



NAME: Wanderlei Silva
NICKNAME: "The Axe Murderer" Wanderlei Silva
WEIGHT CLASS: Middleweight
AGE: 32 years old – 7/3/76
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5-11, 185
REACH: 74"
BIRTHPLACE: Curitiba, Brazil
FIGHTING OUT OF: Las Vegas, Nevada
LANGUAGES SPOKEN: Portuguese, English
STYLE: Muay Thai
TRAINER: Rafael Alejarra, Ulysses Pereira, André Galvão
STRENGTHS: Striking power and technique, intensity, world-class experience
TRAINING: Physical training in the morning, jiu-jitsu training and boxing technique in the afternoon, sparring in the evening.
PROFESSIONAL MMA RECORD: 32-9-1,1 No Contest

UFC History:

UFC 92 (12/27/08) Silva was knocked out at 3:21 of the first round by Quinton Jackson.
UFC 84 (5/24/08) Silva scored a spectacular 36 second knockout of Keith Jardine.
UFC 79 (12/29/07) Silva lost a three round unanimous decision to Chuck Liddell.
UFC 25 (4/14/00) Silva lost a unanimous decision to Tito Ortiz for the vacant UFC Middleweight championship.
UFC 20 (5/7/99) – Silva knocked out Tony Paterra with a knee at 2:53 of the first round.
Ultimate Brazil (10/16/98) Silva was stopped in the first round by Vitor Belfort.

Q&A

When and why did you start training for fighting? I started training when I was 13 years old because I was short and fat.

Do you have any heroes? Ayrton Senna

What does it mean for you to fight in the UFC? It's an honor and a pleasure to fight in the UFC, and I love fighting here. I was very anxious to come back. There is no one like the American fans. In Japan, the fans are really quiet, and the American fans are like the ones in the movie Gladiator – they're all chanting and yelling – and it gives me the chills because I fight to have the fans make the stadium shake.

Did you go to college and if so what degree did you earn? N/A

What was your job before you started fighting? I worked in my father's bar – I served, I cleaned, I did everything. I was also in the military for a year and five months. It was a great thing for my career because it gave me discipline. And I learned how to shoot very well.

If any list specific accomplishments in amateur competition? None

If any, list specific accomplishments in pro competition? PRIDE Middleweight Champion (205 pounds), 2003 PRIDE Middleweight (205 pounds) Grand Prix Champion, IVC Light Heavyweight Champion.

If any, list ranks in any martial arts styles: Black Belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu under Carlinhos Gracie.

Favorite grappling technique: Rear naked choke

Favorite Striking technique: Knees



OTHER

- Moving down in weight to face Rich Franklin at UFC 99
- One of the greatest and most intimidating light heavyweights of all-time.
- Former PRIDE 205-pound champion.
- Owns two wins over Quinton Jackson, both by KO / TKO
- Unbeaten in 18 fights (16-0-1, 1 NC) from 2000 to 2004.
- Has fought against heavyweight standouts Mirko Cro Cop, Kazuyuki Fujita, and Mark Hunt
- Owns three wins over Japanese legend Kazushi Sakuraba
- Also holds victories over Mike Van Arsdale, Eugene Jackson, Daijiro Matsui, Guy Mezger, Dan Henderson, Alexander Otsuka, Hidehiko Yoshida, Ikuhisa Minowa, Yuki Kondo, Kazuhiro Nakamura, Ricardo Arona.
- 2-4 in the UFC
- 22 wins by KO / TKO
- Last submission win was in 1999 (over Bob Schrijber)