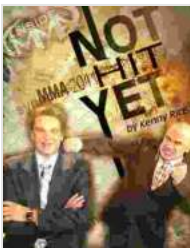


Chronicle Of 2024: The Most Significant Year In MMA History

2024 was a watershed year for mixed martial arts. The sport experienced unprecedented growth in popularity, with major events selling out arenas and attracting millions of viewers worldwide. The level of competition also reached new heights, with some of the most talented fighters in history putting on unforgettable performances.



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This article chronicles the most important events that shaped the sport's history in 2024.

The Rise Of The UFC

The Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) continued its reign as the world's premier MMA promotion in 2024. The company staged a record-breaking number of events, including several blockbuster pay-per-views.

The UFC also signed some of the biggest names in the sport, including former WWE champion Brock Lesnar and former boxing heavyweight champion Deontay Wilder.

One of the most significant moments in the UFC's history came in April 2024, when Conor McGregor defeated Khabib Nurmagomedov in a highly anticipated rematch. The fight was a massive commercial success, generating over \$1 billion in revenue. It also helped to cement McGregor's status as one of the biggest stars in MMA history.

The Emergence Of Bellator

Bellator MMA emerged as a major player in the MMA landscape in 2024. The promotion staged several successful events, including a number of title fights. Bellator also signed some of the sport's top fighters, including former UFC welterweight champion Ben Askren and former ONE Championship featherweight champion Martin Nguyen.

One of the most memorable moments in Bellator's history came in October 2024, when Fedor Emelianenko defeated Ryan Bader to win the heavyweight championship. The fight was a huge upset, as Bader was a heavy favorite. It also helped to solidify Emelianenko's status as one of the greatest MMA fighters of all time.

The Growth Of ONE Championship

ONE Championship continued its rapid growth in 2024. The promotion staged a number of sold-out events in Asia, and its fighters began to make a name for themselves on the global stage. ONE Championship also signed some of the sport's top fighters, including former UFC flyweight

champion Demetrious Johnson and former Bellator welterweight champion Douglas Lima.

One of the most significant moments in ONE Championship's history came in March 2024, when Rodtang Jitmuangnon defeated Petchdam Petchyindee Academy to win the ONE Flyweight Muay Thai World Championship. The fight was a back-and-forth affair, and it helped to cement Rodtang's status as one of the best strikers in the world.

The Launch Of The PFL

The Professional Fighters League (PFL) launched in 2024 with a unique format that featured regular season fights and a single-elimination playoff tournament. The PFL signed a number of top fighters, including former UFC lightweight champion Anthony Pettis and former Bellator welterweight champion Rory MacDonald.

The PFL's first season was a success, and the promotion quickly established itself as a major player in the MMA landscape. The PFL also awarded its first championship belts in 2024, with Kayla Harrison winning the women's lightweight title and Ray Cooper III winning the men's welterweight title.

The Impact Of COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic had a major impact on MMA in 2024. Several events were canceled or postponed, and fighters were forced to train and compete in empty arenas. Despite the challenges, MMA continued to grow in popularity during the pandemic. Fans found ways to watch fights online, and fighters found creative ways to train and stay in shape.

The Future Of MMA

The future of MMA is bright. The sport is more popular than ever before, and there are a number of talented fighters who are ready to make their mark. The UFC, Bellator, ONE Championship, and PFL will continue to be the major players in the sport, and there will likely be new promotions emerge in the years to come.

MMA is a constantly evolving sport, and it is impossible to say for sure what the future holds. However, one thing is for certain: MMA will continue to grow in popularity and excitement in the years to come.



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