**UFC 247 Betting Breakdown**

**The Bets:**

* **Miles Johns 2.5 units @ -130**
* **Zalal versus Lingo 3.5 units @ -140 Fight Does NOT Go to Decision**

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While Bautista can win a striker’s battle by landing more volume than Johns, I do not like how hittable Bautista is in striking exchanges. Johns has power in his hands so he can capitalize on Bautista’s striking defense and willingness to trade punches in the pocket (i.e. versus Son). The clearer path to victory for Johns is to wrestle Bautista and win rounds by gaining top control or earning a submission (Bautista gives up his back when attempting to get back to his feet after getting taken down). Bautista was taken down briefly by Son a few times, so I feel confident that a more credentialed wrestler in Johns can not only take down Bautista but control him on the mat as well. I believe Johns wins this fight comfortably due to his wrestling, grappling, and power advantages and therefore a good value for -130.

**Zalal versus Lingo 3.5 units @ -140 Fight Does NOT Go to Decision**

Both fighters are making their UFC debuts and have both shown to be finishers in their respective careers. Lingo has a ton of power in his hands, is aggressive/likes to pressure, and is primarily a boxer. Zalal will likely look to take this fight to the mat where he will have a BIG grappling advantage (I’ve seen Lingo taken down and controlled on the mat). Zalal has some flashy striking techniques and will have a reach advantage, but I noticed he keeps his hands low in striking exchanges which can be an issue when facing a heavy-handed puncher like Lingo. I have also seen Zalal rocked more than once despite never being finished via strikes in his pro MMA career, so Lingo has the potential to hurt and finish Zalal in the striking exchanges. Zalal may be able to do damage in the striking as Lingo does not have ideal striking defense either, but I will lean with Lingo in the striking department (and in a winning scenario get his hand raised after a TKO/KO finish) and Zalal in the grappling department (and in a winning scenario get his hand raised after a submission finish. This fight reminds of Herbert Burns versus Nate Landwehr from a couple of weeks ago in that it is a very high variance fight that will very likely finish. I believe we got good value on this line.