Results from the international kickboxing scene this weekend:

Mike Zambidis took home the title at the **W5 Grand Prix** event in Moscow, although it wasn't an easy road. In the semi-finals, **Enriko Gogokhia** provided a tough challenge, taking the fight into the extension round before Zambo could score the decision win. In semi-final #2, **Dzhabar Askerov** took a decision against **William Diender**, setting up Zambidis vs. Askerov 2 for the final. The two men once again went to war, and once again it was Zambidis claiming the win via unanimous decision. With that win, Zambidis has won 7 of his last 8, with the only loss coming against Giorgio Petrosyan. Prior to this run, he was on a 2-4 streak, and looked like his days at the top could be finished; it's been great to see the veteran fighter make this resurgence. Also at W5: **Vladimir Mineev** won over Vitaly Shemetov by doctor stopage at the end of round 1, **Alexandr Stetsurenko** def. Vasily Tershonok by decision in the extension round, and **Roman Mailov** def. Ramil Novruzov via decision.

Evolution 23 took place in Australia on Saturday. As always, the Australian Muay Thai show delivered, with a number of exciting fights. In the main event, one of the scene's big names, **Bruce "The Preacher" Macfie** dropped a unanimous decision to **Franki Giorgi**. Giorgi had defeated Macfie by stoppage at the last card to set up this rematch, and while the Preacher went the distance this time, reports indicate the result was never in doubt.

Elsewhere in the card there was some controversy in a fight between **Eli Madigan** and **Jason Scerri**, which Madigan won. Post-show, Scerri's corner has been very critical of Madigan and

Evolution, claiming that when they agreed to the fight, they requested there be no elbows used, as Scerri no longer fights under full Muay Thai rules. According to Scerri's camp at Jabout Gym, both Evolution and Madigan's team agreed to this, however when the fight started, Madigan used numerous elbows to cut open his opponent. Scerri's corner threw in the towel as they felt they were being cheated. Bit of an ugly situation there.

One final note from the show – much credit is due to **Glen Purvis**, who came in on very short notice to face the tough and experienced
Dane Daddy Kool
when Dane's original opponent had to bow out. Taking a fight against a fighter at that level on just a few days notice is impressive. Even more impressive? Purvis is only 16 years old. Hats off to him for stepping in there.

Full results from Evolution 23 in the complete entry.

And finally, top Muay Thai fighter **Saenchai Sinbi** (the former Saenchai Sor Kingstar) was in action in England. Saenchai faced top ranked UK Muay Thai fighter
Liam Harrison
. Reports say this was an excellent fight with Harrisoin giving it his all, but in the end, Saenchai was too much and took the unanimous decision win. He's now 2-0 against Harrison after a 2009 decision victory. If you're unfamiliar with Saenchai, get to YouTube and check him out – truly one of the most gifted athletes in the world in any combat sports discipline.

Evolution 23:

Franki Giorgi def. Bruce "Preacher" Macfie, Unanimous Decision

Danny Derdowski def. Leonard Sitpholek, KO

Flip Street def. Michael Tomahawk Thompson, Split Decision

Dane Daddy Kool def. Glen Purvis, KO Rd. 3

Eli Madigan def. Jason Scerri, KO Rd. 3

Chris Johnstone vs Mark Lucchiarri, TKO (cut) Rd. 2

Kevin NTG def. Ryan Doyle, TKO

Jamie Stamp def. Beniah, KO Rd. 4