



**Anthony Smith**  
No. 5 UFC Light Heavyweight

**NAME:** Anthony Smith

**NICKNAME:** Anthony "Lionheart" Smith

**WEIGHT CLASS:** Light heavyweight

**AGE:** 34 years old - 7/26/88

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-4, 205

**REACH:** 76"

**LEG REACH:** 45"

**BIRTHPLACE:** Corpus Christi, TX

**FIGHTING OUT OF:** Omaha, NE

**LANGUAGES SPOKEN:** English

**STYLE:** Freestyle

**TRAINER:** Factory X

**STRENGTHS:** Standup, Jiu-Jitsu

**TRAINING:** My days vary from day to day, but typically I have two practices a day and a conditioning practice between them.

**PROFESSIONAL MMA RECORD:** 36-16

**UFC HISTORY:**

**UFC Fight Night** (9/18/21) Smith submitted Ryan Spann via rear naked choke at 3:47 of the first round

**UFC 261** (4/24/21) Smith defeated Jimmy Crute via TKO (doctor stoppage) at 5:00 of the first round

**UFC on ESPN** (11/28/20) Smith submitted Devin Clark via triangle choke at 2:34 of the first round

**UFC Fight Night** (8/29/20) Smith lost a three round unanimous decision to Aleksandar Rakić

**UFC Fight Night** (5/13/20) Smith was stopped by Glover Teixeira via strikes at 1:04 of the fifth round

**UFC Fight Night** (6/1/19) Smith submitted Alexander Gustafsson via rear naked choke at 2:38 of the fourth round

**UFC 235** (3/2/19) Smith lost a five round unanimous decision to Jon Jones in a fight for the UFC light heavyweight title

**UFC Fight Night** (10/27/18) Smith submitted Volkan Oezdemir via rear naked choke at 4:26 of the third round

**UFC Fight Night** (7/22/18) Smith knocked out Mauricio Rua at 1:29 of the first round

**UFC 225** (6/9/18) Smith knocked out Rashad Evans at :53 of the first round

**UFC Fight Night** (2/3/18) Smith was stopped by Thiago Santos via strikes at 1:03 of the second round

**UFC Fight Night** (9/16/17) Smith stopped Hector Lombard via strikes at 2:33 of the third round

**UFC on FOX** (4/9/17) Smith knocked out Andrew Sanchez at 3:52 of the third round

**TUF 24 Finale** (12/3/16) Smith stopped Elvis Mutapcic via strikes at 3:27 of round two

**TUF 23 Finale** (7/8/16) Smith lost a three round unanimous decision to Cezar Ferreira

**UFC Fight Night** (2/21/16) Smith won a three round unanimous decision over Leonardo Leleco

**UFC on FUEL TV** (6/8/13) Smith was submitted by Antonio Braga Neto via kneebar at 1:52 of the first round

### **STRIKEFORCE HISTORY:**

**Marquardt vs. Saffiedine** (1/12/13) Smith was submitted by Roger Gracie via arm triangle choke at 3:16 of the second round

**Rousey vs. Kaufman** (8/18/12) Smith submitted Lumumba Sayers via triangle choke at 3:52 of the first round

**Challengers 20** (11/18/11) Smith was knocked out by Adlan Amagov at 2:32 of the first round

**Challengers 17** (7/22/11) Smith knocked out Ben Lagman at :33 of round two

### **Q&A**

**Thoughts on opponent, Magomed Ankalaev?**

**When and why did you start training for fighting?** 2006. I was just a rowdy teenager that wanted to fight without getting in trouble. I didn't expect anything to become of it. I hooked up with my management team (Disorderly Conduct Management) and began going to Premier Combat Center (Head Coach UFC vet Ryan Jensen) I excelled at training and learning all the aspects of MMA and loved it. Now, fighting is my profession and I can honestly say it probably saved my life.

**What ranks and titles have you held?** Victory FC middleweight champion, XKL middleweight champion, Cornhusker Fight Club middleweight champion

**Do you have any heroes?** Mom

**What does it mean for you to fight in the UFC?** Fighting in the UFC is a dream come true. I've been through so many trials and tribulations in life. I had my chance so many times and always came up short. It's finally my chance to show the world what I'm capable of and make my mark. I don't really feel like I'm fighting for the viewers or crowd though in this first fight; I'm fighting to show Dana and the UFC that I belong there and I will be a future star. My goal is to make an impression on them. This is my shot to change my life forever.

**Did you go to college and if so what degree did you earn?** No, I have always been a fighter

**What was your job before you started fighting?** I turned pro at 19; this has been my only Job. I have been paying my dues, grinding, and living off of this sport I LOVE!

**Specific accomplishments in amateur competition?** Fought over 30 amateur fights and won every local promotion's belt in Nebraska

**Ranks in any martial arts styles:** Gracie Barra Jiu-Jitsu black belt  
**Favorite grappling technique:** Triangle  
**Favorite Striking technique:** Head kicks

## **UFC POST-FIGHT AWARDS**

**FIGHT** – Santos

**KO** – None

**SUBMISSION** – None

**PERFORMANCE** – Mutapcic, Rua, Oezdemir, Gustafsson, Clark, Spann

## **OTHER**

- Pro since 2008
- 19 wins by KO, 14 by submission (5 triangle, 4 RNC, 2 armbar, arm triangle, 2 undisclosed submissions)
- 7-1 between UFC appearances – most recent non-UFC bout was first round TKO of Josh Neer on 1/14/16
- 20 first round finishes
- Has won 10 of his last 14 and three in a row