

UFC 97 Results: Rua KOs Liddell in 1st Rd

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Point-Spreads.com reports that the UFC 97 results for the Chuck Liddell vs Mauricio Rua fight are in from Montreal, Canada and Rua lands a looping left hook to knock out Chuck Liddell at the end of the first round of their headline fight tonight.

The opening line in the Liddell vs Rua UFC 97 fight had Chuck Liddell listed as the -200 money line odds favorite, but early MMA betting action came in on the underdog Mauricio Rua driving the line down to Chuck Liddell -160 odds at fight time. Rua backers won a nice underdog money line payday winning \$150 for every \$100 wagered on the Brazilian.

The two fighters were sizing each other up for the first few minutes of the first round. Liddell was able to land a few good lefts but Chuck was taken down after missing a punch. Rua almost had Liddell in a leg lock but got back up and recovered nicely with one minutes and thirty seconds left in round one. Rua timed Liddell's punch and tried to take down Chuck but he was able to defend it. Liddell got Rua down with one minute left but let him back up preferring the fight game. Rua caught Liddell with a hook which knocked out the Iceman to end the fight just before the end of the first round.

The UFC 97 results for the Krzysztof Soszynski vs Brian Stann fight ended with Krzysztof Soszynski winning by submission in the first round of the fight. The opening line in the UFC 97 fight had Polish MMA fighter Krzysztof Soszynski listed as the -155 odds favorite in the fight at Sportsbook.com, winning his backers \$100 for every \$155 wagered. The opening line on the underdog Brian Stann was listed at +115 odds in the bout.

In the first round, the two fighters were trying to get their range down and no significant shots landed until about three minutes into the fight when Krzysztof took Stann to the ground. Krzysztof had full mount and Stann got a leg lock, but was unable to set it. Soszynski was finally pushed off but quickly regained control of Brian and locked him into a Kimora submission hold to end the fight in the first round as Brian Stann tapped out.

The UFC 97 results for the Cheick Kongo vs Antoni Hardonk fight ended with Cheick Kongo winning a TKO in the second round. The opening line had the Frenchman Cheick Kongo listed as a -300 odds favorite in his UFC 97 fight winning his backers \$100 for every \$300 wagered. Dutch MMA fighter Antoni Hardonk was listed as a +200 odds underdog in the match-up at Sportsbook.com.

In the first round, Hardonk landed several kicks to Kongo's midsection before Cheick clenched on to Antoni against the octagon. The referee separated the two fighters after the action was slowing down. Once separated, Hardonk fell to the ground and Kongo would not let him get up. The referee finally had him get up and the stand up fight started again. With about one minute thirty seconds left in the round, Kongo attempted to go for the take down and finally got Hardonk down to the ground with one minute left. Hardonk kept the guard high which prevented Kongo from doing a lot of damage as the bell rang to the end the round.

Kongo jumped on Hardonk after the dutchman got hit in the thigh. Kongo was able to land a few nice shots to the face as Hardonk attempted to pass the guard. One of the bombs opened a cut on Hardonk's face. After a few minutes of crushing face shots, Hardonk was finally struck hard enough to get him to curl up into a ball to cover up from the vicious attack by Kongo. The fight was ended by the referee with a couple minutes left in the second round.

The UFC 97 Results for the Luiz Cane vs Steve Cantwell fight ended with Luiz Cane winning a unanimous decision. Brazilian Luiz Cane was the -275 odds favorite in the fight with Californian Steve Cantwell listed as a +190 odds underdog at Sportsbook.com. Cane backers won \$100 for every \$275 wagered.

The Brazilian came out in a south paw stance at the start of the first round and was striking out to size up Cantwell. Cane kept throwing combination punches backing Cantwell against the octagon a few times but Cantwell would always come back swinging. There were several combinations exchanged between the two fighters in round one but the edge in the round goes to Luiz Cane.

At the start of the second round, Cantwell came out swinging and back Cane up but Luiz was able to land a few direct shots to the face which snapped Steve's head back. Cantwell was able to land several right hands that stunned Cane with two minutes left in the round. While he was unable to take Cane out, Cantwell did win the round two.

Cantwell was the aggressor at the start of the third round but with about four minutes left in the round, Cane landed a few body kicks which slowed Cantwell down. At the three minute mark, Luiz Cane was able to land a knee to the head and kick to the face combination on Cantwell. Cane went for a the first take down attempt at the two minute mark but Steve

quickly backed out of it before Luiz could get his arms set around Cantwell's legs.

With one minute twenty second left in the third and final round, Cane landed several shots to the face that had Cantwell back peddling a bit. Both men stood toe to toe attempting to strike one another as the bell rang to end the fight.

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