

## Rich Franklin vs Matt Hamill UFC 88 Prediction

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Rich "Ace" Franklin is jumping up a class to Light Heavyweight for his fight this weekend, Saturday September 2, where he'll face the hearing impaired Matt "The Hammer" Hamill, who's coming off his biggest win. Hamill, a two-time world champion freestyle wrestler has a chance to graduate to his potential by taking on a dangerous freelancing striker in Franklin, the former Middleweight Champion. Oddsmakers at Bookmaker.com have Rich Franklin as -255 moneyline favorite over Matt Hamill who is listed as +205 underdog. Get your Rich Franklin vs Matt Hamill UFC 88 Prediction in now at Bookmaker.com

The "1" 205lb Rich Franklin has only suffered two defeats in his last 12 fights, his losses were to the greatest fighter out there Anderson Silva, so you can't blame him. His last fight was at UFC 83 where he squared off against Travis Lutter, he got the win in the second round after a TKO stoppage. This was despite Lutter locking in a tight armbar. Franklin exhibited a high level armbar submission escape, made even more impressive because Lutter is a Brazilian jiu-jitsu black belt. Franklin is a stand up fighter who loves to go toe to toe. He has excellent striking capabilities; he's well conditioned and is well rounded. He's a definite crowd pleaser as well as a great fighter. Rich Franklin vs Matt Hamill UFC 88 Prediction in now

Thoughts on his opponent Matt Hamill - Matt is a tough wrestler and will pose a bit of a challenge for me moving back up to light heavyweight. He and I have a history together, and it will be difficult competing against someone I consider a friend.

The "1" 205lb Matt Hamill is a well known wrestling champ who has been working on his boxing skills. His most recent win was at UFC Fight Night Kenny Florian vs Joe Lauzon when he took on Tim Boetsch. Hamill won by TKO in the second round. But his most famous fight was at UFC 75 when he faced fellow Ultimate Fighter reality contestant Michael Bisping. Hamill had made Bisping look like a chump throughout the whole fight. But he lost by a highly controversial split decision. I think they gave it to Bisping because it was in his home town and he's more marketable. There was supposed to be a rematch. The rematch was scheduled for UFC 78, but due to knee surgery Hamill withdrew. A rematch has become unlikely now that Bisping has dropped down to the middleweight division after his fight with Evans. Ya he dropped a weight class because he knows he'll get his ass kicked in the light heavyweight division. Anyways, if Hamill wants to win he'll have to take Franklin to the mat and keep it there. Rich Franklin vs Matt Hamill UFC 88 Prediction in now

Thoughts on his opponent Rich Franklin - Rich Franklin is a big step up for me. We are both aggressive and it will make for an interesting fight.

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The Bottom Line: It's Hamills for the taking if he can keep Franklin on the mat and not even try to go toe to toe with Franklin. Get your Rich Franklin vs Matt Hamill UFC 88 Prediction in now at Bookmaker.com and receive a 20% sign-up bonus on your initial deposit!

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