



NAME: Urijah Faber

NICKNAME: "The California Kid" Urijah Faber

WEIGHT CLASS: Featherweight

AGE: 29 years old - 5/14/79

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5-6, 145

REACH: -

BIRTHPLACE: Isla Vista, CA

FIGHTING OUT OF: Sacramento, CA

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English, a little Spanish

STYLE: MMA

TRAINER: Training was with my own team, Alpha Male. We went to Brazil for two weeks and had some great workouts thanks to my jiu-jitsu instructor Fabio Prado. I worked with jiu-jitsu world champion Daniel Moraes and Savate kickboxing instructor Richard De Forrest. This was in addition to my guys with team Alpha Male: Justin Buchholz, Matt Sanchez, Scott McAfee, Joseph Benavidez, Danny Castillo, Tito Jones, Chad Mendes, Master Thonglor, Dustin Akbari, Fabio Prado and more.

STRENGTHS: Excellent submissions, strong takedowns, and lightning-fast hand speed

TRAINING: My day consists of a variety of things, jiu-jitsu, wrestling, kickboxing, sparring. It just depends on the day and how my body feels. Usually about 4 or 5 hours a day, maybe 1.5 hours intense, grappling and sparring

PROFESSIONAL MMA RECORD: 22-2

WEC History:

WEC 38 (1/25/09) Faber submitted Jens Pulver via guillotine choke at 1:34 of the first round.

WEC 36 (11/5/08) Faber lost his WEC Featherweight title when he was stopped via strikes at 2:23 of the first round by Mike Brown.

WEC 34 (6/1/08) Faber scored a five round unanimous decision over Jens Pulver.

WEC 31 (12/12/07) Faber submitted Jeff Curran with a guillotine choke at 4:34 of the second round.

WEC 28 (6/3/07) Faber submitted Chance Farrar with a rear naked choke at 3:19 of the first round.

WEC 26 (3/24/07) Faber submitted Dominic Cruz with a guillotine choke at 1:38 of the first round.

WEC 25 (1/20/07) Faber stopped Joe Pearson at 2:31 of the first round.

WEC 19 (3/17/06) Faber scored a second round TKO over Cole Escovedo.

Q&A

When and why did you start training for fighting? I've always had a passion for fighting. I started wrestling in the 8th grade and have never stopped. I began training in MMA in 2003 after graduating from UC Davis.

What ranks and titles have you held? Former WEC Featherweight Champion

Do you have any heroes? My parents

What is your favorite technique? I like to try to invent new techniques. My favorite moves come from the moment.

What does it mean for you to fight in the WEC? I feel like I finally found a home. Up to this point, no large organizations have been willing to showcase the lighter weight classes. This is unfortunate as some of the most exciting fighters in the world are in the lighter weight classes. The WEC presents a major opportunity not only for myself, but all 145 and 135 pounders to showcase their talent. I truly believe the WEC will be the premier organization in the near future.

Did you go to college and if so what degree did you earn? I have a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California, Davis.

What was your job before you started fighting? I was a student at UC Davis and began fighting professionally shortly after graduation. I also coached wrestling at UC Davis while beginning my MMA career.