



UFC 333

VOLKANOVSKI vs EVLOEV

OCTOBER 24, 2026

ETIHAD ARENA • ABU DHABI

14 announced bouts • 2 title fights

Schedule, technical keys and editorial picks

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EVENT BRIEFING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

ETIHAD ARENA • YAS ISLAND, ABU DHABI

CARD BLOCK	U.S. EASTERN	ABU DHABI	ROMANIA
Early prelims	10:00 AM	6:00 PM	5:00 PM
Prelims	12:00 PM	8:00 PM	7:00 PM
Main card	2:00 PM	10:00 PM	9:00 PM

EDT (UTC-4) • GST (UTC+4) • EEST (UTC+3)

Block start times; individual walkouts are not fixed.

U.S. main card: Paramount+; check local rights in other regions.

Card snapshot: October 16. Additional reported bouts have provisional placement.



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ALEXANDER VOLKANOVSKI VS MOV SAR EVLOEV

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

MAIN EVENT • FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE - 145 LB • 5 × 5 MIN

WHAT TO WATCH

Volkanovski's route is not just staying upright: he must win the first exchange after breaking Evloev's grip. The challenger can make every reset expensive by connecting attempts and returning to the hips. Watch cage position, exits and meaningful offense after each takedown. The editorial lean is Evloev by decision, while Volkanovski's timing and championship experience remain a substantial counterargument.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Evloev

PROJECTED OUTCOME:

Decision

Editorial forecast, not a result.



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TALE OF THE TAPE

FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP • FIVE ROUNDS

VOLKANOVSKI		EVLOEV
28-4-0	MMA RECORD	20-0-0
Champion	STATUS	No. 1 challenger
5 ft 6 in	HEIGHT (UFC)	5 ft 7 in
71.5 in	REACH (UFC)	72.5 in
Australia	NATION	Russia

TECHNICAL KEY

Who owns the first exchange after a defended takedown?



PETR YAN VS MERAB DVALISHVILI

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

CO-MAIN EVENT • BANTAMWEIGHT TITLE - 135 LB • 5 × 5 MIN

WHAT TO WATCH

The trilogy asks whether Yan can again dictate distance before Dvalishvili turns the fight into repeated wrestling exchanges. Merab's pressure matters most when each defended attempt becomes another problem rather than a clean reset. Watch Yan's exits after combinations and the challenger's work between entries. The editorial lean is Yan by decision, with five-round pace the strongest argument for the opposite outcome.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Yan

PROJECTED OUTCOME:

Decision

Editorial forecast, not a result.



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LONE'ER KAVANAGH VS RAMAZAN TEMIROV

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

MAIN CARD • FLYWEIGHT - 125 LB • 3 × 5 MIN

WHAT TO WATCH

Watch who wins the space immediately after the first exchange. A fast start can be useful, but only if the next defensive action is ready. Kavanagh's editorial route is to keep the fight in short, clean passages and avoid being drawn into a prolonged chase. Temirov can change that picture if his forward work forces rushed exits. The lean is Kavanagh in a competitive decision.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Kavanagh

PROJECTED OUTCOME:

Decision

Editorial forecast, not a result.



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ALEXANDER VOLKOV VS RIZVAN KUNIEV

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

MAIN CARD • HEAVYWEIGHT - 265 LB • 3 × 5 MIN

WHAT TO WATCH

Volkov's long frame makes distance management the clearest watch point. Kuniev needs his entries to create real contact, not leave him stranded at the end of the next strike. Watch the first clinch and how quickly the action returns to open space. The editorial pick favours Volkov over three rounds, while sustained pressure against the cage is the most plausible way to disrupt that reading.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Volkov

PROJECTED OUTCOME:

Decision

Editorial forecast, not a result.



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AARON PICO VS LOSENE KEITA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

MAIN CARD • FEATHERWEIGHT - 145 LB • 3 × 5 MIN

WHAT TO WATCH

The key is whether the first committed entry ends in a useful position or an exposed reset. Watch Pico's timing when he changes levels and Keita's response when space briefly opens. A clean grappling sequence could rewrite the whole contest, so the finishing forecast carries substantial uncertainty. The editorial lean is Keita by stoppage, based on the danger of the exchanges between positions.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Keita

PROJECTED OUTCOME:

KO / TKO

Editorial forecast, not a result.



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AZAMAT MURZAKANOV VS DOMINICK REYES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

PRELIMS • LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT - 205 LB • 3 × 5 MIN

WHAT TO WATCH

Reyes can make range a meaningful advantage if his attacks end with a clear exit. Murzakanov's opportunity is to shorten that distance without following the taller man in a straight line. Watch the first committed counter and the positioning that follows it. The editorial lean is Murzakanov by stoppage; a patient, low-error Reyes performance is the central reason this remains a volatile pick.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Murzakanov

PROJECTED OUTCOME:

KO / TKO

Editorial forecast, not a result.



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NIKITA KRYLOV VS ABDUL RAKHMAN YAKHYAEV

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

PRELIMS • LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT - 205 LB • 3 × 5 MIN

WHAT TO WATCH

Watch the transition after the first scramble rather than treating the first takedown as the whole story. Krylov can make a messy contest demanding, but every hurried recovery also creates a new grip or positional opening. The editorial lean is Yakhyayev by submission if he can turn a successful entry into a stable attacking position. An early reset to open space would make the forecast less comfortable.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Yakhyayev

PROJECTED OUTCOME:

Submission

Editorial forecast, not a result.



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ABUS MAGOMEDOV VS CAM ROWSTON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

PRELIMS • MIDDLEWEIGHT - 185 LB • 3 × 5 MIN

WHAT TO WATCH

This is a useful test of who can make the other man fight at an inconvenient distance. Watch the first minute after a strong exchange: does the winner establish position or immediately give it back? The editorial lean is Magomedov in a close decision, with controlled work over three rounds the proposed route. Rowston can overturn that view by turning brief opportunities into sustained offense.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Magomedov

PROJECTED OUTCOME:

Decision

Editorial forecast, not a result.



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GRANT DAWSON VS NURULLO ALIEV

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

PRELIMS • LIGHTWEIGHT - 155 LB • 3 × 5 MIN

WHAT TO WATCH

The most revealing moments may arrive between takedown attempts. Watch inside hand position, the first escape from the fence and whether top position produces meaningful offense. A long stretch of control is less persuasive if the opponent repeatedly returns to a useful attacking position. The editorial lean is Dawson by decision, with Aliev's ability to reverse the direction of the wrestling exchanges the major counterargument.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Dawson

PROJECTED OUTCOME:

Decision

Editorial forecast, not a result.



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COLBY THICKNESSE VS ASAF CHOPUROV

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

EARLY PRELIMS • BANTAMWEIGHT - 135 LB • 3 × 5 MIN

WHAT TO WATCH

Watch who controls the first exchange after a break in contact. A fighter can look busy without securing the better position for the next attack. The editorial lean is Chopurov by decision if his pressure consistently leads somewhere useful rather than becoming a chase. Thicknesse can challenge that reading with clean exits, accurate counters and enough forward offense to keep the contest from becoming one-way traffic.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Chopurov

PROJECTED OUTCOME:

Decision

Editorial forecast, not a result.



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ABUBAKAR VAGAEV VS JACOB MALKOUN

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EARLY PRELIMS • MIDDLEWEIGHT - 185 LB • 3 × 5 MIN

WHAT TO WATCH

Watch which fighter turns the first clinch into a sequence rather than a single effort. Repeated entries, escapes and returns can make the work between obvious attacks decisive. The editorial lean is Malkoun by decision if he can hold the initiative without overcommitting to a stalled position. Vagaev's best argument is to reverse that pressure and make every attempted advance cost more than it creates.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Malkoun

PROJECTED OUTCOME:

Decision

Editorial forecast, not a result.



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DANIEL SANTOS VS BOLAJI OKI

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

ANNOUNCED ADDITION • FEATHERWEIGHT - 145 LB • 3 × 5 MIN

WHAT TO WATCH

Watch whether either fighter can control the pace without giving away the next exchange. Santos' editorial route is to keep the contest varied and prevent Oki from settling into comfortable, repeated attacks at range. A patient start may matter more than a dramatic opening burst. The lean is Santos by decision, while accurate work from Oki on entries could quickly make that view too optimistic.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Santos

PROJECTED OUTCOME:

Decision

Placement provisional; forecast only.



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IASMIN LUCINDO VS NICOLLE CALIARI

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

ANNOUNCED ADDITION • WOMEN'S STRAWWEIGHT - 115 LB • 3 × 5 MIN

WHAT TO WATCH

Watch how the first sustained spell of pressure changes the available space. Lucindo's editorial route is to connect her attacks and keep Caliri working through a second and third defensive action. That plan becomes less persuasive if the entries finish without useful offense or leave an immediate counter available. The lean is Lucindo by decision, with the quality of the exchanges more revealing than simple forward movement.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Lucindo

PROJECTED OUTCOME:

Decision

Placement provisional; forecast only.



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NOAH GUGNON VS KODY STEELE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

ANNOUNCED ADDITION • LIGHTWEIGHT - 155 LB • 3 × 5 MIN

WHAT TO WATCH

Watch the first extended grappling sequence and the decisions made immediately after an escape. Steele's editorial route is to keep the contest connected long enough to turn a positional gain into a finishing opportunity. Gugnon can interrupt that plan by returning the fight to clean open-space exchanges. The lean is Steele by submission, a high-uncertainty forecast rather than a prediction of a particular round.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Steele

PROJECTED OUTCOME:

Submission

Placement provisional; forecast only.



EDITORIAL PICKS

Qualitative leans for the announced card

BOUT	PICK	OUTCOME
Volkanovski vs Evloev	Evloev	Decision
Yan vs Dvalishvili III	Yan	Decision
Kavanagh vs Temirov	Kavanagh	Decision
Volkov vs Kuniev	Volkov	Decision
Pico vs Keita	Keita	KO / TKO
Murzakanov vs Reyes	Murzakanov	KO / TKO
Krylov vs Yakhyaev	Yakhyaev	Submission
Magomedov vs Rowston	Magomedov	Decision
Dawson vs Aliev	Dawson	Decision
Thicknesse vs Chopurov	Chopurov	Decision
Vagaev vs Malkoun	Malkoun	Decision
Santos vs Oki *	Santos	Decision
Lucindo vs Caliri *	Lucindo	Decision
Gugnon vs Steele *	Steele	Submission

** Reported addition; placement provisional.*

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REFERENCE LINKS

[UFC - official event card and start times](#)
[UFC - broadcast schedule](#)
[UFC - Alexander Volkanovski athlete profile](#)
[UFC - Movsar Evloev athlete profile](#)
[UFC - The 10: What A Wicked October It Will Be](#)
[Next-Fight - 14-bout announced-card cross-check](#)
[Sofascore - Daniel Santos vs Bolaji Oki](#)
[Sofascore - Noah Gugnon vs Kody Steele](#)

All eight reference titles above are clickable.

CARD AND SCHEDULE

Eleven bouts are listed on the UFC event page. Santos–Oki, Lucindo–Caliari and Gugnon–Steele are reported additions; their placement remains provisional. Times are scheduled card-block starts, checked October 16, 2026.

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