



Dricus du Plessis Declares Himself Champion After Strickland Victory

Description

Dricus du Plessis had a good night at UFC 328 in Newark, New Jersey. He watched Sean Strickland beat Khamzat Chimaev for the championship. Strickland won after five rounds, which is something Chimaev's past opponents could not do.

Du Plessis has previously won against Strickland twice. In early 2024, he took the title from Strickland by a split decision at UFC 297. Then, in February 2025, he won more easily at UFC 312. However, Du Plessis lost the title to Chimaev in August 2025 in Chicago.

Now that Chimaev has lost, Du Plessis may benefit. He said, "The fight went exactly the way I thought it would. Sean did a great job." He praised Strickland for making Chimaev tired and said Chimaev could not compete well with him in standing fights.

Du Plessis has not fought since his loss to Chimaev. He might return in a fight against Kamaru Usman, a famous welterweight fighter. If Du Plessis wins, he could get another shot at the championship. Strickland is expected to defend his title against Nassourdine Imavov later this year.

Vocabulary List:

1. **championship** //ˈtʃæmpjən,ʃɪp// (noun): a competition to decide the best player or team
2. **opponents** //əˈpɒnənts// (noun): people who try to win against someone
3. **decision** //dɪˈsɪʒən// (noun): the judges' choice about who won
4. **defend** //dɪˈfend// (verb): to protect something from being taken
5. **compete** //kəmˈpi:t// (verb): to try to win against other people
6. **welterweight** //ˈwɛltər,weɪt// (adjective): related to a weight class for fighters

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Who won the championship at UFC 328?

Option: Khamzat Chimaev

Option: Sean Strickland



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- Option: Dricus du Plessis
 - Option: Nassourdine Imavov

2. What was the method of Sean Strickland's victory over Khamzat Chimaev?

- Option: Knockout
- Option: Submission
- Option: Split decision
- Option: Unanimous decision

3. In which year did Dricus du Plessis take the title from Sean Strickland?

- Option: 2023
- Option: 2024
- Option: 2025
- Option: 2026

4. Who did Du Plessis lose the title to?

- Option: Sean Strickland
- Option: Khamzat Chimaev
- Option: Kamaru Usman
- Option: Nassourdine Imavov

5. What type of decision did du Plessis win by against Strickland at UFC 297?

- Option: Knockout
- Option: Submission
- Option: Split decision
- Option: Unanimous decision

6. Who is expected to defend the title against Nassourdine Imavov?

- Option: Dricus du Plessis
- Option: Khamzat Chimaev
- Option: Sean Strickland
- Option: Kamaru Usman

True-False

7. Dricus du Plessis won against Sean Strickland at UFC 328.

8. Khamzat Chimaev lost to Sean Strickland after five rounds.



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9. Du Plessis has fought Kamaru Usman before.
 10. Strickland is expected to defend his title later this year.
 11. Du Plessis has not fought since winning the title.
 12. Khamzat Chimaev won his last fight against du Plessis.

Gap-Fill

13. Dricus du Plessis was at UFC 328 when he saw Sean Strickland beat Khamzat Chimaev for the championship in _____.
14. Du Plessis fought and won against Strickland in early _____.
15. Du Plessis lost the title to Chimaev in _____.
16. Du Plessis praised Strickland for making Chimaev _____.
17. If Du Plessis wins against Kamaru Usman, he could get another shot at the _____.
18. Du Plessis has not fought since his loss to _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Sean Strickland 2. Unanimous decision 3. 2024 4. Khamzat Chimaev 5. Split decision

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. Newark 14. 2024 15. August 2025 16. tired 17. championship 18. Chimaev

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