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July 22, 2013

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David Vanbuskirk
Sergio Penha Blackbelt
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Amilcar “Mica” Cipili
Robert Drysdale
Robert Follis

Simpson Go
Neil Melanson
Sergio Penha

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Sergio Penha was born on the 20th of August 1959 in Rio de Janeiro – Brazil. He was an active sportsman as a youngster, training Beach Volleyball and Swimming. In 1977, however, he started training the sport that would change his life, jiu jitsu. Both the jiu jitsu and Judo training walked hand in hand under the guidance of his master Osvaldo Alves. Training out of a small padded room in Osvaldo’s personal residence (the mat was so small that no more than 4 people could roll at the same time), Sergio was transformed into a formidable fighter, and in just three years he achieved his black belt, going from purple belt straight to black. The belt promotion was done with Helio Gracie’s approval.

Just a few weeks after Sergio Penha received the black belt, he had a chance to test it, and straight away with one of the greatest fighters of all time, Mr Rickson Gracie. Penha fought bravely in one of the most celebrated fights in BJJ history, giving the Gracie a run for his money. Without any precedents in Rickson’s competitive track record, Penha managed to push him to the limit, having the score at 15x0 for Sergio by the time Rickson managed to pull off the submission win.

Sergio Penha continued his legacy competing when the opportunity arose against some of the best fighters of his generation like Rolls Gracie’s black belt “Mauricão” Gomes. Unfortunately for jiu jitsu, Sergio made a career decision at the age of 22, to become an airline pilot. Relegating BJJ to a secondary stage, he lived the life of a pilot residing in Brazil, Portugal and the USA.

After 22 years living away from his family (at the age of 44) Sergio decided to take a different direction in his life. Daring to do what many men would tremble to even think, he abandoned a prosperous career as an aircraft pilot to become a BJJ instructor. His family had been living in the US for many years (Las Vegas) and so the decision to move to the capital of the fight industry was easy one to make.

In Las Vegas Penha’s academy grew from strength to strength, paving the terrain for many champions. Many of who have now reached black belt level. People like: Jason Santos, Fabricio Moreira, Lauren Park, Mike Bland, Grant Okinaka, Rodrigo Alvarez, Lou Castro, Steve Cantwell, Kyle Kuwahara, Bobby Johnson, Patrick lacerda and even UFC former heavyweight champion Frank Mir and TUF season 1 finalist Stephan Bonnar.

The person we are honoring at this seminar, David VanBuskirk, was also a Black Belt under the legendary Sergio Penha.

On the 7th of June 2010 Sergio Penha was awarded his 7th Degree (grau) by the CBJJ, and consecutively his red and black belt, one of the greatest honors you can receive in Jiu Jitsu and a true testament to Penha’s value and prestige in the BJJ community.
Amilcar "Mica" Cipili:

“Mica” is a 3rd degree black belt with more than 90 titles in major competition. "Mica" was born in Rio Grande de Sul, in the southern region of Brazil. While growing up, Mica developed an interest and trained in martial arts such as Capoeira, Boxing, Kung Fu, and Judo. Later in life, after watching a Vale Tudo competition in Sao Paulo (Jiu Jitsu vs. Luta Livre), he made a decision to learn the great sport of Jiu Jitsu. Mica understood the reality of fighting, and what really worked. Amilcar began training in Brazil and then Utah under Pedro Sauer, where he progressed to the level of purple belt. In California, Mica trained with the Machado brothers, Rigan and Roger. Mica then earned his black belt from Rigan Machado.

Amilcar has trained with great names in the sport of Jiu Jitsu and the MMA world including UFC owner Lorenzo Fertitta and his family. Professor Cipili has been recognized for the outstanding level of his techniques. He relocated to Las Vegas, NV in 2000 and today is the head instructor of The Gracie Jiu Jitsu Las Vegas.

Under the influence of great masters of Jiu jitsu, Mica learned and achieved a higher level of technique and teaching ability. As a competitor, Mica competed in most tournaments that took place in Brazil and the United States, resulting in titles in nearly all competitions. His competition career began in 1994 and continues today. Mica also trains Judo and Wrestling to continue to strive to become a complete fighter.

Mica has taught classes in Utah for the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Pedro Sauer team and while in Brazil, he taught in Sao Paulo. After moving to California he taught at the Machado Academy in Pasadena where he was one of the key instructors. He is now an official instructor of The Gracie Jiu Jitsu Las Vegas. His love of the "gentle art" of Jiu Jitsu has given him the ability to transfer skills taught to him over to his students in an efficient, simple, and professional manner.
ROBERT DRYSDALE:

Possible the most accomplished American Grappler of his generation, Robert Drysdale is a black belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, a degree he earned from the legendary coach and trainer Leonardo Vieira. Born of an American father and a Brazilian mother, Robert Drysdale grew up, for the most part, in the state of Sao Paulo – Brazil, training with one of the most talented team of the 2000’s (Brasa). Robert Drysdale earned several important titles such as the world championship and the ADCC (Abu Dhabi Combat Club) in the open weight division where he submitted Marcelo Garcia on his way to the gold medal. Robert Drysdale also competes in Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) and has a BJJ School in the Las Vegas.

Robert Drysdale was born in Provo on the State of Utah, USA in 1981. He moved with his family to Brazil when he was just 6 years old, and began training Jiu Jitsu well in his teens (he was 17) at the “Quatro Tempos” Academy on the city of “Itú” State of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

He was still a white belt when he had to move back to the US to pursue his academic studies at a University in Las Vegas. Having fallen in love with BJJ, he looked up for a Jiu Jitsu academy and ended up training with instructor Steve da Silva. Steve was the first teacher to really believe in Drysdale’s potential. With his instructors encouragement Robert decided then to move back to Brazil were the sport was more professionalized.

The year was 2000 and Robert Drysdale packed his bags and moved to Indaiatuba in Brazil. He first started training at the “Maromba” academy with Professor Paulo Streckert. In the “Maromba” Academy, Drysdale fully dedicated himself to BJJ and competition. With his full attention in the sport he started picking up the benefits of his hard work, achieving many podiums and earning himself a World Title in the Purple Belt Division, and receiving his Brown Belt.

He then met and befriended Demian Maia who invited him to go and train at the mighty Brasa academy, then led by the former Alliance stars who had formed this new academy. After Robert received a “beating” in training by Leonardo Vieira, he decided this should be the place to train. He asked his master Paulo Streckert and they both agreed it was a wise choice, and so began Robert Drysdale association with the Brasa Team.

In late 2007 after winning the ADCC in the open weight division, Robert Drysdale moved back to the USA. First to run the grappling classes at Extreme Couture in Las Vegas, and later moving on to open his own grappling academy.
Robert Follis was the Head Coach at the world-famous Team Quest gym for over a decade. He has been called the "Trainer of Champions". Follis has worked extensively with former UFC Light-Heavyweight and Heavyweight Champion and Hall of Fame member Randy "The Natural" Couture, former Pride Middleweight and Light-Heavyweight Champion Dan "Hendo" Henderson and Olympic Greco-Roman Wrestling Silver Medalist Matt "The Law" Lindland. Follis has also trained many other fighters who have competed on MMA's biggest stage (the UFC) including Chris "The Crippler" Leben, Ed "Short Fuse" Herman, Chael Sonnen, Chris Wilson and Matt Horwich, just to name a few.

In March of 2013 Robert moved to Las Vegas full time and became the Head Coach at Excel Defense Studios.

Robert Follis is one of the most sought-after and respected MMA coaches in the entire world!

Robert is considered to be one of the top strategists in the modern MMA game, helping his athletes get the most out of themselves physically and mentally
SIMPSON GO:

Simpson Go grew up in Las Vegas, Nevada. He trained wrestling in high school for a short while, but it was in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu that he found a sport that was more adapted to his nature. He started Jiu Jitsu when he was 15 years old, after finding that a BJJ school was running not far from where he lived. There he met (and was taught) by Nova Uniao’s John Lewis and it was also there that Sim was introduced to Marc Laimon who was an instructor there. Shortly after Sim Go received his BJJ blue belt from John Lewis, Marc Laimon opened his own academy, Cobra Kai and Sim moved with Marc. Though Sim Go was not much of a presence, strength wise, he did possess flexibility and a keen eye for detail, this attention to detail made him into one of the top grapplers in the country in a short period of time and also transformed Sim Go into a top grappling assistant coach at the Cobra Kai academy. At Cobra Kai Sim also had the opportunity to train with Deep Half Guard guru, Jeff Glover. Sim Go received his black belt in November 2006 from the hands of Marc Laimon and in time Go became the Head Jiu Jitsu Coach at the Cobra Kai gym.
NEIL MELANSON:

Neil was in the Navy for seven years and a Special Agent in the Federal Air Marshal Service doing counter terrorism work for five years. His desire was to compete in MMA competition, but after losing sight in one eye due to Behcets disease, he was unable to follow that path.

Melanson dedicates his time to his students and constantly works on perfecting his teaching skills. Instead of simply focusing on how techniques are done, he also teaches why they work and how they fit into the bigger picture.

Neil is the Head No-Gi Submission Grappling Coach at Xtreme Couture. Neil has trained and continues to train some of the best fighters in the world like Gray Maynard, Jay Hieron, Dennis Davis, Mike Pyle, Johny Hendricks, Tyson Griffin, Gina Carano, Martin Kampmann, Ryan Couture, Karo Parisyan, John Alessio, Phil Baroni, Vitor Belfort, Forrest Griffin and Randy Couture.
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LVMPD SEARCH AND RESCUE OFFICER DIES
SAVING STRANDED HIKER

On July 22, 2013 at approximately 8:54 p.m. the LVMPD Dispatch Center received a call from an individual stating he had become stranded on a rock ledge while hiking in the Mary Jane Falls area of Mount Charleston.

A Metro Search and Rescue helicopter responded to the scene, and at approximately 10:10 p.m. located the victim. Because of the dangerous terrain it was determined the victim would be rescued by utilizing the helicopters internal rescue hoist to lower a Search and Rescue Officer down to the victim. The victim and rescuer would then be hoisted together back into the aircraft.

Officer David Vanbuskirk, 36 years of age, was lowered to the victim. Officer Vanbuskirk attached a rescue device to the victim and signaled for the helicopter to begin hoisting them up into the aircraft. As the pair was being hoisted into the helicopter Officer Vanbuskirk somehow became detached from the hoist line, falling into the canyon below. The victim remained attached to the hoist cable, and was safely hoisted into the aircraft.

Additional rescue personnel and rescue aircraft immediately responded and located Officer Vanbuskirk. The exact distance Officer Vanbuskirk fell is still under investigation, however the fall was non-survivable and he perished on impact.

Officer Vanbuskirk had been employed by LVMPD since October, 1999, and had been assigned to the Search and Rescue Section since February, 2007.
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