

Soul of Fight: Hioki, Buakaw Win

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Earlier today was the **SRC** marathon year end show, **Soul of Fight**. In the main event, **Hatsu Hioki**

defeated

Marlon Sandro

for the SRC Featherweight title in a bout reports are calling a potential fight of the year. Hioki and Sandro battled it out for a full 5 rounds before Hioki took the unanimous decision victory. Sandro came in with incredible momentum riding a string of big KO's, while Hioki had come back strong from a controversial 2009 loss to Michihiro Omigawa. Most pundits predicted Sandro taking this one, but Hioki turned in an amazing, career-defining performance that stopped Sandro dead in his tracks. With that win, Hioki will jump into the top 5 rankings at FW, making him one of Japan's top talents right now.

In the biggest fight of the night for kickboxing fans, **Buakaw Por. Pramuk** faced K-1 MAX Final 16 fighter **Hiroki**

Nakajima

Buakaw easily controlled his younger opponent, dominating Nakajima en route to a unanimous decision win. Also in stand-up action,

Genki Yamamoto

fell to

Kanongsuk Weerasakreck

via unanimous decision under Muay Thai rules in a bout that sounds brutal.

The entire card was epic, with over 20 fights, so there were a lot of highlights. A few notable results to point out:

- **Maximo Blanco** continued his impressive run through SRC, although he faced stiff competition from **Won Sik Park**. Blanco took a close decision in a tough fight.

- **Yoshihiro Maeda** bounced back from a rough year in Dream by defeating former SRC champion **Masanori Kanehara** by stoppage in the 1st round. Most reports say the stoppage was a bit early in this wild fight.

-**Ryo Chonan** faced late replacement **Taisuke Okuno**, and was unfortunately caught early, being KO'd in just 19 seconds to an Okuno punch.

No video available just yet, but MMA Fighting's **Daniel Herbertson** has a [great breakdown](#) of all the action.

Full results are as follows:

Sotaro Yamada def. **Yi Sak Kim** via TKO (Punches) Round 1 - 1:40

Kiyotaka Shimizu def. **Ichiro Sugita** via Decision (Split)

Yukio Sakaguchi def. **Jin Suk Jung** via Decision (Unanimous)

Hitomi Akano def. **Roxanne Modafferi** via forfeit

Erika Kamimura def. **Chiharu** by TKO (Elbow) - Round 1

Fabiano Cyclone def. **Andrew Peck** by TKO (Elbow) - Round 2

Kazuki Osawa def. **Chang Seob Lee** by TKO (Punches) - Round 1

Norihiro "Musashi" Miyamoto vs. **Hiroki Komata** - Majority Draw

Kanongsuk Weerasakreck def. **Genki Yamamoto** by Unanimous Decision

Arashi Fujiwara def. **Mutsuki Ebata** by Unanimous Decision

Yutaro Yamauchi vs. **Go Yokoyama** - Split Draw

Yusuke Ikei def. **Shintaro Matsukura** by TKO (Knee) - Round 1

Hironobu Ikegami vs. **Yuji Tanaka** - Majority Draw

Misaki Takimoto def. **Amy Davis** via Decision (Split)

Rin Nakai def. **Mika Harigai** via Submission (Keylock) Round 1 - 2:09

Shunichi Shimizu def. **Manabu Inoue** via Decision (Unanimous)

Taiyo Nakahara def. **Akitoshi Tamura** via DQ (Low Blows) Round 1 - 2:07

Dave Herman def. **Yoshihiro Nakao** via Decision (Unanimous)

Mamed Khalidov def. **Yuki Sasaki** via TKO (Punches) Round 1 - 2:22

Jadamba Narantungalag def. **Kazunori Yokota** via KO (Punch) Round 1 - 2:03

Keita Nakamura def. **Yasubey Enomoto** via Submission (Rear-Naked Choke) Round 2 - 3:48

Maximo Blanco def. **Won Sik Park** via Must Decision (Unanimous)

Taisuke Okuno def. **Ryo Chonan** via KO (Punch) Round 1 - 0:19

Yoshiro Maeda def. **Masanori Kanehara** via TKO (Punches) Round 1 - 1:27

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Megumi Fujii def. **Emi Fujino** via Decision (Unanimous)

Kazuo Misaki def. **Mike Seal** via TKO (Punches) Round 1 - 1:15

Hatsu Hioki def. **Marlon Sandro** via Decicion (Unanimous)