

= Court McGee =

Courtney Scott McGee (born December 12 , 1984) is an American mixed martial artist who competes in the welterweight division of the Ultimate Fighting Championship . A professional MMA competitor since 2007 , McGee mostly fought in local promotions in Utah before signing with the UFC in early 2010 . McGee was the winner of Spike TV 's eleventh season of The Ultimate Fighter in 2010 .

= = Mixed martial arts career = =

= = = Early career = = =

Court McGee participated in high school wrestling at Layton High School placing 6th in the 5A State Division in 2002 and 3rd in the 5A State Division in 2003 , under Mike Hansen . Later in life , after an absence from the sport , McGee returned to Layton High School to become an assistant wrestling coach . McGee also holds a background in karate , in which he has amassed over 100 kumite .

McGee started his MMA career in 2007 in his home state of Utah , compiling a record of 10 @-@ 1 , with two technical knockouts and five submission wins . Two notable fights occurred during this period , with a submission win over DaMarques Johnson and a loss to Jeremy Horn .

In September 2008 , McGee faced Isidro Gonzalez at the " Throwdown Showdown " event in Orem , Utah . McGee won the match after a unanimous decision .

McGee was scheduled to compete in December 2008 against Ray Lazama for the Gladiator Challenge Middleweight title . However , the bout never transpired for unknown reasons . McGee instead faced Dayle Jarvis in July 2009 . In what would turn out to be his final appearance on the local MMA circuit , McGee won by a Technical Knockout (TKO) over his opponent in under four minutes .

= = = The Ultimate Fighter = = =

In March 2010 , McGee was announced as part of the eleventh season of The Ultimate Fighter . In the elimination round , McGee narrowly defeated Seth Baczynski after going to a sudden victory round . McGee was later picked by Chuck Liddell as his sixth pick and twelfth overall .

McGee was then defeated by the show 's number one pick Nick Ring in the sixth preliminary fight . After two rounds , the judges declared the fight a victory for Ring via majority decision (20 ? 18 , 19 ? 19 , 20 ? 18) . Dana White and Chuck Liddell both stated that the fight should have gone to a third round .

When Rich Attonito broke his hand , his spot in the quarter @-@ finals became open . Due to the controversial loss to Ring , White selected McGee to fight in his place . In the quarter @-@ finals , McGee was set to have a rematch with Ring , but Ring pulled out of the competition due to a knee injury . James Hammortree stepped in as Ring 's replacement . Early in the second round , McGee submitted Hammortree with a rare standing guillotine choke .

In the semi @-@ finals he faced teammate Brad Tavares to earn a spot in the live finale . After a fairly even first two rounds , McGee dropped Tavares late in the third round with a left hook and locked in a fight @-@ ending rear naked choke .

This advanced him to the TUF 11 finale where he faced Team Ortiz / Franklin fighter , Kris McCray in the main event . McGee spent half of his training camp away from his usual gym " Victory MMA " , instead preferring to stick with his Ultimate Fighter coach , Chuck Liddell at The Pit . McGee defeated McCray by submission in the second round with a rear naked choke , making him the winner of the Ultimate Fighter Season 11 , despite all the difficulties and bad luck he encountered on the show . McGee was also awarded the Submission of the Night award .

= = = Ultimate Fighting Championship = = =

McGee 's first post @-@ TUF fight was against UFC veteran , Ryan Jensen at UFC 121 . Early in the first round , McGee was hit with a stiff shot that dropped him and later suffered a minor cut below his eye . In the second round , Jensen began to visibly tire and after being hit , began to bleed from the nose . McGee won the second round after a takedown just before the bell . In the third round , McGee successfully executed a takedown and a full mount , where he secured an arm triangle choke to force the tapout at 1 : 21 of the final round .

McGee was expected to face Jesse Bongfeldt on June 11 , 2011 at UFC 131 , but was reportedly forced out of the bout due to a knee injury . Matt Serra @-@ trained fighter Chris Weidman stepped up to take McGee 's place on the UFC 131 fight card against Bongfeldt .

McGee faced Dongi Yang on September 17 , 2011 at UFC Fight Night 25 . He won the fight via unanimous decision .

McGee faced Costas Philippou on March 3 , 2012 at UFC on FX 2 . He lost the fight via unanimous decision .

McGee fought Nick Ring in a rematch at UFC 149 . McGee lost via a close unanimous decision . For the second time in a bout against Ring , the loss was regarded as controversial by many media sources . Stats after the fight showed that McGee outstruck Ring 32 @-@ 25 in the second round and 53 @-@ 16 in the final round . After the fight , McGee said " I felt like I had cage control , was more aggressive , out @-@ struck him and attempted a submission in the third round . I should not have left it in the hands of the judges and finished the fight . "

McGee made his welterweight debut against Josh Neer on February 23 , 2013 at UFC 157 . McGee was victorious , winning a unanimous decision after three rounds . According to Fightmetric , McGee broke the record for most significant strikes landed in a welterweight fight , landing 166 in the three round affair .

McGee faced fellow Ultimate fighter winner Robert Whittaker on August 28 , 2013 at UFC Fight Night 27 . He won the fight via split decision .

McGee was expected to face Kelvin Gastelum on December 14 , 2013 at UFC on Fox 9 . However , Gastelum pulled out of the bout with a knee injury and was replaced by Ryan LaFlare . He lost the fight via unanimous decision .

Following his loss to Ryan LaFlare , McGee was out of action for over 18 months recovering from a litany of injuries . He returned to face Márcio Alexandre Jr. on December 12 , 2015 at UFC 194 . McGee won the fight by unanimous decision .

McGee faced Santiago Ponzinibbio on April 16 , 2016 at UFC on Fox 19 . He lost the bout via TKO in the first round .

McGee is expected to face Dominique Steele on August 6 , 2016 at UFC Fight Night 92 .

= = Personal life = =

McGee and his wife Chelsea have two sons , Isaac and Crew Charles . The second son 's middle name was taken from McGee 's friend and Ultimate Fighter coach , Chuck Liddell 's first name . McGee is of Irish and Scottish descent .

McGee is a former heroin addict and in 2005 , he was declared clinically dead after overdosing on heroin at his cousin 's house before he was resuscitated . McGee had to learn to walk , speak and function again after his first overdose . McGee said that his path into drug and alcohol abuse began when he started to hang out with " the wrong people - drinking , partying . " After suffering an injury to his clavicle and elbow , McGee became dependent to painkillers , which he later mixed with alcohol . McGee had taken cocaine and heroin before overdosing . After his near @-@ death experience , McGee suffered a couple of relapses . On an episode of The Ultimate Fighter , McGee said " I took one drink in Vegas and I ended up in Iowa four days later with no pants on and a long sleeve shirt , looking for meth . "

Since April 2006 , McGee has been clean and uses his story to encourage those who may be struggling with addictions of their own .

= = Championships and accomplishments = =

Ultimate Fighting Championship

The Ultimate Fighter 11 Middleweight Winner

Submission of the Night (One time) vs. Kris McCray

= = Mixed martial arts record = =

= = = Mixed martial arts exhibition record = = =

= = Boxing career = =

In addition to his Mixed Martial Arts career , McGee has also compiled a 2 ? 0 record as a professional boxer in the cruiserweight division . Both fights took place in 2008 , in between his MMA career .

His first fight was against Francisco Antonio Alcantara in May 2008 . McGee defeated him via unanimous decision (40 ? 35 , 40 ? 36 , 39 ? 36) in a four round fight , having defeated Hank Weiss in an MMA fight just days earlier .

This was followed up by another unanimous decision victory (40 ? 36 , 40 ? 36 , 39 ? 37) over Freddie Martinez . McGee revealed in June 2010 that this fight took place during his bachelor weekend .

= = Boxing record = =