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### Exclusive Interview: Scott "LionHeart" Blevins Cannot Be Stopped



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As losing streaks go, the one that Scott "LionHeart" Blevins is currently riding has to be one of the roughest in the sport. [Sherdog lists the Indiana-based fighter's record as 0-13](#), with all losses by first-round stoppage, and no match lasting past the 2:10 mark. But that doesn't account for all of his fights — it doesn't include his losses to David Love or Ryan McIntosh, for one thing, and it doesn't include his victory-via-DQ over Eddie Mirabella, whose win was reversed after he threw his mouthpiece into the crowd.

Yes, Blevins's fights [generally end badly](#). The first time I heard about him, I had to know two things: 1) Was this some kind of joke? 2) If it wasn't, why keep doing it? When I finally tracked Scott down, a few days after his most recent loss to Chico Camus at an [Evolution Fighting Championship event](#) in Wisconsin earlier this month, he was on the way to the hospital, due to a mysterious ailment that had laid him out. But he took the time to explain that despite the losses, despite the haters, despite a family that thinks he's crazy, this shit is the furthest thing from a joke. As for why he keeps doing it, well, you'll have to keep reading. Ladies and gentlemen, I give you...*LionHeart*.

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SCOTT "LIONHEART" BLEVINS: Well, I admit it does get to me, but I know I gotta keep on trying and I know that eventually I'm going to get those wins. It's just going to take some time to do it. Each fight is different and I do see an improvement in myself each time I step in the cage. But I've had some tough competition throughout my career.

#### What went wrong in the Chico Camus fight?

He got me to the ground and I ate a bunch of his elbows. His trainer is [Duke Roufus](#), and Duke is one of the top guys out of Wisconsin, and he just trains those guys harder than what most guys train. Chico is a top-notch fighter. He's undefeated.

#### Where do you train for your fights?

I'm from [Mentone, Indiana](#), and I run [Fighting Dragons Mixed Martial Arts](#), and I do that pretty much seven days a week. It's based out of my house, because I haven't found a facility for it yet. My training regiment is basic stuff — boxing, jeet kune do, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, kickboxing. It's a mix of everything. But I try to move around to different gyms in Indiana, and I try to find [training partners] at my weight who have the same skills.

#### You compete as a 135-pounder. How much weight do you have to cut before each match?

I don't cut weight. I'm actually 130 pounds. I did take a match at 125 once, but I lost; the guy was just really, really tough.

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## Golden Boy Can't Be Bothered With Affliction's Problems



*(Affliction...nope, sorry, doesn't ring a bell.)*

Remember when Affliction [trumpeted a huge announcement](#), which was mostly a ploy to detract attention from the "rescheduling" of their second event? And remember when that huge announcement was that they would be [partnering with Golden Boy Promotions](#), thus bringing the feuding cousins of MMA and boxing together? And then Golden Boy said, 'screw that,' and decided to promote a [competing boxing match on the same night?](#)

Well on today's conference call to promote the upcoming De La Hoya-Pacquiao fight, the ever-intrepid Michael David Smith (or MDS, if you're nasty) of [MMA Fanhouse](#) hit Golden Boy CEO Richard Schaefer with a question about whether they'd really be promoting both the Affliction: Day of Reckoning card and the Mosley-Margarito bout on the same night. His answer was the equivalent of when you asked your mom if you could stop for ice cream after soccer practice and she responded with, 'We'll see.'

"I don't want to talk about it right now," Schaefer said. "We're still trying to finalize it. The one thing I know for sure is that Antonio Margarito and Sugar Shane Mosley will be fighting on January 24."

I don't know about you, but to me that does not sound like a man who is involved

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in a solid partnership that he is genuinely excited about. Granted, Schaefer's first order of business on this call was to promote the upcoming fight, not one in January, but he stopped just short of saying that he does not know, nor does he care what Affliction does on Jan. 24. Will they have a show at all? Your guess is probably as good as Schaefer's, with the difference being that you might actually give a damn.

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## The Only Rule You'll Ever Need to Determine Whether a Fight Was Stopped Too Early



(Props: Smoogy on the UG)

Josh Koscheck's TKO loss has been the subject of a lot of debate on the old internets for the past couple of days. Some people think the stoppage was too fast, not giving Koscheck the chance to recover and defend himself. One of those people, obviously, is [Koscheck himself](#) (side note: man, give that camera man credit for going into a tense locker room, hearing that rant, and then having the balls to ask, very simply, "Do you think he should have stopped it?"), but the fact is he's wrong, and so is everyone arguing his side in this case.

Here's how you know your fight was stopped early: you can immediately look into the ref's face as he moves in to stop the bout and say, 'What the fuck is your problem?' If you can do that, preferably without slurring or attempting to rise and then falling back down, then you have a legitimate gripe. I like to call this the 'What the fuck is your problem?' rule.

If you can't say 'What the fuck is your problem?' (other acceptable variations include: 'What the fuck are you doing?', 'That's fucking bullshit!', and 'Mazzagatti, you asshole!') immediately after the stoppage, then the ref had reason enough to stop the fight.

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## Quinton Jackson Can't Announce Nothin'

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Via [MMAMania](#):

**Jesse Holland (MMAMania)**: Dana White mentioned that he's got "big plans" for you in the near future. What's he alluding to?

**Quinton "Rampage" Jackson**: I love Mexicans. I love tacos, burritos...I don't

know man, I don't know what the hell Dana's talkin' about.

**Jesse Holland (MMAmania):** So you're not prepared to announce your role as coach on the next season of The Ultimate Fighter?

**Quinton "Rampage" Jackson:** I can't announce none of that. I can't announce the new Rampage energy drink that's coming out, I can't announce my new deal with Affliction, I can't announce the Rampage rims for your ride. I can't announce nothin'.

Way to keep the cat in the bag! I think when you look up "discretion" in the dictionary, you'll see a picture of Quinton Jackson, enjoying a delicious Rampage energy drink.

*Note: The opinions expressed above are solely those of Quinton Jackson, and in no way represent an endorsement of Mexicans by the UFC.*

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### Video: Mike Swick Can't Strike

Despite all the things he does well as a fighter, [Mike Swick](#) is not a very good bowler. I found this out when I went to San Jose recently to do a [Fight Magazine](#) cover story on him (September issue, on newsstands everywhere Aug. 25, though [if you were a subscriber](#) you'd already have yours) and he invited me to come bowling with him and his wife. As I would learn, even a night at the bowling alley is an intense affair for the Swick household.

If you couldn't tell from the video, Swick is a competitive guy. Even though he doesn't bowl often, and even though I bowled probably the best game of my life through some glorious accident, he couldn't quite let it go. He accused me of spending all my free time in bowling alleys (not true, I sometimes go to movies), and a week later I got a text message from him informing me that he beat my score at Wii bowling (my response: "I just beat [Anderson Silva](#) at UFC Undisputed, so now we both know there's a big gap between video games and reality.")

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### Bellator 86 Recap: Askren Finishes (!) Amoussou, King Mo Squashes Other Dude, Fancy Flips Can't Save Zaromskis



(Sorry Ben, I don't think we can count those as "significant strikes." GIF via [ZombieProphet/BloodyElbow](#))

For the first time since his [controversial technical submission of Ryan Thomas](#) during his Bellator debut three years ago, [Ben Askren](#) has finished an opponent. Sure, it was one of those sort-of-assisted finishes where the doctor steps in between rounds to wave the fight off, but let's not take anything away from Funky Ben, here: The undefeated Bellator welterweight champion smashed the living dog-poop out of [Karl Amoussou](#) for three full rounds last night, and might have permanently injured him had the fight gone on any longer.

It was a prototypical performance from Askren, who spent most of the fight on top of Amoussou, throwing down punches and elbows. Still, there seemed to be a greater sense of urgency from the champ in this fight, a little more intention with his strikes. He slashed open a cut above Amoussou's eye with an elbow in the first round, and by the end of round three, Amoussou's left eye was swollen shut and his face was a wet canvas of blood. The fight was mercifully stopped before the fourth round could begin, giving Askren a well-deserved TKO victory.

"I told you guys that it was just a matter of time before my hands got some power in them," [Askren said after the fight](#). "I dominate positionally, and my hands [have] power too. Welterweights anywhere in the world better watch out, I'm coming." Askren's next challenge will likely be the winner of this season's welterweight tournament, which produced four semifinalists last night...

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## Jake Shields Can't Catch a Goddamned Break

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It was bad enough when [Mike Pyle's contract disputes](#) prevented Jake Shields from taking home a well-deserved EliteXC championship belt in November. Now it looks like his fight against Drew Fickett at this Saturday's Strikeforce/EliteXC event — which many assumed would officially establish Shields as the welterweight title holder — won't even happen.

[It's being reported](#) that the Shields/Fickett bout is being postponed due to Shields pulling a muscle in his back while training last week. Says [FiveOunces](#):

[Shields] flew to Los Angeles in order to meet with a specialist. While he had experienced some improvement with the injury, it was determined that he would not be ready in time for Saturday's fight. A decision was then made to postpone the bout. A re-scheduled date for the bout has not been set, but Shields indicated that the title fight could take place within the next couple of months.

I guess that's what you get for letting [Brandon Vera give you a pinkbelly](#); that shot probably dislodged at least four discs. Shields's dropout is just the latest blow to an event that had already suffered the loss of one big name, when Evangelista "Cyborg" Santos was forced to pull out of the card [due to visa issues](#).

In related news, an EliteXC lightweight title fight between Yves Edwards and K.J. Noons [has been postponed](#) to June 14th. The two fighters were supposed to meet at an April 26th show in Hawaii, but that event has reportedly been canceled altogether. Our first thought is that EliteXC is canceling the show to reserve some talent for their first CBS broadcasts, but we'll let you know if/when they release an official statement.

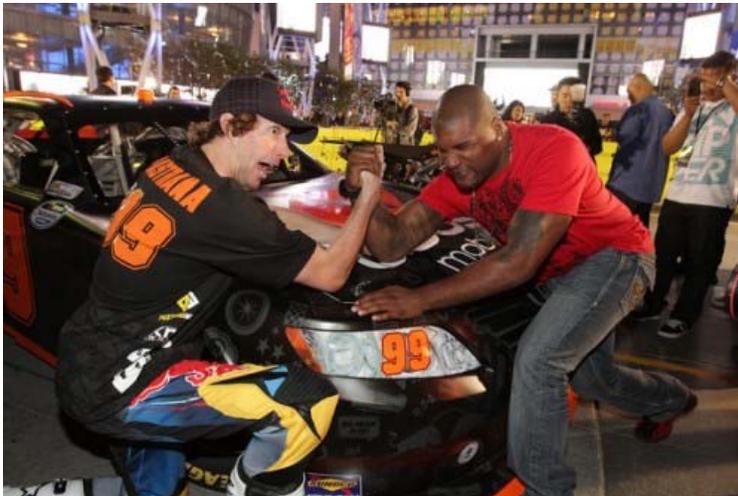
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### Rampage Jackson Can't Wait to Quit MMA



*(Life: It's more about the journey than whether you actually beat Travis Pastrana in arm wrestling. Pic: [Zimbio](#))*

Ah, [Quinton "Rampage" Jackson](#). At this point, we honestly don't know if we should applaud the guy for his honesty or criticize him for continuing to waste everybody's time. After conducting a lengthy interview with the former UFC light heavyweight champion recently wherein it becomes painfully apparent that the guy just can't bring himself to be [terribly dedicated](#) to fighting anymore, maybe [Five Knuckles](#) says it best. As the MMA website quips *in the very first line* of its resulting story about Jackson: "You can call Quinton "Rampage" Jackson a lot of things, but dedicated isn't necessarily one of them."

Dude, ouch. Then again, that seems like a pretty apt description anymore. Heading into his [upcoming bout with Matt Hamill at UFC 130](#), Rampage claims he's training hard, but says he hasn't bothered to chase down any film on Hamill and even admits he "doesn't know a whole lot" about the guy. Really? You don't know a whole lot about Matt Hamill? Interesting. Anyway, a bit later on Jackson flat out admits he's just biding his time until he can [find another movie role](#) that will compensate him as much or more than his current UFC contract.

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## Tiki Ghosn: "We Can't Fight For Them"

*(Tiki vs. Robbie Lawler @ UFC 40, 11/22/02. What? He just got cut. And Rasputin just got a little wet.)*

If you were listening closely during [last night's episode of "The Ultimate Fighter,"](#) you might have heard Team Rampage assistant coach Tiki Ghosn commiserating in the locker room with a frustrated ["Rampage" Jackson](#) after yet another loss. Tiki doesn't exactly seem like he's in the kind of friendship with Jackson that would allow him to question the coaching strategies that led them to this point, so instead he joined in on the bitch session by throwing his hands up and saying, "We can't fight for them."

That's true. The only problem is, Tiki has never won a fight in the UFC. Not once in his [eleven-year, 11-7 career](#). He's had four fights in the Octagon and lost them all. He's never even made it into the third round of a UFC fight, if we want to get technical. That's not to say that he necessarily sucks. He did beat [pop sensation Genki Sudo](#) in his pro debut, and he's currently riding a two-fight win streak. But lest Tiki be allowed to go around disparaging the abilities of the Team Rampage UFC hopefuls as if he's some kind of future hall of famer, we thought a little Tiki Ghosn career primer was in order. Enjoy.

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## Even Fedor Can't Help But Be Amused By Josh Barnett's Antics



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Getting [Fedor](#) to crack a smile is no small accomplishment, but leave it to [Josh Barnett](#) to turn a standard pre-fight hype interview during a Strikforce intermission into a wacky slapstick routine. Congratulations, Baby Face. Fedor is amused. And because he is amused, he will only hurt you as much as is

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### Rashad Evans Can't Believe He's Headlining Over Matt Hughes



[Rashad Evans](#) may be the UFC light heavyweight champ, but the title doesn't seem to have gone to his head. Talking with him last week he mentioned that it's both humbling and sobering to be at a point in his career where he's the headlining attraction on a card with legendary UFC fighters he came up watching.

"Seeing a guy like [Matt Hughes](#), it makes me kind of wonder, how did I get to be headlining over Matt Hughes on a UFC card? I mean, Matt Hughes? It's Matt Hughes, man. It just makes you really stop and think."

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### Even Thomas Denny Can't Believe He's Fighting Nick Diaz



*(I'm fighting who, now? You sure?)*

Remember when Nick Diaz and KJ Noons (along with KJ Noons' dad) got into it after the last Elite XC event in Hawaii and it all seemed like [a staged confrontation](#) designed to build up a rematch between them for the July 26 show on CBS? And then remember how Elite XC announced that the event would be in Stockton, Ca., Diaz's hometown, but instead of Noons, [Diaz would be fighting Thomas "Wildman" Denny](#)? Remember how weird and completely counter-intuitive that seemed?

Yeah, well, apparently Denny couldn't believe it either. As he told [MMA Rated](#), it just doesn't make a whole lot of sense:

I was really surprised. I kinda think everybody agreed with that, you know the little thing that happened, the little eruption afterwards or whatever. Nick is a showman. I don't know if you know; he means it all the time. But he comes off as kind of a jackass and a lot of people don't think he has a lot of class in the sport, and that little eruption that happened afterwards and flipping people off and whatever, I thought, "Man, yeah, they'll definitely book that". But I guess Noons wants some time off and wants to take the fight serious, where Nick wants to fight as much as he can.

Good work, Elite XC. Even your fighters are baffled by your decisions.

Denny is doing his part to turn up the heat in advance of his bout with Diaz though, and he didn't stop at calling Diaz "kind of a jackass." No, he's just getting started.

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**Video: Countdown to UFC 110**

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"The guy who won't stop 'til you're done, and the guy who can't be stopped" — so says Dana White in the latest installment of *Countdown* when describing the [UFC 110](#) main event between [Cain Velasquez](#) and [Antonio Rodrigo Nogueira](#). It's a matchup that seems to hit almost all the buttons. Besides the Irresistible Force/Immovable Object dichotomy, you've got the young up-and-comer vs. the war-weathered veteran, the ground-and-pounder vs. the submission artist, the American vs. the Brazilian. Nogueira is feeling as strong as ever thanks to his new S&C coach and his training at the stacked Black House gym. Velasquez is ready to fight the big names he's watched since the sport was young. But is he ready to beat them?

Meanwhile, another Brazilian legend, [Wanderlei Silva](#), faces a must-win situation against British star [Michael Bisping](#). Bisping and his camp respect Silva, but Wandy's UFC bonus checks and BJJ black belt don't mean shit to them. We learn a few things about Silva in this show: He's back with his original trainer [Rafael Cordeiro](#), and looking to recapture the "old" Wanderlei Silva. He started his own gym partly because nobody wanted to train with him at Xtreme Couture. His fans are really his friends, and the fighters he develops are really his family. He snores, which is something his funny little manager knows all about.

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### MMA Black Friday: 7 Things That Money Can't Buy



*(A PSP, a Marmaduke book, and fistful of dollars... Man, this cat really knows how to get down!)*

**By Jason Moles**

While our [wives and girlfriends](#) are busy maxing out our credit cards in hopes of finding the [perfect gift](#) for everyone she knows, we should be reminded that money can't buy everything — especially in the world of mixed martial arts. Follow us after the jump to discover the irony of the MMA Black Friday. I promise it will be better than the turkey sandwich and leftover pumpkin pie you'll have for lunch.



### 1.) Resurrection

In June, Cheick Kongo did what no man has done since the Messiah some 2,000+ years ago — he defeated death. Alright, so maybe I've had a few too many turkey day cocktails and that's not exactly how it went down, but you get the jist. Kongo was knocked unconscious not once but twice in his fight against fellow heavyweight Pat Barry and he still managed to win the fight! By KO nonetheless. No amount of Earthly money could ever buy a second (or third) chance to live again. If it were that easy, [Steve Jobs would've made](#) certain you increase your credit limit.

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### Rashad Evans Exclusive: "You Can't Make People Like You"



*(Yeah, that's a dragon on his t-shirt. Go ahead and say something and get your ass whipped right here in baggage claim.)*

**Rashad Evans** is a unique case among UFC fighters. He's undefeated, a former *Ultimate Fighter* winner, and now stands one victory away from claiming UFC gold. And yet he's still far from a fan favorite, despite his recent brutal knockout of Chuck Liddell and his rise through the light heavyweight ranks.

With his title shot just a few days away, Evans talks with us about dealing with the criticism, gameplanning for [Forrest Griffin](#), and yes, even the Greg Jackson camp nipple tweak.

**CagePotato.com:** Thanks for talking with us, Rashad. Now that fight night is closing in, how has your training camp been?

Training has been good. I feel really strong and I've had a great camp. I've had guys like James McSweeney, Georges St. Pierre, Nate Marquardt, Joey Villasenor and lots of others in here helping me. With guys like that you can't help but have a good training camp.

**Your fight with Forrest is being billed as the explosive athlete (you), against the hard worker (Forrest). What do you think of that characterization?**

I can see how people would say that, yeah. But I think there's aspects of both those things in each of us. I think I might be a little better natural athlete, but he can also be a real explosive fighter. And it's not like I don't work hard, either. I'm not going in there with any expectations of him in that regard. He's the champ right now, and you don't get to be the champ if you're not a good, explosive fighter.

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### If Ya' Can't Beat 'Em...Urijah Faber to Drop to Bantamweight

*(Video courtesy YouTube ProMMARadio)*

In an interview with ProMMARadio this weekend, former WEC featherweight champion [Urijah Faber](#) confirmed that he will be dropping down to bantamweight to test the 135-pound waters.

"From the sound of things, they want me to go down to 35. It's something I've wanted to do for a long time — go down and have some fights down there. So, I'll probably have a couple of fights down there and maybe go back up to 45; we're not real sure yet."

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### You Can't Beat the Internet: UFC Loses Legal Battle Against Justin.TV



*(Remember kids, when you stream UFC pay-per-views on third-party sites, you're surfing with Satan.)*

[Justin.tv](#) used to be one of the go-to channel-streaming sites for UFC fans who wanted to watch pay-per-view fights without shelling out the cash — until [the UFC filed a lawsuit](#) against them in January 2011. As UFC lawyer Donald J. Campbell said at the time:

*"Zuffa has attempted to work on numerous occasions with Justin.tv over nearly a two-year period to encourage it to prevent or limit its infringing activities. Regrettably, Justin.tv has not only turned a blind eye to the massive online piracy occurring on its website, we believe it has actually induced its users to commit copyright infringement thus leaving Zuffa no alternative but to take this fight to the courts."*

The suit came six months after the UFC served a subpoena on Justin.tv to get the names of users who provided streams of UFC broadcasts. But in a blow to the UFC's ongoing battle against Internet piracy, the charges against Justin.tv were [mostly tossed out](#) earlier this month. And now, some analysis from people who understand this stuff a lot better than I do...

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### Because Arianny Celeste Can't Fall in Love With You If She Doesn't Get to Know You



*(Arianny Celeste and Matt Leinart mimic emotions together.)*

If you've ever thought that a radio hosting gig was your key to scoring chicks, then you've obviously never met Steve Cofield. But if you want to try it out anyway, while also getting close to UFC Octagon girl Arianny Celeste in order to dazzle her with your smooth voice and razor wit, this is your chance. Cofield is hyping [a charity auction](#) to host an hour of radio with Arianny, Dana White, Chuck Liddell, or a bunch of other MMA stars on ESPN 1100 in Vegas. The proceeds from this auction and radiothon go to benefit the cancer foundation [The Caring Place](#), so it's all for a good cause.

The best part though, is that this could finally be the opportunity you've been waiting for to make an impression on Arianny (or [Chuck Liddell](#), if you are a chick who [has somehow not already slept with Chuck Liddell](#)). Just in case you win the auction, here's our step-by-step instructions for wooing Arianny during your hour of radio time together:

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### If You Can't Make It, Fake It: The Five Least-Successful Crossover Stars in MMA History



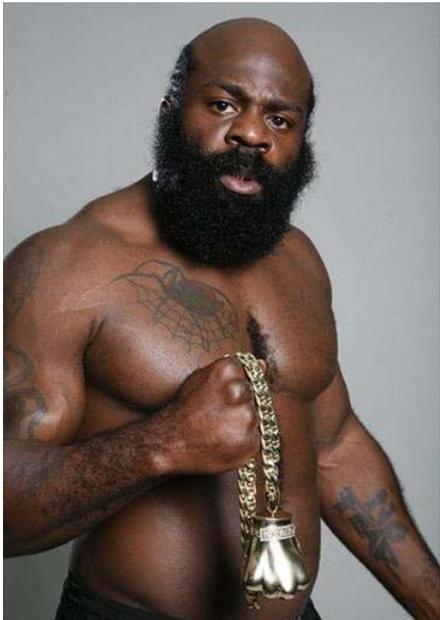
*(James Toney, shown above with one boxing glove, one MMA glove, and an artist's depiction of what he might look like if he lost 85 pounds.)*

**By Jared "DangadaDang" Jones**

During its rise to popularity, Mixed Martial Arts has become known for the incredible physical conditioning, talent, and (depending [whose side](#) you're on) heart of its athletes. It is a sport built on dedication; simply put, no amount of [pink gloves and flirting with overweight TUF alums](#) will make you an MMA fighter.

But as with any sport's increase in mass appeal, MMA has seen its share of hacks, wannabes, scallywags and jabronis attempting to grab 15 more minutes of fame through a career in "that Ultimate Fighting stuff." In light of [James Toney's continuing efforts](#) to shake the MMA world with the use of [side check kicks](#), I give you the five worst instances of C-to-D-list celebrities giving MMA the old community-college try.

#### 5. Kevin "Kimbo Slice" Ferguson



The phrase “meteoric rise” comes to mind — one minute you were watching Kimbo smoke blunts in the background of [semi-public orgies](#) and the next he was being touted as the most formidable opponent to take Brock Lesnar’s crown. Mr. Ferguson landed on our radars through a series of brutal street fight videos in which he fought guys named “Afro Puff,” “Byrd,” “Chico,” and “Mayor McCheese.” These internet videos went viral so ferociously that the now-defunct EliteXC built him up to be their marquee star by feeding him other hopeless big lugs like “Bo” and “Tank.”

Kimbo was given his first “legitimate” opponent in James Thompson as the headlining bout of EliteXC: Primetime in May 2008. Despite possibly tapping to a guillotine in the first round and being on the receiving end of over 1,000 elbows in the second, Kimbo was able to pull off a rare standing-TKO of Thompson late in the third. (Good lookin’ out, [Dan](#).)

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### Even While Apologizing for UFC 151 Fiasco, Jon Jones Can't Help Comparing Himself to Jesus



*(“My advice would be to find a nice cave somewhere and go into hiding for three days. When you come out, they’ll worship you.”)*

According to our [latest homepage poll](#), a full 49% of you believe that [Jon Jones](#) deserves most of the blame for [UFC 151’s abrupt cancellation](#), compared to just 27% for UFC president Dana White, the guy who actually canceled the event.

Public opinion of Jones has gone from bad to irredeemably awful in the last week, and the apology he [posted on twitter](#) this weekend probably won't help much:

*"Carrying the cross for my company's decision. If someone has to take the blame, I will accept full responsibility for the way UFC 151 was canceled. I want to sincerely apologize to all the other athletes/fans who's time and money was wasted. [sic] I feel terrible about the way that was handled."*

Okay, so we're just assuming that Jones is comparing himself to Jesus in that first sentence; he could also be comparing himself to [Kimo Leopoldo](#). But considering that there's already a conception of Jones as a person whose holier-than-thou attitude doesn't match his [behavior](#), all Jesus-based self-references should probably be avoided for the time being. It's the kind of thing a publicist would tell Jones, [if he still had one](#).

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## UFC "Can't" Disclose Who Applied for Therapeutic Use Exemptions for TRT at UFC 152



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By [George Shunick](#)

The UFC's [unofficial support](#) for Testosterone Replacement Therapy may just have become more or less official. Because the Ontario Athletic Commission doesn't engage in the pesky business of drug testing, responsibility falls to the UFC to do so. This isn't the first time this has happened, and certainly the UFC's [own policies](#)

[have caught fighters doping](#). But things are a little different now – fighters have a legal means of obtaining synthetic testosterone, the primary component of many anabolic steroids. The flipside of this is that they need to acquire a therapeutic use exemption in order to use TRT, which at least illuminates who is using the stuff to enhance their performance.

Or at least it would be illuminated if the UFC were to release the names of fighters who requested TUEs, which they are obligated to do when dealing with a commission that gives a damn about at the very least appearing to maintain some semblance of professionalism. Since Ontario's athletic commission doesn't happen to belong to that exclusive group, the UFC "[can not disclose if a fighter on the UFC 152 card has requested a therapeutic use exemption \(TUE\) for testosterone replacement therapy \(TRT\)](#)." [Emphasis added.]

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### News Flash: Dana White and Shane Carwin Can't Stand Roy Nelson



*(He's just jolly. Who could begrudge him that outlook?)*

Since tonight marks the premiere of *TUF 16*, coached by UFC heavyweights [Roy Nelson](#) and [Shane Carwin](#), and featuring [Uncle Dana on backup vocals](#), it seems like a good time to round up all the vitriol spewed at Nelson by Carwin and White, as well as preview all the drama to come. In recent interviews, both Shane and the Baldfather spoke about their distaste for Big Boy Roy.

Carwin is succinct in telling [Bleacher Report](#), "I hate [Nelson]. I dislike him. I hate him as a person. That's just it."

Apparently, Shane feels that Roy poses as a hardworking blue-collar guy, but instead spends most of his time complaining. "He always has an excuse for everything. He claims to be this average, normal guy and that's who he tries to reach too, the blue-collar workers," Carwin tells BR.

"Well, that's me. That's where I came from. I was the one working at 15 years old and working concrete in construction, working at meat packing plants, throwing boxes and things like that. He hasn't had a job in his life. This is the only thing he has ever done. He's the farthest thing from a blue-collar worker that he claims to be."

While Carwin chastises Nelson for not doing enough chores around the family farm as a kid, White has his own reasons for criticizing the more rotund TUF coach:

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### Business as Usual: Cris Cyborg, World Champion, Still Can't Get a Damn Fight



(Weird. The "cover your ears and rock back and forth while humming to yourself" defense worked so well in training.)

Inactive and without a fight booked since her [squashing of Jan Finney last June](#), 145-pound Strikeforce women's champion [Cristiane "Cris Cyborg" Santos](#) is desperate to return to competition — so desperate that she had reportedly been negotiating for gigs with the [WWE](#) and a [Brazilian fight promotion](#) in recent months. Now she's moved onto the public-pleading stage of her frustration. Here's what she had to say yesterday via [Twitter](#):

*Hi My dear fans, want to fight too soon, but not dependent on me. This very difficult to renegotiate with scott. They're not appreciating all I did for the event. I am very sad, but I will not give up. God has another purpose in my life...Maybe I fight the world jiujsu not going to be the way you like with many punches...but I will give my best to make you guys like it.*

Alright, Cris, here's the deal...

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### Let's See If We Can't Get Hyped, All Over Again, For "Rampage" Jackson vs. Rashad Evans

(Well done, [Nick the Face](#). If in fact that is your real name.)

The UFC sent out an email this afternoon pumping up the match-up between "bitter rivals" ([sound familiar?](#)) [Rashad Evans](#) and "Rampage" [Jackson](#) for UFC 114 on May 29. All we can say is, it's about damn time. Their coaching stints on "The Ultimate Fighter" initially got us hyped for this bout, but then almost immediately we had to get *unhyped* as [Page ran off to make movies/announce his retirement](#) instead of delivering on the "black-on-black crime" he promised us.

Now that it's on again, we must begin the slow, arduous process of rehyping ourselves. This highlight video helps a little, but how about throwing down with some incendiary quotes to push us over the edge, UFC press release?

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### Video: Dana White Can't Stand/Is Totally Pumped About This Kimbo Slice Guy

George Orwell once said, "To see what is front of one's nose needs a really good internet video editor." Since he said this long before the invention of the internet, it probably confused the hell out of people. But as this new video from [Lookoutawhale](#) demonstrates, once more Orwell turns out to be right and everyone who doubted him feels like an idiot.

It's not that we didn't know how dramatically Dana White's opinion of a guy can change once [the opportunity to make money off of him presents itself](#). He's a fight promoter. Hyping stuff, sometimes through gross exaggerations of the truth, is what he does. We knew this. But something about seeing the contrast between what DW claimed to believe about [Kimbo Slice](#) before he was in the UFC and what he had to say about him after [he signed on for "The Ultimate Fighter"](#) really slammed the point home. White is a salesman, and salesmen tend to value honesty less than they value sales.

Again, we knew this. It's just probably a good idea to remind ourselves every once in a while.

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### Video: Josh Barnett and Tom Atencio Can't Agree on Who Screwed Affliction Worse

*("Inside MMA" video courtesy of HDNet Fights.)*

Watching [Josh Barnett's](#) response to Tom Atencio's attempt to blame him for the collapse of the mighty Affliction fight promotion empire, what I see is two men who are missing the point. Is Atencio right when he says that [Barnett's positive steroid test](#) was the catalyst for the cancellation of Affliction's third show? Yes. Is Barnett right when he says that MMA promotions have been through worse and survived, as long as they didn't [make a bunch of terrible business decisions along the way](#)? Absolutely. Does that make either of them less culpable for their own role in all of this? No way.

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### Cris 'Cyborg' Says Strikeforce Wants Her to Drop to 135 Because They Can't Find Anyone to Fight Her



*(Cyborg at 135 will be a scary woman, especially to other 135-pound women)*

In an interview she did this week with [TATAME](#), Strikeforce featherweight champ [Cristiane Santos](#) revealed a bit of insight into the plans the promotion has for its women's division.

According to ["Cyborg,"](#) the Zuffa-owned organization has asked her to drop down to 135 following her December 17 title defense against Hiroko Yamanaka as they are looking to do away with the 145-pound class since they can't find anyone to face her. On the bright side, Santos says she's lucky that Strikeforce is accommodating the women on its roster considering UFC president Dana White's thoughts on female MMA.

"I signed the contract for these four fights after UFC purchased Strikeforce, so I guess they'll keep us, they'll keep the female divisions and female MMA keeps growing and growing, and I guess they're keeping the girls and it depends on what we do to call UFC's attention," Santos explains. "[As of right now there] are still two weight divisions: 135lbs and 145lbs."

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### The UFC's 205 Pound Mess: Gustafsson Not Waiting For Title Shot, Henderson & White Can't Agree on Facts



*(Look Dana, if his knee was really still injured, would he be playing in a professional baseball winter league?)*

By [Elias Cepeda](#)

After earning a shot at the UFC light heavyweight title, [Alexander Gustafsson](#) said Saturday night that he won't wait around for the winner of champion [Jon Jones vs. Chael Sonnen](#) to fight again. Jones and Sonnen are currently slated to face one another for Jones' belt after the season of The Ultimate Fighter that they are currently coaching on finishes.

The Swedish contender put himself in line for a shot with a dominant unanimous decision win over [Mauricio "Shogun" Rua](#) at Saturday's [UFC on Fox](#) card but at the [post event press conference](#) said that he would be happy to risk his title shot by fighting again in the interim. "I want to fight for the belt, and if they give me one before that, it doesn't matter. I'll fight whoever the UFC gives me," he said.

"I want to stay active, and I want to fight." The young kickboxer has no interest in waiting another half year or more to fight.

"I'll fight whenever. I was away for a long time. The last time I fought was in April, and that was too long. To wait till summer again, that would be too long."

UFC President [Dana White](#) seems to be in accordance with that thought. "If I was [Gustafsson], I'd want to get another fight in before taking on Jon Jones," he said.

"He could fight again. I'm hearing Dan Henderson's knee isn't better, so maybe Gustafsson should fight Machida next," White continued.

Henderson's poor health status is evidently news to the fighter himself. The former Pride champion was scheduled to fight Jon Jones earlier this year but [pulled out](#) after he injured his knee in training camp. He is now scheduled to take on former UFC champion Lyoto Machida in February at [UFC 157: These Chicks Can Fight](#).

On his [twitter account](#), Dan reacted incredulously to White's supposed inside information on his knee. "Not sure where [@danawhite](#) thinks he's hearing that my knee isn't doing ok. It's doing great. Slowly picking training up just like I do for every training camp," he tweeted.

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### Can't Say We Didn't See This One Coming: 'Bigfoot' Says He Was Injured Heading Into Fight With Cormier



*(With a head that big, it's no wonder "Bigfoot" has sore shoulders)*

Chael Sonnen told me during an interview a couple years back that guys who go into a fight 100 percent healthy either didn't train hard enough or they're liars.

What he was referring to was the growing number of fighters who make excuses for losses or less than stellar wins after the fact by revealing that they were nursing an injury during the fight or training camp, since pretty much everyone has some kind of ailment or boo-boo come fight day.

Well, we can add another name to the list. [Antonio "Bigfoot" Silva](#) tells [Tatame](#) that he had a shoulder injury and was on anti-inflammatories when he was upset by heavyweight grand prix alternate Daniel Cormier Saturday night at *Strikeforce: Barnett vs. Kharitonov* in Cincinnati. Apparently the first jab he ate from the AKA fighter made him feel uncharacteristically dizzy and it was this bit of vertigo that led to him getting knocked out.

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### Nick Diaz Wants 'A Couple F\*cking Million' to Fight Mayhem, Says There's No Reason Fight With GSP Can't Happen

*(A million bucks would buy a wicked PC, a shit ton of weed and a pretty wicked bulletin board.)*

Strikeforce held a conference call today ahead of its January 29 *Diaz vs. Cyborg* event in San Jose, and as expected Diaz proved to be the main of interest.

Overshadowing his upcoming fight with Evangelista "Cyborg" Santos were [Nick Diaz's](#) incendiary replies to the media's questions about him turning down a fight with longtime nemesis [Jason "Mayhem" Miller](#) and his thoughts on the UFC's welterweight class.

According to the Strikeforce welterweight champ, he feels that for the fight with Miller to happen, he would have to be offered at least seven figures and that

highly-touted UFC fighters like [Georges St-Pierre](#) (who he thinks will be destroyed by his training partner Jake Shields at UFC 129) and Josh Koscheck are over-hyped and protected by the promotion.

Surprisingly, not one reporter thought to ask Diaz if he was high during the call.

**Check out some of the highlights of Diaz's diatribes after the jump.**

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