and did well against Oleinik to not get in any danger at all. If I was Shamil on the feet fighting Daukaus, I would throw leg kicks to slow down the footwork of Daukaus and even though he doesn't throw many kicks, it is still a leg kick. It not a 360-tornado front kick, it's not rocket science, In the Walt Harris fight, He was throwing calf kick and that before calf kick were in vogue. So, a big boy like Shamil could slow Daukaus down Also, this is a huge unknown is Daukaus takedown defence. Shamil has good takedown, He got 3 or 4 against Arlovski and held down Arlovski for a bit, and that impressive as Arloski counter grappling is on the higher spectrum at heavyweight. He also wrestle fuck Derreck Lewis before getting Derrick'd Lewis in the 4<sup>th</sup> round. One thing I will say is Shamil takedown are from trips mostly. Daukaus shouldn't kick or be careful when he does. And Daukaus need to use his footwork, as footwork is the first layer of takedown defence. Also, his brother Kyle Daukaus is a grappler, He might teach him stuff

I think I must pick Shamil, I think this is another fight where you could look like an idiot in hindsight for picking the other guy. I just think Shamil will wrestle him for at least 2 rounds. Daukaus could also punch him hard and hurt him on the feet. But Shamil never got hurt on the feet. All Shamil losses are to TKO on the ground from getting control and beaten up. Not really about durability. Daukous is a fighter with so many unknowns that he could be the next big thing or a fraud. I personally believe Daukaus might have overachieved a bit. No one was expecting much of him. People on Tapology were calling him a bum before his UFC debut. I think this could be a loss to bring things back to reality, Shamil isn't no bitch, you must be the real deal to beat him. Daukaus fought two fights on the lower spectrum of heavyweight, And the oldest fighter on the roster. But I be tuning it to see if he the real deal or not, because damn he looks good in his fights

## **Talia Santos beat Roxanne Moderferri**

*Confidence – 65%- Can't count at Roxxy*

Let's cut to the chase. Roxanne is good at exposing a girl's takedown defence as she is one tough bitch and she is a good wrestler, The question is can she stop the takedown. Watching Talia's last two fights. Just skimming to find the wrestling exchange. Her offensive wrestling looks good as she kept getting takedowns on Gillian Roberson and Molly McCann. Molly did get a real deep single at the start of round 1 and Talia did know what she was doing. Spreading her legs and then getting underhooks to reverse position to get her own double leg where she lifts Molly in the air. She spread her legs and underhooks multiple times. Only thing I don't like is that she pushed against the fence while doing so and being pushed against the fence is a bad visual. Also, my big worry is the Mara Romero Borella fight. She got taken down a few times. Talia did get better at stopping takedown but there is a difference between Borella and Roxanne as Roxanne takedown are quite versatile

Roxanne's stand up is improving But is still pretty shit. Roxanne has a weird stance and throws 1-2s. Talia Santos does have better stand up in the 2 seconds I seen her strike. She has a good kick and knee. Might be bad against Roxanne because she can catch it but Roxanne does look vulnerable to leg kicks. Also does use the Thai clinch. Also, when she throws the straight shots with the hands, she looks good. The hooks don't look great

I don't blame anyone taking a shot on Roxanne. I might put a bet on her. This fight is dependent on how Talia Santos fight. If she thinks the ground is hot lava and don't play wrestling and jiu-jitsu, As Roxanne is the better grappler and will win that battle. I do think Talia wins with kickboxing and win the hot lava game with the ground. One last fact is that Roxanne is a win one lose won fighter and she is due for a win.

## **Uros Medic beats Jalin Turner**

*Confidence – 65%- Uros seem like the real deal*

Just saying straight away, I think Uros Medic's ground game is suspect as he got wrestle fucked by people on the Alaskan FC promotion before standing up and hurting them. His fight with Nathan Feitosa who was 1-6. he got taken down effortlessly and got held there for most of the round and never got up. In the next round he got stood up. I don't know if Jalin Turner is the guy to expose that hole, Because Jalin wrestling is also not this best. On the feet, I lean Uros Medic beats Jalin Turner if the cardio holds up. I heard that Uros is a champion kickboxer, But I don't know what that means. But from what I saw Uros kicks very hard, and Jalin Turner is very susceptible to kicks. Uros should leg kick as Jalin does have a heavy stance. Also, Uros hits hard, and Turner has been KO a few times. Grated one of them is Vicente Luque so it doesn't really count, but he was out cold. And in another fight, he got KO'd in 11 seconds in a fight I can't find anywhere on Youtube. Jalin seems to be a victim of tall man defence. My one worry with Uros is that he fights with his hands down, but he does block them well. He has fast reaction time. But Jalin does have some fast hands.

This should be a fun fight. I think someone is 100% getting really hurt. Uros looks promising if he can fix some holes, I have seen in the Alaskan fighting scene. I think he would have gotten better also as he was only 7-0 and the fight in Alaska, he was 3-0, 4-0. Another thing is that his recent fight all ended quickly so it is hard to see how his skills over a long period. Jalin is good enough that if Uros isn't the person we think he is, He will lose.



## Manon Fiorot Beat Mayra Bueno Silva

*Confidence – 80%- Mismatch*

I think I must pick Manon Fiorot, just on power alone. She just hit differently. Fiorot might have the most powerful kicks in all of WMMA, Her side kicks especially. Manon also has a great sense of range so she hard to reach and for takedown she won't be there. Also, even though we rarely seen it. Her wrestling defence look good, she is doing all the right thing. Another thing I say is Mayra jiu-jitsu seem more bottom as she gets armbars from ground. In her fight she never got top control in any of her fight or landed a takedown. The fight won't touch the ground as Manon Fiorot won't play with fire. And on the feet Mayra just look basic. Clear mismatch to set up Mayra

## Karl Robinson beats Nick Maximov

*Confidence – 55%- Hoping Karl don't be an idiot and lose*

Pretty interesting fight on paper, Nick Maximov is a Nick and Nate Diaz Prodigies, He is the guy on contender series who fought at heavyweight. He fought a guy who fought at 263lb(119kg), While weighing 209lb(94kg), Dude wanted to be in the UFC and he's a fighter just like the Diaz brothers. One thing I say is his opponent is just fat. Karl Robinson is a former K1 fighter, whose weakness is getting submitted. Nick Maximov has Jiu-Jitsu matches in Chael's promotion on fight pass, could he submit him, Tune in on Saturday. I say the first thing on paper is the difference in opponent. Karl losses are too, Glover Texeira, Who fought for the belt in a month, Marvin Vettori, Who fought for the belt in June, And Brandon Allen who somehow not ranked, but should be. But he did get dominated in most of the losses, but he did get experience from it, but his wins are over bottom fighters like Darren Stewart, He went to a split with Wellinton Turman where 72% of people thought Turman won and Jack Marshman. He did beat Ryan Spann in 15 seconds. Impressive, but wasn't a fight and can be preserve as fluky, but still is a huge step up and looking at his record he fought can before being on the contender series

Now let get to the nitty gritty, Maximov opponent Oscar Cota on contender series kind of just gave him the take down, Maximov caught a kick in the first 10 seconds of the first round, and in the second round, Cota did the low IQ move of pulling guard for a guillotine, But Maximov did do a proper takedown in the third round, You have to do proper takedown on Karl, But also he not takedown 120 kilograms of blubber. But I do think Maximov will get the takedown, Karl Robinson only has a 45% takedown defence and watching tape he does get taken down, pretty much every time someone tries to take him down. But one thing I say is that he does know a lot about Jiu-Jitsu, He is doing a lot of the right things. I saw him do a sweet back take on Vettori, also a sweet guillotine escape where he pushes off the fence. But I think that his biggest problem is that he should try to get up and use his kickboxing, Not play jiu-jitsu with black belts, Or just way better grappler. I think it will be an issue against Maximov, Maximov does go on top a lot and is a black belt in jiu-jitsu and has good ground and pound, Robinson against Vettori, Glover and even Welliton Turman just end up on top and have bigger moments. I favour Maximov In this type of fight

But I think I must pick Karl Robinson hoping he doesn't fight like that. He will get cut if he loses this. It doesn't matter who he lost to, He got embarrassed in his last two loses, and if he loses or gets finished to Nick Maximov, who this is his debut, He gets cut. If he gets any time on the feet, he should knock him out. I saw some of his fights against people with losing MMA records, And I don't like what I see on the feet. Karl can strike very well. Karl needs to improve his fight IQ or at least his game plans. I think he might not be an idiot for this fight. He has the skills to clearly beat Maximov, He might not have the brain

## **Matt Semmelsbergers beat Martin Sano**

*Confidence – 99.99%- Can crush*

Only reason why Sano in the UFC is because Nick Diaz wanted him to fight. He might be the worst guy on paper UFC ever signed. Dude hasn't won in seven and a half years and hasn't fought in 4 and a half. Does he even want to fight? Matt Semelberger is a Chad and is quite talented and could be 3-0 inside the octagon as I personally thought Semerlberger won the fight with Khaos Willams but this is some idiot's opinion on judging a fight. That all I say because I don't want to waste time breaking down this fight or this breakdown won't come out

## **Omar Morales beat Jonathan Pearce**

*Confidence –80%- Should be easy*

Omar Morales is good at fighting his style of fight. He fights everyone in a technical kickboxing fight which almost always goes to decision. He's only loss is to Giga Chikadze, who might be the best kickboxer in the division, so it doesn't really count when fighting these levels of guy. But even when he fights arguably better kickboxers than Pearce like Gabriel Benitez and Shane Young, He implement his game. Pearce is a low level UFC featherweight. I don't like how easily he got fucked up by extremely shot Joe Lauzon and the Kai Kameka fight was close before the finish.