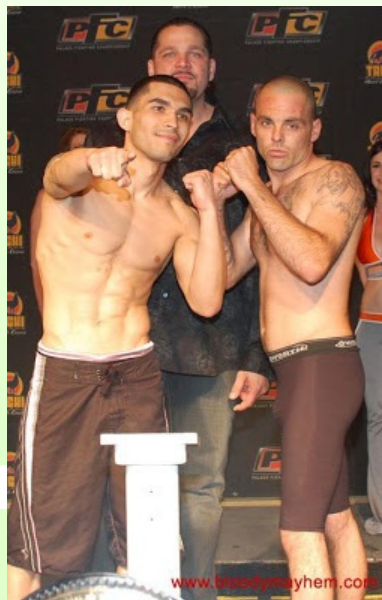


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## Our Kid's Jiu Jitsu Instructor, Ulysses Gomez (Uly), Fights Tonight!

Speaking of Mixed Martial Arts (that the crazy nincompoop John McCain wanted to ban), our kid's jiu jitsu instructor Ulysses Gomez (Uly) is fighting his first MMA bout tonight, in just a couple of hours! Uly is fighting fellow new-comer Greg McDowell in the **Palace Fighting Championships** in Lemoore California.



Uly, on the left, weighed in at 125, and McDowell, on the right, weighed in at 119.

Our three kids train at Cobra Kai Jiu Jitsu here in Vegas, and Uly is their instructor and coach. He has done very well in submission grappling tournaments, winning first place at Grappler's Quest:

Uly has also done very well in Pankration, which is like MMA except for no strikes from the neck up, so he has lots of practical experience to get him ready for MMA:


Apparently, Uly's opponent tonight, McDowell, is a boxer who has switched to MMA. Uly has an obvious edge on the ground (to say the least) but you can never count a puncher out. My old Jiu Jitsu instructor, Nova Uniao black belt John Lewis, found that out when he fought Jens Pulver and did not take Pulver's striking seriously enough. This led to a knockout that is still used on highlight reels (and also broke John's jaw):

Now, I'm not saying that McDowell is on a par with Little Evil Jens Pulver, who went on to become the first UFC Lightweight champ, but that old saying about "a puncher's chance" has a ring of truth to it. If McDowell has knock-out power, Uly's best plan would be to keep his chin down (unlike John Lewis), and not trade, but instead take it to the mat as soon as possible. Uly has good stand-up, but hey, why take the chance? He will easily dominate on the ground.

Anyway, I predict a victory for Uly by submission in the first round if he does take it to the mat right off the bat.

The kids have a blast in class and competing in tournaments and have done well. We wish Uly Luck tonight!

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