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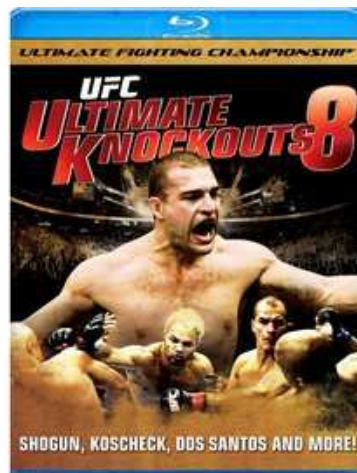
UFC Ultimate Knockouts 8 (2010/Anchor Bay Blu-ray) + Death Warrior (2009/Lionsgate DVD) + Ultimate Death Match (IMD DVD)

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It is time for more releases in the extreme fighting category, including two dramatic entries.

UFC Ultimate Knockouts 8 follows-up the **Ultimate Heavyweights** volume that was our first UFC Blu-ray:

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This is two hours of compilation with more HD footage than the previous release, which are both among a few so far in the format, but the 1080p 1.78 X 1 digital High Definition image transfers can still show some staircasing and detail issues, though I liked the color reproduction and fuller image than the DVDs in this series. The audio is actually here in DTS-HD MA (Master Audio) 5.1 lossless form, but this shows as many limits as has warmth and fullness advantages. With all these advantages, this is more involving than it could ever be over satellite, cable or even internet streaming. Since it is a newer volume and all HD pretty much, expect for some stylized moments, this is the most visually consistent of all the extreme fighting titles we have seen to date in playback. It is easy to OD on all these KOs, but that happens in a sport like this. The only extra is a Total TKOs section.

Death Warrior (2009) is from the gang at TapOut and was also issued on Blu-ray, but we only got the DVD in this case as yet another skilled fighter is seduced and stuck in an illegal world of fighting... wow, no rules! Unfortunately, this is silly in the acting and writing department, the fights are not bad, though some styling and fancy editing get in the way. Still, it is amusing at times, but not the best version of what has become a

formula tale. The anamorphically enhanced 1.78 X 1 image is soft and has motion blur, but has some good shots and some good color, but the blur happens more often than usual to the point of being distracting. The Dolby Digital 5.1 is really stretching out the basic stereo sound with little in the way of a real soundfield. Extras include a Trailer Gallery, four making of featurettes and interviews with the cast/fighters/co-stars Georges St.-Pierre, Rashad Evans and Keith Jardine. Hector Echavarría and Quinton Jackson also star.

Finally is **Ultimate Death Match** telling a tale of fighters in the FPOW (Federation of Pro Wrestling) which has some mixed martial arts of its own has one of its main stars die! The promoter decides all matches should be like this and takes them illegally to the internet. This is badly acted, has

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fighters that are so-so and is not memorable, already a formula tale, but diehard fans might want to see it out of curious. They had better be REAL curious. The letterboxed 1.78 X 1 image is the weakest yet, from old HD video (720p?) and the Dolby Digital 2.0 sound is barely stereo and has all kinds of audio dropouts and compression. There are no extras.

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