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Liddell had won seven fights in a row coming into the main event, all by knockout. He was on the other side of that as Jackson finished the fight less than two minutes into the title match. Rampage landed a beautiful counter punch that floored Chuck, he then pounced on him. He landed two or three solid shots that put made the ref stop it.

It seems like a really long time since we have had a new UFC Light Heavyweight Champion. Chuck has held onto the belt for over two years. Rampage simply has his number and the style to beat him.

Now that Rampage has the belt and Chuck being the poster boy of the UFC, you would assume there would be a rematch right away right? That isn't the case. The UFC announced that PRIDE champion Dan Henderson would fight the winner, no matter who it was before last night's matchup. Henderson is considered the best

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all around fighter in the sport and hold two belts in PRIDE, in two different weight classes, the only fighter ever to do that.

Also on the card last night we saw a title contender in the Welterweight division cement his claim for a championship fight. Karo Parisyan defeated up and comer Josh Burkman by unanimous decision in an action packed fight. The former training partners went toe to toe for three rounds and Parisyan clearly getting the better end of the standup game and well as the ground game. A title fight was taken from Karo due to injury a few years ago and has never gotten another chance. He deserves one, as he is solid all around.

Another huge upset took place earlier in the night also. Heavyweight title contender Keith Jardine was beat down in just forty-eight seconds by UFC newcomer Houston Alexander. As soon as the bell rang these two guys started throwing bombs. Jardine looked to have landed the first big shot but then it was all Alexander. he landed ten shot in a row that but Jardine down and out.

Full results:

-Quinton Jackson def. Chuck Liddell by TKO (referee stoppage due to strikes) at 1:53 of Round 1

-Karo Parisyan def. Josh Burkman by unanimous decision

-Terry Martin def. Ivan Salaverry by TKO (referee stoppage due to strikes) at 2:04 of Round 1

-Houston Alexander def. Keith Jardine by TKO (referee stoppage due to strikes) at 0:48 of Round 1

-Kalib Starnes def. Chris Leben by unanimous decision

-Din Thomas def. Jeremy Stephens by submission (armbar) at 2:44 of Round 2

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-Wilson Gouveia def. Carmelo Marrero by submission (guillotine choke) at 3:06 of Round 1

-Thiago Silva def. James Irvin by TKO due to knee injury at 1:06 of Round 1

-Alan Belcher def. Sean Salmon by submission (guillotine choke) at 0:53 of Round 1

Overall it was another fantastic night of fights. It is the norm for the UFC to put on a great show. It is also becoming the norm that we have a huge upset or two every time we watch this awesome sport. That what makes it so entertaining and fun to watch.