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Kenny Florian and Ariel Helwani Report on Upcoming UFC RIO Fights

“UFC Tonight” Reports Exclusive News: UFC 146 Location Revealed

LOS ANGELES, CA – “UFC Tonight” is the official weekly news and information show of the Ultimate Fighting Championship, airing every Tuesday night at 10:00 PM ET on FUEL TV. The show is co-hosted by veteran UFC fighter and multiple title contender Kenny Florian and former WEC announcer and UFC host Todd Harris. Two-time World MMA Awards Journalist of the Year Ariel Helwani adds insider news.

Here’s a look at what will be discussed tonight:

UFC Tonight Analyst Kenny Florian on UFC RIO: “It’s huge for the UFC. The Brazilian fan is about as passionate as any fan out there right now. The Brazilian economy is doing very well. This is the birth place of mixed martial arts. It’s great to see [the UFC] go back to Rio. It’s going to be huge, no questions about it.”

Florian on fighting Jose Aldo: “Jose Aldo is very explosive. He’s fast and, of course, he’s known to have the best leg kicks in the game. Really what impressed me the most was how smart he fought against me. His MMA IQ in the cage is very impressive.”

Chad Mendes on fighting Aldo in Brazil: “I will fight the guy anywhere. This is a title fight. It’s something you don’t pass up. I feel like I am prepared and have set up a great game plan for this [fight]. I know his stand up is very explosive, very fast, but I feel like I have a lot of power on my hands and I am very fast also.”

UFC Tonight Insider Ariel Helwani on Anthony Johnson shifting to a higher weight class: “Anthony told me last week that he feels quote ‘a thousand times better as a middleweight.’ He says he can eat more and he’s more comfortable and he doesn’t have to cut as much weight. As of right now he’s not thinking about 170. He’s very happy fighting at 185.”

Florian on Vitor Belfort: “Vitor Belfort, in my opinion, is the most talented fighter in the UFC today. This is a guy with very fast hands. He’s been in the game a very long time. He’s a black belt in Brazilian jiu-jitsu, he can wrestle, he can do it all.”

Florian on Edson Barboza: “A lot of people are very excited about Barboza. They believe he’ll be the next big star. He’s so technically sound, he’s a fighter that can go forwards, he can fight backwards, and he possesses some of the most devastating leg kicks in the game. A lot of people have been having trouble taking this guy down.”

Florian on Terry Etim: “Etim has to be the taller fighter here, and that gives a lot of fighters problems, even if you’re a great striker. Etim needs to use his reach and he’s going to have to be very active on the ground.”

Florian on Rousimar Palhares: “Palhares has been on a tear lately. He’s a guy who really possesses the most dangerous submission game in the UFC.”

Tune in tonight to hear **Kenny Florian’s predictions** for UFC RIO and “UFC Tonight” Host Todd Harris reports exclusive news about **UFC 146 – revealing the event location.**

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