

Interview: Razor Rob

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World Extreme Cagefighting has been on the rise since it was purchased by the parent company of the Ultimate Fighting Championship in December of 2006. The talent level has risen so dramatically, most feel it's only a matter of time before the league and it's top champions are folded into the UFC. My cousin Scott had a chance to talk with WEC Lightweight champion "Razor" Rob McCullough on the eve of his title defense against UFC vet Jamie Varner.



World Extreme Cagefighting has been on the rise since it was purchased by the parent company of the Ultimate Fighting Championship in December of 2006. The fact that all of their shows have been airing live on The Versus Network doesn't hurt either. There is no way it can be called the minor leagues.

When you have stars like Urijah Faber and "Razor" Rob McCullough holding titles and beating up everyone in their way, that will spark some interest.

The WEC's latest fight card has three title matches this Wednesday. Carlos Condit will battle Carol Prater for the 170 pound belt. The Bantamweight (135 pounds) champ Chase Beebe steps in with Miguel Torres.

The fight that will be the most entertaining in my eyes will be for the Lightweight title. "Razor" Rob McCullough will once again defend his championship against UFC veteran Jamie Varner.

"Razor" Rob is easily one of the most entertaining fighters in the world. His take no prisoners style is what the fans want to see. He welcomes a brawl because his hands are like dynamite. I recently had a chance to catch up with him to get his thoughts on the upcoming fight, and a few other things.

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SS: Rob, thanks for catching up with me, how is everything?

RM: Cool, no problem, just in New Mexico for the first time.

SS: Give me your thoughts on the title fight with Jamie Varner.

RM: He's an aggressive fighter, he'll push the tempo and is a good grappler. He'll end up looking for a takedown and that's when I'll knock his head off.

SS: Your style is what sets you apart and that's why you're a fan favorite. Tell me how you got in mixed martial arts.

RM: Growing up, I was always into working out. I started with kickboxing. The first time I went to the gym and after about an hour, a guy complimented me on my kicks. It ended up being my escape. I kept going and was able to turn it into a career.

SS: Were there certain fighters you enjoyed watching then?

RM: I liked all the kickboxers. I watched some of the early UFC and liked all the really aggressive guys. Frank Shamrock was more of a striker and I liked his style.

SS: How about now, are there any certain guys you like to watch fight?

RM: My friends and training partners mostly. When Tito Ortiz fights I feel like I'm in there.

SS: Now everyone knows you love throwing bombs, is there any aspect of your game you work on the most or think you need to improve?

RM: The majority of my training is grappling. I work a lot of takedown defense. I work on getting back on my feet so I can strike and beat the hell out of people.

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SS: Do you think there will be a UFC and WEC crossover?

RM: It's probably just a matter of time. Why not put all the champions and best guys together. Let the best fight the best.

SS: Is there anyone you want to fight or who might be up next for you after Varner?

RM: I take it one fight at a time. I'll fight whoever. I want to fight the top guys Why not?

SS: Thanks for taking the time to chat with me, good luck on Wednesday, and I'll be tuned in.

RM: No problem, thanks.

Thanks go out to "Razor"; Rob McCullough and his agent Ken Pavia. The team over at MMA Agents is world class and the best in the business. Check out Razor, Ken, and all of his other great fighters at www.MMAAgents.com .