

From Deepest Ocean to Sandy Shore

Unsanctioned Caged Combat is now two events old. Hidden events in Tokyo, followed by similar events in London had the Internet buzzing and has kept the fighting spirit of the UMMA alive. My task is to continue to follow the exploits of the Death By Bikini stable. To boldly stalk them from event to event, to seek out new bikinis, to endure hardships of sun, sand and surf and to bravely suffer sunblock getting in my eyes.

When I last interviewed the Bikini girls it was prior to the Tokyo UCC event, my travels this time meant that I would be able to speak to them about both Tokyo and London.

Destination: Bahamas - The Warm & Inviting Ocean

On my previous visit here I spoke to Barbara Palvin and Danielle Herrington. The two of them had returned to this paradise, and were now joined by Hailey Clauson and Lais Ribeiro.



Barbara Palvin

As I walked along the golden sand, it was Palvin who I spoke to first. The Bulgarian welterweight fighter emerging from the ocean like a James Bond girl.

"My Tokyo match against Alyson Michalka from Lost Wildcats couldn't have been any easier. Considering we're both the same height and weight, I was expecting more from her. She was disappointing. A walkover."

I pointed out that Palvin had received an event award for the 'Most Ranking Points Gained' when she KO'd Michalka.

She responded with a nod, "I was actually thankful for the points. It meant I could face a better opponent in London. But I couldn't win in London and now that's what counts."

"Your match with Chloe Bennett couldn't have been any closer..." I offered, but Palvin just shook her head.

"I'm going to give her credit where it's due, but I fully believe that after five rounds there was nothing separating us all. We were so evenly matched and we put on such an amazing fight that every single person in that shitty warehouse got their rocks off. We were Fight of the Night material. There's no doubt in my mind about that."

As the surf crashed into Palvin's body and almost knocked me over, I asked if she thought the judges decision to give Bennett the win was unjustified.

"No one likes a match to end in a draw, but that should've been the result for the two of us. Instead the work I did in Tokyo for my ranking was totally undone. If they'd awarded the match as a draw then Bennett and I would be facing each other again. And that's what these UCC fans deserve. They don't need to watch me smash losers like Michalka. They want to watch quality like me and Bennett."



Danielle Herrington

There may be sour grapes for Palvin after London, but not for Herrington. The 25 year old American may be something of a rookie to the MMA world, but she collected two important wins at the first two UCC events.

"I'm pumped. I'm so pumped...you just have no idea. Fighting in Tokyo was a dream come true and I crushed it!"

Indeed Herrington did, she destroyed Jennifer Carpenter to the point where referee Utada Hikaru was forced to step in and call an end to the fight.

"Tokyo was just a prelude though, wasn't it?" I asked Herrington.

She nodded enthusiastically, "I'd spoken to Lais and Kate before my fight with Lindsay (*Ellingston*). They know her really well from their time in the ILF together. They both warned me that it was going to be a difficult and intense match. And she's signed up with World of Fight, so we all knew that her

training would have been intense and the girls in that stable love to win..."

She trailed off and then smiled broadly. I watched her face as her eyes seemed to light up, "I did it though. I beat Lindsay. I couldn't knock her out, but I controlled the fight. I actually out fought her. Do you know how important that is? Do you know how crazy that is?"

I nodded, "It's the perfect way to start your UCC career, Dani."

"It is. And I'm going to make it count! Just bring on the next fight!"

Lais Ribeiro

Not to be outdone by Herrington's success, the Brazilian lightweight Ribeiro has also gone two for two in the opening UCC events.

"I don't think Laura Vandervoort was at all ready for that first fight in Shibuya. I only had to kick her twice and I broke her ribs. That's a hard pill to swallow."

I told Ribeiro that Vandervoort had been cleared to fight in London, but suffered a second loss.

"Clearly she needs to look at her training and try and get back into the cage again as soon as possible. I have a lot of respect for her, she did great things in the UMMA. But the UCC isn't the UMMA. She needs to adapt if she's not going to be hurt again."

"Tell me about your match in London." I prompted Ribeiro, "Lea Seydoux wasn't that much harder to defeat than Vandervoort."

Sitting in the warm ocean Ribeiro splashed water across her chest, "As least managed to hit me. It was a good shot, too. A right hander that smacked me clean in the cheek, but that's all she managed to do to me. After that it was one way traffic."

"You seemed to get quite fired up."

Ribeiro took off her sunglasses, pushing them up onto her forehead. "I don't like it when someone opens me up. Lea did that, so I had to punish her. When I landed that kick to her body I could see that I had her dead to rights. All it took was a few more punches and she was out cold."

I asked if Ribeiro thought she could continue with this winning momentum.

"I hope so. Laura and Lea were pushover wins. I'm far enough up the lightweight division rankings now that things will only get harder and more challenging. I'm committed to winning, so keep an eye on me."





Hailey Clauson

When I last spoke to Clauson it was in Finland. The Californian born fighter was undergoing intense training with stablemate Bojana Krsmanovic, did the ice and snow workout have the desired effect?

"Well, it didn't in Japan." Clauson told me and she readied herself to hit the surf.

"I didn't even get started against Isla (Fisher). She punched me around the cage like I was a nobody. That was a very bad event for me. I was glad to put it behind me when we moved onto London."

Clauson's match against Danielle Kang from Awesome Aries was a polar opposite, with Clauson dishing out all the damage.

"When we got to London I spent more time with Bo. We talked a lot about my Tokyo loss and how I needed to deal with it. She helped me get my head back in the game and when I fought Danielle I spread my skills around. I not only used my fists and feet, but I engaged in close combat and took her to the canvas. It felt like a proper

fight. I'm feeling a lot more confident going into the next UCC event. Wherever that may be."

I asked if Clauson had plans to head back to Finland for more training with Krsmanovic.

"For sure. Bo has already started planning it. We just need to get finally clearance from Kate and Chrissy and then we'll hopefully get some snow training in. I guess it will just depending on the timing of the next UCC event."

As Clauson picked up her surfboard and headed out into the Bahamian waters, I had to ask, "Is it legit to surf topless around here?"

Clauson laughed as she ran into the waves, "Of course it is! You don't see anyone complaining, do you?"

No one complaining at all. Least of all me.

Destination: Mexico - Fun & Adventure

Being a bikini model isn't just about playing in the surf and looking insanely hot. Sometimes you've got to experience more than just the salt water, as I found out when I met up with Kate Bock, Nina Agdal and Robyn Lawley in Mexico.

Kate Bock

Looking as colorful as the two birds on her shoulders, Kate Bock and I spoke in Mexico. My first question, "How's the forehead?"

Bock groaned and then smiled, "How does it look to you?"

She went on to recount her match against Heather Kozar from the Dangerous Curves stable.

"I feel like an idiot for losing that fight. I started off with such bravado and Heather just destroyed me. It was so embarrassing. And then she added injury to insult when stomped on my head. Honestly, that's such a dangerous technique, I'm surprised it's legal."

"You recovered, though." I pointed out.

Bock nodded, "Yeah. I did."

"I DID! I DID!" the two parrots on her shoulders mimicked Bock.

"Shut up, you two." Bock continued, "My match in London against Louisa Rose Allen was more to my liking. I did hurt her pretty badly at the end. Breaking someone's orbital bone is very nasty."

"NASTY! NASTY!" the parrots echoed.

"I said, Shut Up!" Bock shook her head. You smiled at me, "One of the most interesting things about London was that I got to fight in an abandoned Underground Tube station, Aldwych. That's really very epic."

"EPIC! EPIC!" the parrots...parroted.





Nina Agdal

"Vroom! Vroom! Beep! Beep!"

Agdal almost ran me down as she skidded around the corner from where I'd been talking to Bock. The yellow moped she rode purred as she sat on it and let the motor idle.

"Watch where you going!" I chided her. "And shouldn't you be wearing a helmet?"

"What? And get 'helmet hair'? No way. Besides, you don't seem to mind when we don't wear tops. Why should you mind if I'm not wearing a helmet?"

I shook my head, "Because you girls already take enough hits to the head in the cage. No sense in risking more damage."

Agdal laughed, "It's nice to know you have our safety in mind."

As she sat astride her moped, Agdal and I talked about her loss in Tokyo to Simone Simons and then her win in London against Karishma Sharma. All in all the Danish fighter seemed upbeat about her time thus far in the UCC.

"I do wish I had beaten Simone. As I told you in Zanzibar when I was swimming with turtles, she Dutch and I'm Danish. It would have been nice to have shown her that we're better than them."

Robyn Lawley

It took me a little longer to track down Australian heavyweight, Robyn Lawley. I eventually found her horseback riding along the Mexican coastline.



"After that bullshit fight against Rachel Levin in London, I just had to get some wind in my hair and something powerful between my thighs." Lawley brought her horse to a canter as we caught up.

I asked if Lawley was looking forward to the next UCC event. Whatever and wherever that may be.

"What I really want is an event back in Oz. Ideally in Girraween, but I'm not holding my breath. I feel pissed off with the match in London. There's no way that scrub should have beaten me by a TKO. Fucking referee. Lena Gercke needs to quit the business of being an MMA ref. She's got no idea what she's doing."

With that being said, Lawley reared her horse up and then galloped away down the beach.

Destination: Curaçao - Going Topless

When I was last in Curaçao, I spent time with Rose Bertram and Myla Dalbesio. Both girls were back here to relax after the London event. I'd been told that Samantha Hoopes and Vita Sidorkina would be here, too.

I knew Curaçao was a laid back place, I wasn't quite sure I expected all four women to be taking that to heart and going topless. But, with my trusty camera in hand and being the professional that I am, I was never going to complain.



Rose Bertram

"Hold this for me? Thanks." Bertram handed me her bikini top. She stretched her arms above her head and then ran her fingers through tangled hair.

"Did you watch me smash the shit out of Rihanna? I split her open like a ripe melon and then I ended her night with this."

Bertram lifted her leg up and tapped her knee cap with one hand.

"These knees are registered with Interpol. Dangerous weapons. I have to carry a permit."

"Is that so?" I asked and raised an eyebrow.

"Would I lie to you?" Bertram grinned.

"What happened in Ikebukuro?" I asked, "Victoria Silvstedt looked to have the better of you."

Bertram pulled her sunglasses down her nose and peered over the frames at me, "I told you last time that it's crazy that I should

have to fight someone taller than me. And Victoria doesn't count as being a model either, not like me. Just because she had her photo taken for Playboy Magazine doesn't make her an 'actual' model."

I was about to protest that point, but Bertram ploughed on. She looked down at her breasts and put her hands under them. "Just look at these. 100% natural. Just as God intended. You go and check out Silvstedt. 100% fake. I bet if you dropped her in this ocean, those balloons would make her float."

Bertram reached out and grabbed my hand, she pulled it to one of her breasts. "See? Feel that. That's natural. Silvstedt? Fake and hard and like plastic. I know these things."

"You can let go now." Bertram giggled. I pulled my hand back and blushed. "Maybe you need to do more research?" she smiled at me.

Samantha Hoopes

I left the beach and headed inland to get something cold to drink. As I ordered two beers I realized I still had Bertram's bikini top in my hand. I stuffed it into my pocket and went and sat with Hoopes. I handed the middleweight fighter one of the beers.

"Cheers." Hoopes took a long mouthful of the cold drink and sighed.

"I should have done a lot better against Bar (*Refaeli*). Maybe it was the choice of venue for the event that put me on the backfoot. I mean seriously, an MMA event in an old prison? Who comes up with these ideas?"

I shook my head and sipped my beer. "At least you crushed Michelle Lewin in Japan."

Hoopes shrugged her shoulders, "True. But in my opinion you're only as good as your last fight. Which sucks for me."

I asked Hoopes who she saw as the most dangerous stables in the UCC.

"It's still early days for the entire UCC. But as of right now, I'd have to say the Centerfold Angels are looking pretty amazing." Hoopes finished her beer and leaned into her chair, "I'm not really an expert on statistics and numbers. When you get the chance, talk to Chrissy about it. She has her finger on the pulse of things."

I got up to leave and Hoopes reached out and grabbed my wrist, "Hey. How about buying me one more beer?"

I looked over to the bar and gestured for another round for Hoopes. She smiled at me, "Thanks. I appreciate it. I have to do something to help me forget that bullshit bikini versus lingerie fight in that London prison."

That almost sounded like the plot to a movie I once saw...





Myla Dalbesio

Another Death By Bikini fighter who was now one win and one loss in the UCC. Dalbesio had thrashed Sandra Gal in Tokyo, but was then thrashed herself by Hailee Steinfeld in London.

"I think I was having more fun here in Curaçao last time we spoke." Dalbesio pushed dark locks of wet hair out of her eyes. "But if you've got to be somewhere to recover from a loss, this is the place to be."

I couldn't agree more, Curaçao is an amazing place to behold. Especially when it's hosting these DBB women.

I prompted Dalbesio to talk me through the closing minutes of her fight with Steinfeld.

"She's quick. Very quick. And I wasn't expecting her to take our fight to the canvas. She caught me totally off guard and ultimately that's what cost me the fight. That submission move she locked in, the kneebar, that was it for me. It hurt like a bitch and I was done."

"Could you have held on to the end of the round?" I asked.

Dalbesio shook her head and droplets of seawater flicked around "No way, no how. She's a Badass Barbie. Those girls are fucking lethal. Once they have you in a hold...99% of the time it's game over."

"Now for me it's time to recover and regroup. And I'll hope like hell that at the next event I get to face someone from Awesome Aries again. Not Badass Barbies. Unless it's Kylie Jenner. I'd really like to punch her in the face."

Vita Sidorkina

After suffering a loss in Tokyo to Rachel McAdams, Sidorkina couldn't help but reflect on the comparison of her UCC career to that of her short lived UMMA career.

"Like we spoke about in Nevis." she told me, "I ended my time at the UMMA with broken ribs. My first UCC fight and it ends with me receiving a broken orbital bone. How's that for bad luck?"

"You recovered well enough to compete in London." I pointed out.

Sidorkina grinned, "Yeah. Like I said in the past, 'No use crying over spilt milk'. Or in this case, broken bones. I got back in the cage and I threw everything I had at Elisha (*Cuthbert*). And what do you know? It worked. I won!"

The sand covered and topless Russian smiled at me as a local came over and handed up both coconuts to drink from.

She continued to talk to me about the Cuthbert victory.

"Five rounds is a lot of fighting. It's exhausting, but my cardio training really paid off. If you check out the judges scores I got perfect 10's from all three judges in rounds four and five. I think that proves that I got better and better as the fight went on. I won the battle and the war."

"Are you looking forward to the nex battle and war, Vita?" I asked.

The blonde fighter noddod and smiled broadly, "Da. Yes. For sure. Absolutely. I just really, really hope it's somewhere warmer than London in January!"



Destination: Hawaii - Beach Bikinis

Next stop, the islands of Hawaii. Once again I would be meeting Emily DiDonato here, but this time she'd be joined by Irina Shayk. It was time to talk to two Death By Bikini fighters who managed to win both their UCC fights.



Emily DiDonato

"I like spending my time here, close to our headquarters."

DiDonato and I stood on the beach at Hanalei Bay on the island of Kauai, home to the DDB training facility.

"I actually think that it's because I've been spending so much time here, that I've won my first two UCC fights.", she continued.

"Neither of my opponents so far have put up much of a fight. I don't know if that's because I'm so much better, or if they were just unprepared."

I asked DiDonato who she saw as the most dangerous fighters in her middleweight division.

She absently chewed a fingernail and she thought the question over, "That's difficult to answer, we're only two events into the UCC. I don't think the current division rankings will stay the way they are for long."

DiDonato thought for a moment longer, "I can't see Rochelle Humes staying at number one for long. Emma Watson, Margot Robbie and Sabine Jemeljanova will take the top spot. Those three will be the ones to watch. I hate to say it, but I don't think the Danger Dolls stable has what it takes to keep World of Flight and Badass Barbies in check."

She cocked her head to one side and frowned, "I hope Rochelle, and Alesha Dixon, prove me wrong. I hope that the Danger Dolls can stay in the top 10 of their divisions. I hope that Hope Beel and Jessica Weaver can hang in there too, but I'm not going to bet any money on it."

Irina Shayk

When Shayk and I spoke in Tahiti she told me that she would have no issues beating Hannah Simone in Tokyo. And she didn't.

The Russian welterweight dispatched Simone with a vicious display of punching.

In London Shayk faced the leader of the Amped stable, Ellie Goulding. That bout ended in the first round with Shayk once against dominating with her punches.

"God gave me this body and these fists for a reason. Looks like my destiny is to grace the world with my beauty and punch the life out of anyone that gets in my way."

I shook my head and commented, "It looks like that cockiness is still there, Irina."

Shayk smiled a dazzling smile and winked at me, "Just like I told you, I can back up anything I say when I'm fighting in the cage. Bring them on! I'll take on anyone and punch them into next week."



I'd asked DiDonato whom she thought were the serious contenders in the middleweight division, I addressed the same question to Shayk regarding her welterweight division.

"You mean apart from me? Because obviously I'm a very serious contender. There's Adriana (*Lima*), I know her, I know what she's capable of and now that she's working with World of Fight, she's going to be a handful."

"Then there's Chloe (*Bennet*), I didn't think a lot of her in the UMMA. But, she's looking dangerous in the UCC. I can't just ignore her."

"The real wildcard for me is Lulu (*Antariksa*). I have no idea what to expect of her, but for someone who is only 5'3", she's fighting above her pay grade."

"But...I don't really care. I'm going to dominate the division and all the other girls can kiss my beautiful, tight ass."

Destination: Guilin, China - Escape from Reality

Jessica Gomes

It hasn't been a great start to a UCC career for Australian fighter Jessica Gomes, being the only Death By Bikini member to have lost at both opening UCC events. I found her not an exotic beach location, but instead in Guilin, south China. With its dramatic landscape of limestone karst hills and lakes, this was far from sandy beaches and surf.



"I need to be somewhere away from all the noise. Somewhere to reflect and find inner peace. I wanted to win my first fights in the UCC, not lose them. I lost my first seven in the UMMA, I don't want to repeat that pattern. But so far things are not going well. History is repeating itself, and I don't want that."

"I can find tranquility here. I can focus and I will be back in the cage. I'll be fighting to turn things around."

Destination: Cook Islands - A Time for Reflection

My air miles continued to clock up as I flew to the Pacific nation of the Cook Islands. This would be my second to last stop of the Bikini tour and I'd be talking to Lily Aldridge and Chrissy Teigen.



Lily Aldridge

In Tokyo the Aldridge versus Miranda Cosgrove fight was the first fight of the night, the two women ranked lowest in the lightweight division.

Aldridge won against The Vixens fighter after the full five rounds of action.

Then in London she moved to the middle of the card and destroyed Carrie LaChance in the third round.

"I'm climbing that rankings ladder." the California native told me. "I was hoping to race up the rankings and get to the top ASAP. But it looks like I'll be doing it one rung at a time."

Aldridge and I then talked about enjoying time in the Cook Islands and how the travel between UCC event locations and Death By Bikini retreats was affecting her.

"I'm no stranger to travel. I've never really suffered from jet lag, so I'm all good." She smiled at me and continued, "We're a very lucky group of women and we all know it.

Not many people get to see these exotic locations, wear next to nothing, kick a lot of ass and look fantastic doing it, #Blessed."

Chrissy Teigen

Meeting Teigen for these interview sessions is like catching up with an old friend. Talking to her is like when I would talk to Doutzen Kroes, during the many years of ILF interviews. It's friendship first, business second.

And so when I saw her walking along a beach in the Cook Islands we both broke into smiles and exchanged hugs and kisses.

Some friendships are definitely better than others.

Teigen's first UCC match ended in a loss for her, a points decision against Gemma Merna.

If the loss overly concerned her, she wasn't showing it.

"There's always first round jitters," she told me, "I figured that if I lost that first fight, all I needed to do was win the next one."

Teigen did win in London, dispatching Katharine McPhee in the first round with a Breast Claw submission.

"It's probably not the classiest way to win a fight. But this is the UCC and it's girl or girl action. We all have boobs and it was Katharine's misfortune to let me get my hands on hers."

As I did back in Indonesia, I asked Teigen if we would see or hear from the DBB interns. Would they make an appearance in 2019?

"My lips are pretty much sealed on that subject. The next Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition is due to go to press in May and you'll see some familiar faces and new ones. The girls have been to Kenya, Costa Rica and South Australia so far, and we all have plans to head back to the locations for training later in the year."

"As for the interns, some of them made it to the 2019 Swimsuit issue and we're really proud of them. It takes them one step closer to officially becoming members of Death By Bikini."

I pointed out the UCC rules state that a stable can only have a maximum of 20 members. DDB are at that maximum.



"That's true." Teigen agreed and smiled at me, "Which would mean that if we decided to take one of the rookies on permanently, we'd have to release one of the other girls."

I must have had a worried look on my face, Teigan put a reassuring hand on my arm. "Don't worry. You'll be the first to know if anything is going on. And Kate and I won't be releasing anyone who doesn't want to go. If all 20 of us want to stay in the stable, then no one new is going to join."

Teigen and I walked along the white sand, the sun on our backs casting long shadows across the beach. I had one more stop before this interview tour was over, but honestly I'd be happy if I never had to leave here. The Cook Islands are just perfect.

Destination: Fiji - The Sunset

My final stop for this tour, just like last time, was to be Fiji. Time was short for me here and after landing in Suva I quickly made my way to the beach where I would find the last four members of the DDB stable. The sun was setting on this tropical paradise as I tracked down Ashley Graham, Bojana Krsmanovic, Kate Upton and Genevieve Morton.



Genevieve Morton

In the glow of the sunset, I watched the vision that is South African beauty Genevieve Morton emerge from the warm water...

"Two wins from two matches. Just the start I was looking for, it seems my positive attitude is working for me so far."

When last we spoke, Morton and I were on a sailboat in Switzerland.

"I loved it there, but this..." she ran her hands through the warm salt water, "...this is perfection."

"Tell me about your match against Emmanuelle Chriqui in Japan."

"It was a good match up. I think that generally speaking we were really evenly matched. We went the full five rounds against each other and we traded a lot of hits. In the end, I just hit her more times. But I'll say this for her, she can take a punch!"

"Going the full five round didn't seem to affect you too badly. Have you been training to go that sort of distance?" I asked.

Morton dragged her hands through her long, wet hair. "Yes, I have. We only had three rounds in the UMMA, it's five in the UCC. You need to have the stamina to keep going."

"It worked for you in London when you knocked out Sarah Shahi with a kick in the fifth round."

Morton nodded, "I know. I didn't land very many of the kicks I threw at Sarah. She's very difficult to pin down, but that last one. BOOM. I'll give her a lot of credit for that fight, we were both bruised and bloodied by the end of it."

I pointed out to Morton that she won 'KO of the Night' honors for the victory.

"The recognition is great. I appreciate it, a lot. I hope I can keep winning those sorts of honors."

Bojana Krsmanovic

"You're a long way from Finland. And from Hailey Clauson." I spoke to Krsmanovic as the sun was setting behind us.

The Serbian heavyweight turned to face me, the ocean breeze tugging at her dark hair. With her being topless, I could tell she was feeling the cool breeze all over.

"It's a lot warmer here than in Finland." she smiled at me. "And it looks like the training in the snow worked out just fine."

"For you, at least." I said. Commenting that Krsmanovic had won her first two UCC matches, but her snow training friend Clauson was at one win and one loss.

"I felt bad when Hailey lost her fight in Japan. But we talked afterwards and she turned it around in England."

Krsmanovic continued to talk about her fights, "Both my matches have been very quick. I don't want to brag, but I've dominated both of my opponents. And it's my destruction of Sandra Bullock I'm most proud of. She's an iconic person and to give her a wedgie and make her squeal, not once, but twice. Well, it's a great feeling to defeat and Academy Award winning actress. Even if she is twice my age."

I asked if Krsmanovic had plans to head back to Finland for more training.



"Yes. Both Hailey and I will be going back as soon as we get the OK from Kate and Chrissy. Personally I can't wait to feel the crunch of fresh snow under my boots. And there are plenty of ways to keep warm."

Ashley Graham

When I last spoke to Graham in Nevis, she was very open about how badly she wanted to defeat Bebe Rexha in Tokyo. And that she was gunning for a chance to fight Kylie Jenner. Just how was she feeling about those comments now?



"I told you that I'd destroy Bebe, didn't I?" the 31 year old heavyweight pulled on her gold colored bikini briefs as the Fijian sun set behind her. "It took me less than three minutes to lay that sad excuse of an MMA fighter out. Goddamn, but she reminds me of Kylie Jenner!"

"So what happened in London, Ashley?" I asked.

Graham spat into the ocean and sneered at me, "What the fuck do you think happened? Maria Sharapova, that's what. Fucking Russians. All hopped up on a million different drugs."

"Are you accusing Sharapova of doping?" I asked. It's a serious allegation, and despite the UCC being an underground fighting scene, improving your abilities with illegal substances is something everyone takes very seriously.

Graham shrugged her shoulders and adjusted the straps on her bikini top, "Whatever. I just want a swing at Jenner. God, I want to pick her up and snap her like a toothpick."

"You really seem to have it in for her." I pointed out.

Graham shrugged again and stood up and strode into the ocean, the waves breaking across her body. She turned and faced me, the wind whipping her hair across her face, "I just really don't like her. I don't like any of her family. Crushing Bebe felt like I was beating on Kylie, but now I want my hands on the real deal."

I watched as she dove into the darkening waters. Like some majestic aquatic beast, a great white shark perhaps...



Kate Upton

"Fiji must agree with you." I said to Upton as we met with the sun going down.

"I do love it here." The American star and leader of the Death By Bikini stable smiled at me. "And, they have no problem with me being without a bikini top."

"It's a growing trend among your stablemates."

Upton grinned, "You're not complaining are you?"

I shook my head, "Nope. I'm a professional, after all."

Upton threw her head back and laughed, "I'm your last interview, am I?"

I nodded and we began talking about Upton's loss and subsequent win.

"Well, Jessica Ashley was just more than I could handle. I think the entire heavyweight division will have to keep an eye on her. She beat me without a doubt and then in

London I see that she scored the KO of the Night in our division. Sometimes there are just girls who fight better than you. The only way to combat that is to train and get better than them. So that's what I'm doing."

"It worked for you in London."

"London felt better. And I had no issues dispatching Heidi Klum. Given how strong she had been in the UMMA, I was hoping she'd put up more of a fight."

I pointed out that the Strikeforce stable, of which Klum is a member, failed to get a single win in London.

Upton nodded and said, "I noticed that, too. The UCC will quickly fall into two camps. Those stables that push the envelope with training and fine tuning, and those that don't. I have to make sure that DDB is the former and not the latter."

I mulled that over for a moment and then asked, "So after this break, you're getting the whole stable back to DBB HQ in Hawaii?"

Upton again nodded, "Yes. Some will want to travel and train elsewhere. I'm fine with that, but initially I want all the girls together. It's time to focus and ready up for the next event."

I asked if Upton knew anything about the next UCC event.

"No. Not, yet. Just make sure you have your passport up to date."