

## Recap: UFC 69

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It was expect the unexpected time last night in Texas for UFC 69. The show produced several excellent fights, and a whole host of shocking upsets. Unless you've been in a coma for the last year and a half, you know my cousin Spoon was right there on the edge of his seat. And as always, he checks in with a recap of the event for our readers.



I love mixed martial arts and the UFC. It is one of the only sports where anybody can win on any given day.

Last night in Houston, Texas seemed like the "bizarro Jerry" episode of *Seinfeld*. Everything that people thought would happen, it was the exact opposite that occurred ... and it had people scratching their heads. It also had the crowd on their feet with excitement.

The most shocking fight of the night was the main event. Huge underdog (9-1 at some sportsbooks) and challenger Matt "The Terror" Serra became the new Welterweight champion with a very impressive knockout win over Georges St. Pierre. It was like a real life Rocky movie. Nobody was giving this guy a chance (including me) to win, let alone win the way he did.

The fight lasted only 3:24 into the first round. Both fighters came out a little slow, feeling each other out. Some leg kicks were exchanged as were some short punches. Matt Serra then

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landed a punch on the top of GSP's head and stunned him. St. Pierre then was backing up and slipped and Serra was able to connect with a very solid shot that floored him. Matt jumped on him, landed some huge shots and that was all she wrote. We have ourselves a new champion and the everyone was simply stunned.

Georges St. Pierre was prepared for the fight and didn't overlook Serra. He simply got caught with some good shots and was defeated on this night. The better man won the fight and deserved to win. These are the types of things you don't see often in other sports, especially boxing. For this reason, I truly believe mixed martial arts is the greatest sport in the world.

I am assuming with his win, Serra will have to face former champ Matt Hughes next. He can soak in his win and shortly start to prepare for the future Hall of Famer.

The other fight that wasn't anything like I thought it would be was the ultra hyped grudge match between undefeated Diego Sanchez and Josh Koscheck. This had the makings of a drag him out, pound him down, bloody grueling beatdown one way or another. It was anything but. It was a touch feely borefest with only a very small number of punches thrown.

Josh Koscheck got the win via a unanimous decision and stripped Diego Sanchez of his undefeated status. I have never heard a UFC crowd boo so loud for so long.

Every round was almost identical. They stood in the center of the ring and Koscheck would throw some better punches and landed a few decent blows. Sanchez did almost nothing. No takedown attempts from him which is his bread and butter coupled with his ground and pound. he might have landed a total of punches in the single digits.

I am assuming he just thought he couldn't get Koscheck down and it totally threw him off his game and made the fight a stinker.

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Koscheck looked decent with his standup but missed a lot of punches. He certainly was the busier and more aggressive fighter and deserved the win.

The best fight of the night was the Roger Huerta vs Leonard Garcia matchup. The pace of the fight was simply amazing. They beat the hell out of each other for the full 15 minutes. Huerta got the decision win and rightfully so as he was landing the harder and crisper shots. The non stop action fight produced two future stars in the Lightweight division. Both guys just had no quit in them and battled to the final bells. The best part of it was as soon as that bell rang to end the fight, both fighters sat in the octagon with mutual respect for each and talked for a few minutes. It made for a great scene.

Up and coming star of the UFC Mike Swick had his fast path to the title derailed as he was dominated by Yushin Okami. Swick wasn't able to land many shots as he was on his back most of the fight being beat up. He did show a lot of heart but it just wasn't enough as he lost a unanimous decision.

### Full results:

*Luke Cummo def. Josh Haynes by second-round TKO*

*Marcus Davis. def. Pete Spratt by second-round submission (ankle lock)*

*Thales Leites def. Pete Sell by unanimous decision*

*Heath Herring def. Brad Imes by unanimous decision*

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*Roger Huerta def. Leonard Garcia by unanimous decision*

*Yushin Okami def. Mike Swick by unanimous decision*

*Josh Koscheck def Diego Sanchez by unanimous decision*

*Matt Serra def Georges St Pierre by first-round KO*

It was a good night for the UFC, with a strange set of results. Another good card put on by the UFC and we got to see a solid night of fights yet again.