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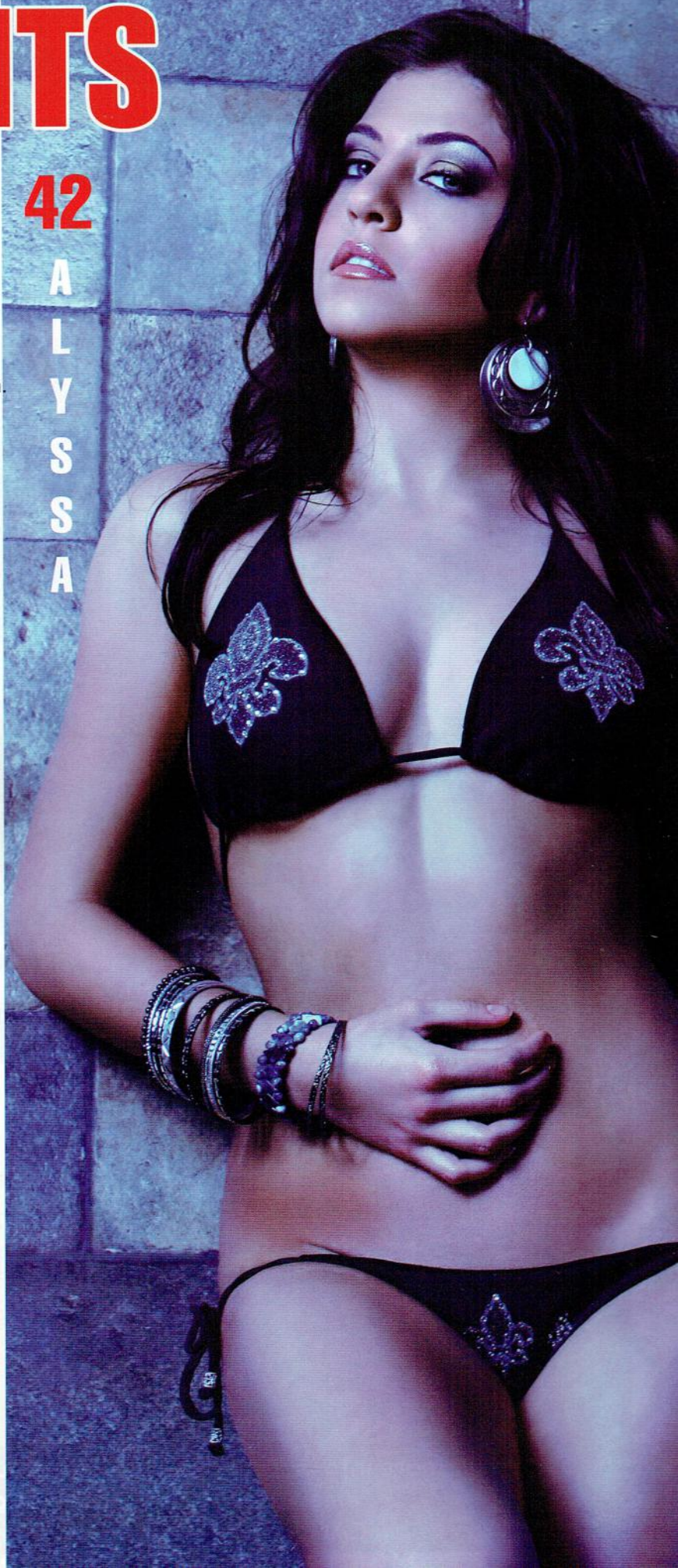


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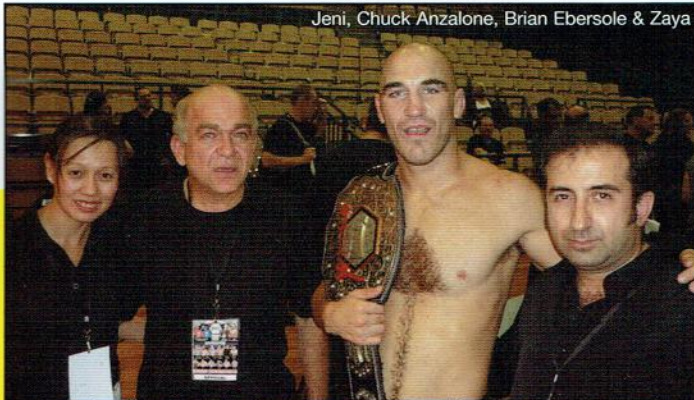
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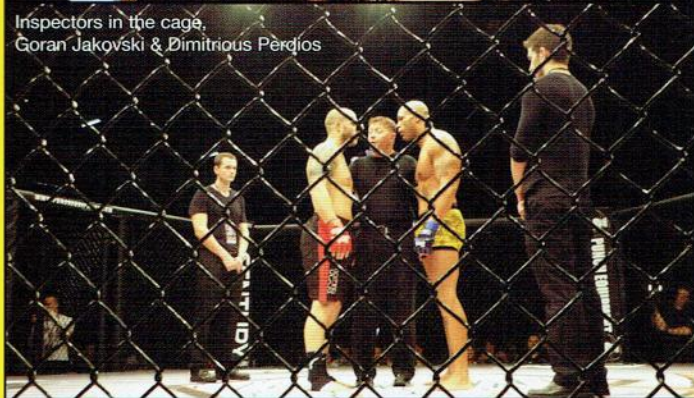
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# OZ MMA JUDGES AND REFEREES GETTING READY FOR UFC



Jeni, Chuck Anzalone, Brian Ebersole & Zaya



Inspectors in the cage, Goran Jakovski & Dimitrios Pergios



The No.1 Cutman Paul Grech & Zaya



Jeni, the Extreme MMA Oceania Super Heavyweight Champion Lucas Browne & Sid Antaky



An MMA Judges & Referee Training Course was held in preparation for the coming UFC 110 on 21st February 2010.

Our team of Australian MMA Judges and Referees and promoters have been working hard, and getting ready for UFC down under. It all began with a call from America, to have a team of Australia MMA Judges & Referee travel to Las Vegas to be trained, but never eventuated. Instead, Australia had the honour of having Mr Charlie "Chuck" Anzalone and Mr Chris Tognoni, the officials from the Nevada State Athletic Commission come to Australia to enhance our knowledge in the world unified MMA fight rules and the work systems of the UFC officials.

Sifu Zaya the Australian Pankration Vice President was among one of the key people in making this possible, and also present were the official representatives from the Department of Sports and Recreation/Combat Sports, Mr John Clark and Mr Richard J.Pinson.

### Mr Chuck Anzalone

Inspector Nevada State Athletic Commission

Mr Chuck Anzalone was one of the few people that participated in the first UFC that is still in the business today. Mr Chuck Anzalone is a kickboxer and MMA Promoter since 1990. He has promoted 10 W.K.A Pro Am Kickboxing Events in the City of Buffalo, New York. He also Co-Promoted 2 UFC Events with his partner Mr Les Bonano at Casino Majic in Mississippi, where Randy Couture defeated Vitor Belfort and the UFC Event in New Orleans.

He managed fighters in the first 15 UFC Events, as well as Pride, K-1 and Shooto Japan. He also worked on the very first MMA Event in the Ukraine IFC 1. Fighters booked include Chuck Liddell - in his first UFC and Vale Tudo in Brazil, Gary Goodridge - in Pride/ K-1 in 1999, John Lewis vs Rumina Sato in Shooto Japan, Din Thomas in his Shooto Event in Japan, Thomas Denny, Chad Saunders also in Shooto Japan, Joel Sutton - UFC, Heath Herring - Vale Tudo -Aruba Kevin Rosier -UFC 1, Dewey Cooper - K1 USA, Harold Howard -UFC 3 and many many more.

Mr Chuck Anzalone would like to give credit to his partner Nick "One Kick" Blomgred for discovering Chuck Liddell for him, when he booked Chuck Liddell in his first UFC for his first MMA fight.

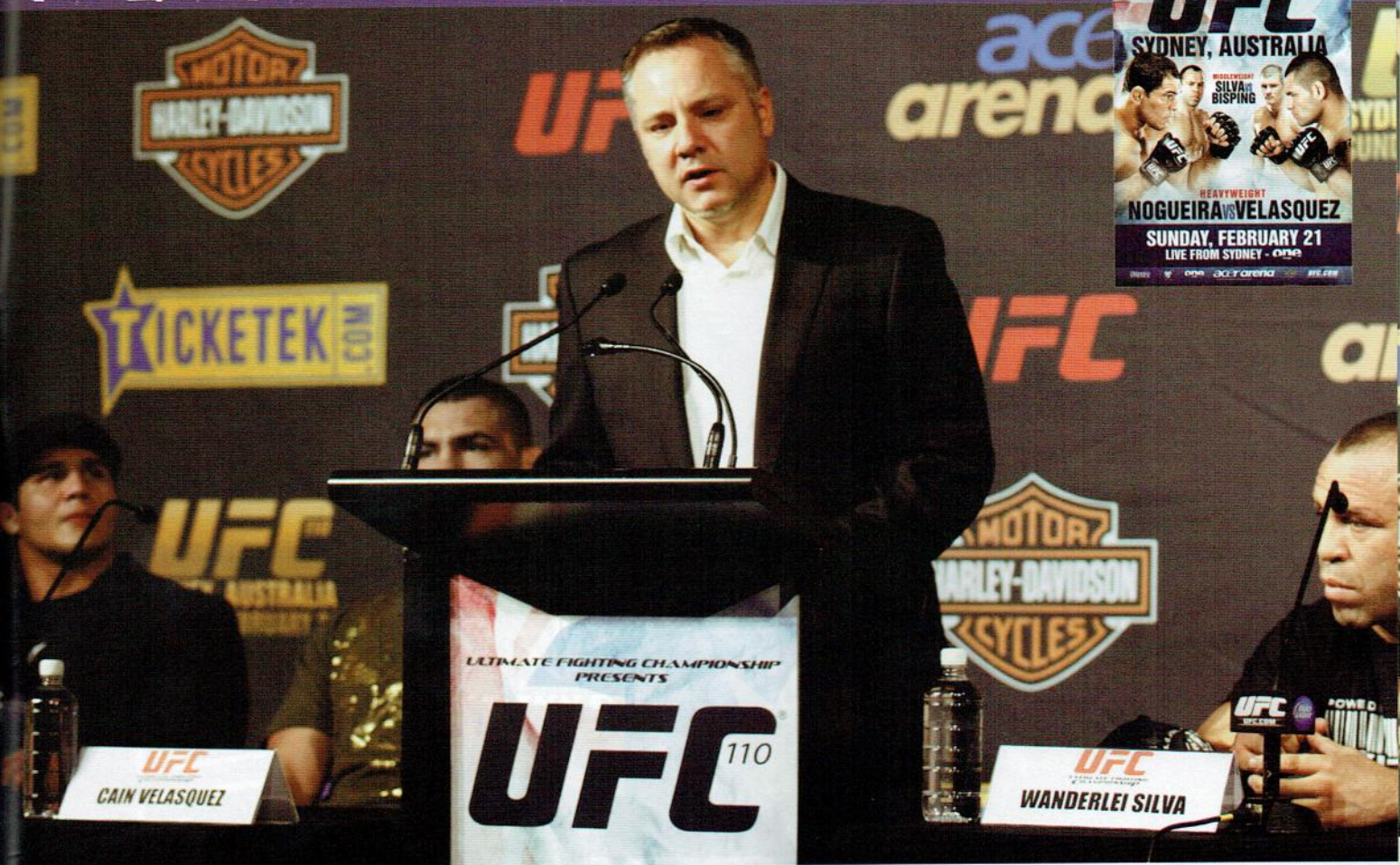


Unified MMA Officials

Check out the next issue of MMA Sports for Part 2 of this article including interviews with inspectors from the Nevada State Athletic Commission (Mr Chuck Anzalone and Mr Chris Tognoni) and interview with Sifu Zaya.



# ONE ON ONE WITH MARSHALL ZELAZNIK



We caught up with Marshall Zelaznik, The UFC's Managing Director of International Development at the Sydney Press Conference.

**Elie: Welcome to Australia?**

Marshall: Thank you.

**Elie: How do you like it so far?**

Marshall: We love it, it's my third trip in about 6 months here, 2 in the last 3 weeks, my first time I'm not jet lagged so I feel great.

**Elie: So for people who have never seen a UFC fight, describe the UFC?**

Marshall: Well what you have is two of the finest athletes using just about every form of traditional martial arts to compete against an equally matched opponent inside a fenced ring. It inevitably turns into an event where you have different styles trying to impose their will on somebody else, it's the purist form of sport there is.

**Elie: This event was highly anticipated and it took quite a while to get down**

**here, what were some of the issues that you faced?**

Marshall: Well as you are undoubtedly aware we always want to hold events where there is regulation. In the UK that's not possible, there isn't a regulatory body, so we managed our way through that. But soon as we got wind that the Sports authority here was looking to regulate, we were immediately on the phone with all the right people here to try to learn about that. Once we knew that it was inevitable that it was happening, then our planning kicked in. So effectively in the Spring of last year we started in conversations with the New South Wales Sports Authority, we started talking with lawyers here, we started talking with politicians and then once we felt comfortable that it was going to happen, we went and pulled the trigger. The politicians here have been great, the sports representatives have been great and they done everything they said they were going to do.

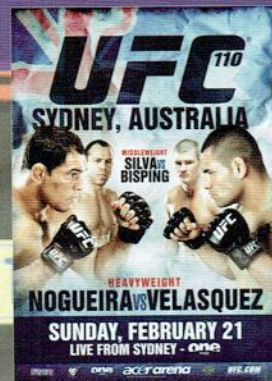
**Elie: What do you think it's going to do for mixed martial arts in Australia?**

Marshall: I think it's going to have perhaps the biggest impact of any country, nation, state that we've ever been in. I think that when you look at the history of sport here in Australia it's above its weight in just about everything. When you look at the Olympic sports, when you see the tradition of rugby here and AFL, there is clearly a tendency of young athletic males to engage in combat or be it some sort of contact and I think what we're going to see a lot of the guys that are making the decision about going to the NRL or the AFL are going to look at this and say "wait a minute this looks like something that I may like" and then their going to effectively train and become seasoned fighters who are going to eventually come to the UFC. I would venture a guess that in 2 or 3 years we're going to have 8, 10 fighters that are Australian with 8, 10 waiting in wings that are chomping to get in. You're going to have a team of Australian fighters that will fight in the Ultimate Fighter. I can really see all that happening. Of all the countries that I go to and the places you go this is the no brainer.



# ONE ON ONE WITH MARSHALL ZELAZNIK

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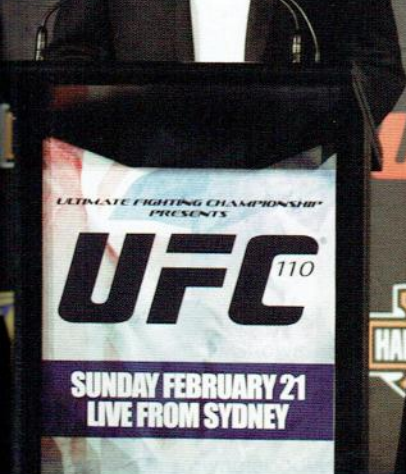
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**Elie:** You mentioned Ultimate Fighter Australia, how realistic is that?

**Marshall:** It's something we look at for every territory honestly. We looked at it for Germany, we looked at it everywhere, because the ultimate fighter is in a lot of ways a very effective tool to educate the un-indoctrinated because they can learn about the fighters, they can learn about how passionate they are and when you think about the early seasons of the Ultimate Fighter and even the new ones, guys would cry when they lose and that doesn't always come across in a fight. So it is an effective education tool and marketing tool for us. We look at it seriously at every market and I think here from what I can precede there's enough fighters here that if we were to come up another team format, I think that Australia could be represented.

**Elie:** You have so many countries to choose from to go to, why Australia first?

**Marshall:** Well the easy answer is, we know that we were doing well on TV, but it's an English speaking market, we know they have passion for contact sport and it's kind of low hanging fruit, even though it's very far away and very expensive to

operate the event here, but effectively we believe that we would be successful here based on all the data.

**Elie:** Are any other countries on your radar?

**Marshall:** You know we've got the Middle East coming up. We are in the middle of planning Abu Dhabi. We're just about finalising a deal for Italy TV. We've been on and off TV in Italy. We have very good web traffic out of Italy, even though we don't have an Italian website, so we think that can be a market for us. Obviously we will be back in Germany and the usual suspects, but potentially the next new market after the Middle East could be Italy.

**Elie:** You mentioned 8 hours for general public tickets to sell out; did you think it was going to sell out that fast?

**Marshall:** No, I don't think you could honestly say that we were confident that it would sell out, that's why I had hundreds of thousands of dollars ready to start marketing. Thank goodness I didn't start spending it already. No, I don't think I expected that, I did expect that we'd get to a sell out, but whether we creped

to a sell out or we got it early, I wasn't sure.

**So will the UFC be coming back for another show in Australia?**

We'll be back here. I don't know when it would be because we are doing so many events around the world, but based on this success we would have to have our head examined to not get down here pretty quick (laughs).

**Elie:** Any last comments?

**Marshall:** No, I think that one of the things we're trying to figure out now with the venue, is how to make this event even bigger, so that could be doing special signing events with the fighters. We really want to bring the UFC here to take every opportunity cause we're travelling so far, to really reach our fans to indoctrinate others. So we're going to make it for all those hardcore MMA fans out there who want to bring their friend to something and say "this is what I've been telling you about", we're going to try to do everything we can to make sure that everyone whose proud of what the UFC is, that they can show their friends and say "see, this is what I told you".



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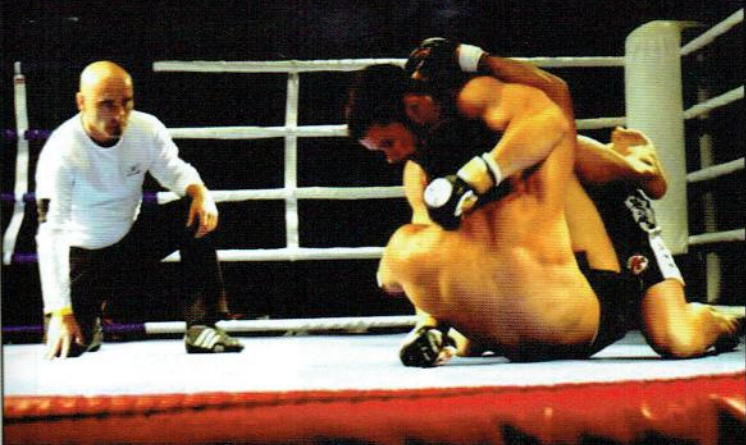


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