

## **Chris Barnett (“Huggy Bear”)**

DOB: 6/14/86

Born: Zaragoza, Spain

Home: Athens, GA

Weight Class: Super Heavyweight

Education: Attended Campbellsville University/ University of South Florida

Record:

- MMA: 21-5
- Boxing: 3-2
- Kickboxing: 5-2

### **Bio Notes**

- Spent first four years of life in Europe because father was in U.S. Air Force
- Got involved in martial arts when he was 4 or 5 years old. Father wanted him to learn how to protect himself and to burn off his excessive energy. “I was an extremely active kid, probably one of those kids they would diagnose today as ADD.”
- Third-degree black belt in Taekwondo
- Owns Barnett Taekwondo Academy with his brother
- Wrestled in high school and earned a scholarship
- Competes in combat sports because it reminds of him Roman Gladiators. “I’m an entertainer. I like to please the public and people love me. My way just happens to be fighting. I’m good at this.”
  - “To me whether it is Taekwondo, boxing, wrestling . . . it’s all an art form. And because I look them as an art form, I am always breaking them down by move to study how to best respond to my opponent. It’s like a chess game and I like that.”
- Has competed in Sando, a combat challenge where three fighters battle in the ring at the same time.
- Aspirations: “I would like to keep entertaining as long as I can. If a championship came along that would be great. But I don’t have to be the king. I am perfectly fine doing my thing and then grabbing a chair and sitting on the beach.”

- Hobbies: “Breakdancing is fun, even though some of it is harder than what I do in MMA. It’s a great cardio workout and it’s a lot like wrestling in that you have to use your whole body. Sometimes I’ll do it for an hour straight.”
- Children: Has two children, ages six and four, who both study Taekwondo.