

# Kultar Gill

### Kultar Singh Gill - Background

From the age of approximately 5 years old, I was always interested in Martial Arts and its values. The interest started from watching the original martial arts and kung fu movies that were filmed and directed by Bruce Lee. As you can imagine, in the early 80's – there was no where or no one to teach or instruct a complete martial arts discipline system in Abbotsford or surrounding.

#### **Training**

Finally, at the age of 12 years old, I started Kung Fu at the Abbotsford Kung Fu Club. After a year in this art, I realized that Kung Fu was not a practical way or system of training, in my opinion. I then switched my attention to Muay Thai under the Thai Champion Ajan Songlith Singhtong, who was credited with



producing several world champions from Abbotsford. I quickly found my feet in Muay Thai and I steadily started progressing fairly quickly and enjoyed my first fight and victory against a so-called Ninjitsu expert after only 3 months of training. This was an extremely nervous and eye-opening experience as I had grown up watching Ninjas on TV defeating foes with single blows. I fought several Karate and Tae Kwon Do experts and defeated them with a superior style of unarmed combat. It was at this stage of my training and growing up in general that I realized that Muay Thai was the ultimate striking sport, in my opinion.









## Kultar "Black Mamba" Gil

#### Muay Thai Career

By the age of 16 I had turned professional and I was proud to be the Canadian Muay Thai Champion & Pacific North West Champion. In addition to this, I went on to fight for my first world title, again at the age of 16, against rivals who were at their physical peaks. With many of these rivals being 10-15 years old than myself and physically stronger, I had to develop a strategy of speed and technique to overcome their power and experience.

#### **Mixed Martial Arts Career**

At the age of 19, I retired ranked 6th in the world and decided to focus on the new fighting sport of MMA. With my knowledge of high school wrestling and Mauy Thai I quickly excelled in the sport of MMA. At the age of 26, I was picked up by one of the elite MMA and Kickboxing organizations in the world, K1. This was not an easy step to accomplish. It began with a process out in Las Vegas in front of the K1 brass, who were scouting new and



upcoming talent for their promotion. Out of the 284 athletes and fighters who arrived for the trials, I was chosen to represent myself, my country and my gym on an invitation only tournament.

Since that tournament, I have dedicated myself to the new sport and passion and bought it into coaching. I have coached and cornered fighters in the UFC, K1 and other recognized organizations.

#### Present

This brings us to now, the present and as you well know, I have decided to open a martial arts academy











under my name, Mamba Martial Arts Academy. I feel that it is now the appropriate time in my life to give back to the community and give Abbotsford's the most elite and state of the art facility for athletes who want to meet their martial arts goals. This is not restricted to just a ring, but for fitness, self defence, self confidence, self esteem, self belief, focus and social well being, among many other benefits you will receive here.







