

## **I.E. Summer Rumble Main Event Recap: Colleen Schneider (5-3) Gets the Best of Christina Marks (6-5)**

After an exciting first round, Colleen Schneider continued her efforts of trying to submit the evasive Christina Marks until she found success with an arm bar submission in the second round of their main event bout during Saturday night's I.E. Summer Rumble at the Citizens Business Bank Arena in Ontario, Calif.

"I really didn't feel it, until I heard her corner yelling 'break her arm!' I couldn't see what they were seeing, and then I felt it and I tapped," said Marks after the match.

Both fighters looked ready to go as soon as the first bell sounded. The first round was very competitive, with each fighter trading what appeared to be effective strikes. Going into the second round it was anyone's match to win.

Schneider unwilling to give an inch, caught Marks in the second round while both fighters were on the mat tussling. Schneider, after some maneuvering, was able to lock in the submission, capitalizing on her chance to end the fight early, which she later described after her match to Submission Promotions' MC in the cage.

"I feel comfortable wherever a fight goes. Most of my wins are the ground and pound kind. So... Yeah I heard my coach telling me to keep going for it, so I kept pushing until I got the arm bar."

Colleen Schneider's father stopped by the press area before the fight and he seemed more than excited to see his daughter fight in the night's main event match. After mentioning to him that the bout would be a good competitive fight, he had his own take."

"Yeah she should do alright, she has Josh Barnett in her corner after all. I like him, he is a good influence."

In the end she didn't too bad at all. After securing her win against Marks, Schneider made sure to thank the people around her, including Barnett.

"I want to thank my team and everyone who had my back and to thank Josh Barnett for cornering me."

As for Marks, she was obviously disappointed at the outcome of the match, but she remains determined to stay focused on what lies ahead in her career, while working on her skills to improve her technique in efforts of becoming a better all-around MMA fighter.

"I am definitely going to continue to train. I am starting tomorrow (Monday) so no time off for me. I have to work harder. Stand up comes natural to me, and ground can be sort of like a chess match, where any one small movement can change everything. This was one of my best fights. She was a tough opponent. I am really aggressive and I wanted to be more technical during this fight, and I felt I was able

to do that. I just made the wrong move too soon. I just have to work more so that I don't make any more mistakes."

As for her goals for the rest of the year, Marks remain open to more opportunities, but plans to rest until she starts her next camp.

"I am probably going to rest up for the rest of the year, unless there are good opportunities to fight, till then I will keep working and see what my coaches say."