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Abubakar Vagaev vs Jacob Malkoun

UFC 333 — Middleweight

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MATCHUP BRIEF — Vagaev vs Malkoun

Matchup Brief — Abubakar Vagaev vs Jacob Malkoun

Fighting Stats Research as-of: 2026-10-18 **Bout:** Middleweight — **Abubakar Vagaev (Blue)** vs **Jacob Malkoun (Red)** — UFC 333: Volkanovski vs. Evloev (early prelims), Sat Oct 24, 2026, Etihad Arena, Yas Island, Abu Dhabi

1. Quick Tape

Abubakar Vagaev (Blue)		Jacob Malkoun (Red)
25-4-0 (UFC 1-0)	Record	10-3-0 (UFC 6-3)
33 (DOB Apr 14, 1993)	Age	31 (DOB Aug 26, 1995)
6'0" (UFC.com; Tapology 5'11") / 73" (Tapology; not on UFC Stats)	Height / Reach	5'9" / 73"
Not listed officially (CageOracle: orthodox)	Stance	Orthodox
Fight Club Akhmat (Grozny)	Gym	Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Smeaton Grange (Sydney); trains with Robert Whittaker
Unranked	Ranking	Unranked
W4 (Prazeres, Esengulov, Tumenov, Izagakhmaev)	Streak	W3 (Petroski, Finney, Meerschaert)
Izagakhmaev — UD W (Jul 25, 2026)	Last fight	Meerschaert — UD W (May 2, 2026)
Pro: 4 KO / 1 SUB / 20 DEC	Win methods	Pro: 3 KO / 0 SUB / 7 DEC
No (3 KO/TKO losses)	Never finished?	No (1 KO loss; also a DQ loss)
Six five-round decision wins	Five-round experience	None
~3.0 months (91 days)	Layoff into this bout	~5.8 months (175 days)
Career welterweight; UFC debut at 170 — first UFC fight at 185	Weight history	Career middleweight

Middleweight division averages from Greco (n=364 with metrics). Vagaev has **one** UFC bout (15 minutes), at **welterweight**, so his rates are not stable, carry no percentiles, and compare across divisions rather than like-for-like.

Vagaev (1, 15.0 min)	Metric	Malkoun (9, 100.2 min)	Edge
1.80 (one fight)	SLpM	4.23 (div 2.99, pctl 80)	Malkoun
2.20 (one fight)	SAPM	2.33 (div 3.37, pctl 78)	Even on sample
38.6% (27/70)	Str Acc	56.8% (pctl 87)	Malkoun
60.2%	Str Def	55.4% (pctl 63)	Vagaev on sample
4.00 (4/10)	TD Avg /15	5.39 (36/84)	Malkoun
40.0%	TD Acc	42.9% (pctl 55)	Even
71.4% (5/7 stuffed)	TD Def	55.6% (5/9 stuffed, pctl 43)	Vagaev (small samples)
7:46	CTRL /15	7:06 (pctl 93)	Even
2:46	CTRL against /15	1:24 (pctl 76)	Malkoun

Vagaev (1, 15.0 min)	Metric	Malkoun (9, 100.2 min)	Edge
3 in 15 min	Sub attempts against	3 in 100.2 min	Malkoun
0 / 0	KD scored / absorbed	1 / 1	Neither hits for power
Distance 66.7% / Clinch 25.9% / Ground 7.4%	Position share (sig landed)	Distance 68.9% / Clinch 3.8% / Ground 27.4%	Vagaev in the clinch; Malkoun on top

Material Greco vs published ufcstats note: UFC Stats lists the same single Vagaev bout and leaves his height and reach blank; package height uses UFC.com. Greco and UFC Stats cover the same nine Malkoun bouts. Package math uses Greco.

3. Style Clash (sourced, how they normally win)

Vagaev path (how he has been winning): Clinch pressure and control over long fights. Twenty of 25 wins by decision, six of them over five rounds, and wins over UFC veterans Michel Prazeres, Albert Tumenov and Michel Pereira. In his UFC debut he went **4/10** on takedowns with **7:46** of control, and a quarter of his strikes landed in the clinch.

Malkoun path (how he has been winning): Chained single-legs and mat returns behind a sharp jab and one-two. **5.39** takedowns and **7:06** of control per 15 minutes, **56.8%** striking accuracy, and five of six UFC wins on the cards.

Central tension: Two control-first decision fighters. Malkoun lands takedowns at more than three times the division rate; Vagaev stuffed five of seven attempts in his debut but was still taken down twice, mounted in R3 and survived three submission attempts. On the feet, Malkoun lands more than twice as often, while Vagaev has three KO/TKO losses and was hurt by a knee and right hands against Izagakhmaev. Malkoun has his own durability marks — the Hawes KO, and early knockdowns or wobbles against Maximov and Petroski.

Orthodox vs orthodox + physicals: Vagaev is listed **3" taller** (6'0" vs 5'9") with an equal **73"** reach (Tapology), but he moves up from welterweight, while Malkoun has fought his whole UFC career at 185. Vagaev's control fell from **4:07** in R1 to **1:32** in R3 of his debut; Malkoun's control rises every round (**1:26** → **2:28** → **2:51**).

Shared opponents: None (Sherdog). **Other link:** Malkoun's only previous Abu Dhabi fight was his 18-second UFC 254 debut loss to Phil Hawes; Vagaev won his UFC debut in Abu Dhabi in July.

4. Optimal Matchup Path (keys — not picks)

For Vagaev (Blue)

- Make it a clinch fight on the fence, where he did his best work against Izagakhmaev and where Malkoun lands only **3.8%** of his strikes.
- Use the size. He is listed three inches taller, and Malkoun's takedown defence sits near the division average.
- Pace R3. His output and control dropped sharply late in his debut, and Malkoun's control peaks in the final round.
- Defend the single and the back. Malkoun re-shoots constantly and has taken the back of Finney and Allen.

For Malkoun (Red)

- Chain the singles from the first exchange. Volume beat Maximov, Alhassan and Dobson.
- Jab at range. Vagaev landed **1.80** significant strikes per minute in his debut, and Malkoun lands **4.23**.
- Start safely. Allen and Meerschaert won R1 on Sherdog's scoring, Dobson out-landed him 41-24 in R1, and Maximov and Petroski hurt him early.
- Push R3, where Vagaev faded and gave up mount against Izagakhmaev.

Expectation-break watch: (1) Vagaev's size and clinch strength in his first fight at 185. (2) Malkoun's takedown volume against a career-long control fighter who stuffed most attempts in his debut. (3) A R3 swing — Vagaev's fade against Malkoun's rising control. (4) A finish from either man: Vagaev's last stoppage win was in 2017, and Malkoun has one in his last seven fights.

5. Last Five Fights (dates + time between)

Vagaev — last 5

#	Date	Opponent	Result	Method	Time since prior
1	Jul 25, 2026	Saygid Izagakhmaev (UFC Fight Night 282)	W	UD (welterweight)	532 days after Tumenov
2	Feb 8, 2025	Albert Tumenov (ACA 183)	W	UD R5	336 days after Esengulov

#	Date	Opponent	Result	Method	Time since prior
3	Mar 9, 2024	Edil Esengulov (ACA 172)	W	UD R5	189 days after Prazeres
4	Sep 2, 2023	Michel Prazeres (ACA 162)	W	UD R5	260 days after Slipenko
5	Dec 16, 2022	Vitaliy Slipenko (ACA 149)	L	KO (elbow) R2 0:20	265 days after Gadzhidaudov

Into UFC 333 (Oct 24, 2026): 91 days (~3.0 months) since Izagakhmaev.

Malkoun — last 5 (all UFC)

#	Date	Opponent	Result	Method	Time since prior
1	May 2, 2026	Gerald Meerschaert (UFC Fight Night 275)	W	UD	91 days after Finney
2	Jan 31, 2026	Torrez Finney (UFC 325)	W	UD	672 days after Petroski
3	Mar 30, 2024	Andre Petroski (UFC on ESPN 54)	W	TKO (soccer kick to the body) R2 0:39	189 days after Brundage
4	Sep 23, 2023	Cody Brundage (UFC Fight Night 228)	L	DQ (illegal elbow) R1 4:15	343 days after Maximov
5	Oct 15, 2022	Nick Maximov (UFC Fight Night 212)	W	UD	125 days after Allen

Into UFC 333 (Oct 24, 2026): 175 days (~5.8 months) since Meerschaert.

6. Betting Snapshot

Disclaimer: Informational only. Not betting advice. As-of 2026-10-18.

Vagaev (Blue)	Metric	Malkoun (Red)
-185 / -196	BetMGM / Caesars (via CageOracle)	+150 / +165
BetOnline -208; 1xBet -233	Other books	BetOnline +175; 1xBet +160
≈ 62.8%	Vig-free (CageOracle board)	≈ 37.2%
-185 / ≈ 75%	Tapology listed line / community picks	+155 / ≈ 25%

The line opened about -155 / +132 and has moved toward Vagaev. CageOracle's model is close to the market at 61% Vagaev (opinion).

7. Social Handles

Fighter	Instagram	X / TikTok	Notes
Abubakar Vagaev	@vagaev_abubakar	—	Cited in Sherdog news coverage
Jacob Malkoun	@jacobmalkoun	X @Mambamalkoun	Listed by third-party trackers; not confirmed by official sources

No invented posts. No fight-week injury or withdrawal posts located for either fighter.

8. Sources

- Full reports: [abubakar-vagaev-scouting-report-2026-10-18.md](#), [jacob-malkoun-scouting-report-2026-10-18.md](#)
- UFC.com athletes (Abubakar Vagaev; Jacob Malkoun); UFC Stats fighter-details; Sherdog; Tapology; Wikipedia (Malkoun)
- Sherdog round-by-round coverage and odds lines for both fighters' UFC bouts; Sherdog news (Vagaev ACA title relinquishment, Mar 29, 2026)
- Heavy (Sep 23, 2026, citing Vestnik MMA); AgentMMA (Sep 21, 2026)
- CageOracle — odds board, line movement and model (<https://cageoracle.com/fights/abubakar-vagaev-vs-jacob-malkoun>)

Fighting Stats. Compact matchup package. As-of 2026-10-18.



SCOUTING REPORT — Abubakar Vagaev (Blue)

Abubakar Vagaev — Professional Scouting Report

Fighting Stats As-of: 2026-10-18 Slug: [abubakar-vagaev](#)

Fighter Header / Tombstone

Field	Detail
Full Name	Abubakar Vagaev (Tapology URL spells it "Babaev")
Nickname	None listed
Weight Class & Ranking	UFC Welterweight on UFC Stats; this bout is at Middleweight — unranked
Record	25-4-0; UFC 1-0
DOB / Age	April 14, 1993 (Sherdog / UFC Stats) / 33 (as of 2026-10-18; 33 on fight night Oct 24, 2026)
Birthplace / Fights Out Of	Grozny, Chechnya, Russia (Sherdog; Tapology)
Gym	Fight Club Akhmat (Sherdog; Tapology lists Akhmat Fight Club)
Height / Reach	6'0" (UFC.com 72"; Sherdog); Tapology lists 5'11". Reach 73" per Tapology; UFC Stats TOTT -- / --
Stance	Not listed on UFC Stats or UFC.com; CageOracle lists orthodox
Sherdog	Sherdog
UFC	UFC
UFC Stats	UFC Stats

1. Early Life and Athletic Background

Vagaev was born in Grozny and turned pro at 19, winning two-round decisions at the RadMer regional shows in 2012 and 2013 (Sherdog). Tapology lists his first three recorded bouts — RadMer 2 (2012) and two ACB events in 2014 — at middleweight, before he settled at welterweight.

When he relinquished his ACA title to sign with the UFC in March 2026, he said: "It's been an exciting 12 years and nearly 30 fights. I've won the belt three times" (Sherdog, Mar 29, 2026).

Sources: Sherdog; Tapology.

2. Training Gym, Coaches, and Training Partners

- **Primary:** **Fight Club Akhmat**, Grozny (Sherdog; Tapology).
- **Key ally:** **Khamzat Chimaev**, whom Sherdog describes as key to his UFC signing; Chimaev cornered his ACA title win over Albert Tumenov (Sherdog, Mar 2026).
- **Promotional home:** Fought every pre-UFC bout from 2014 on under the ACB/ACA and WFCA banners (Sherdog).

Sources: Sherdog; Tapology.

2B. Social Media Deep Dive

Platform	Handle / URL	Status (as of 2026-10-18)
Instagram	@vagaev_abubakar	Cited in Sherdog news coverage (Mar 2026)
X (Twitter)	—	No verified primary account located

Posts that matter (sourced, not invented captions):

- Announced he was relinquishing the ACA welterweight title and thanked Ramzan Kadyrov (as reported by Sherdog, Mar 29, 2026).

3. Injury History and Medical Information

Documented items:

- **Three KO/TKO losses:** Beslan Ushukov (punch, R4, 2016), Murad Abdulaev (punch, R2, 2018) and Vitaliy Slipenko (R2 0:20, Dec 2022 — Sherdog lists an elbow, Tapology a straight right). He beat Ushukov and Abdulaev in rematches.
- **Hurt in his UFC debut:** Saygid Izagakhmaev staggered him with a knee to the jaw at the end of R1 and stung him with right hands in R3 (fight-night coverage). Greco logs no knockdown.
- **Longest layoff: 532 days** between the Tumenov win (Feb 2025) and his UFC debut (Jul 2026).
- **Weight:** Weighed in at 171 for his welterweight UFC debut; this is his first UFC bout at middleweight. Tapology lists three early-career bouts at middleweight (2012–2014).
- **Into Malkoun (Oct 2026): 91 days** since the Izagakhmaev win (Jul 25, 2026). Booked (Heavy, Sep 23, citing Vestnik MMA). No public injury disclosure located.

No medical clearance claim beyond public activity and the confirmed booking.

Sources: Sherdog; Tapology; Sherdog fight-night coverage; Greco; Heavy.

4. Professional Fight Promotions and Career Trajectory

RadMer / ACB (2012–2014): 5-0. Two RadMer decisions, then three ACB wins in 2014, including a guillotine (Sherdog; Tapology and UFC.com list a rear-naked choke) and a doctor stoppage.

WFCA (2015–2018): 11-3. A long run of Grozny Battle and Grand Prix Akhmat cards. He lost a split decision to Yasubey Enomoto in 2015 and was knocked out by Beslan Ushukov in R4 of a vacant title fight in 2016 (Tapology). He beat future UFC fighter Michel Pereira (2016), won the WFCA welterweight title over Ushukov by five-round decision (Oct 2017), and lost it to Murad Abdulaev by R2 KO (Oct 2018) (Tapology; Sherdog).

ACA (2019–2025): 8-1. Beat Fernando Gonzalez in Grozny, avenged the Enomoto loss (2020), and avenged Abdulaev over five rounds (Feb 2021). UFC.com credits him with ACA welterweight titles in 2022 and 2025. He won a split decision over Ustarmagomed Gadzhidaudov (Mar 2022), was stopped in 20 seconds of R2 by Vitaliy Slipenko (Dec 2022), then won three straight five-round decisions — over UFC veteran Michel Prazeres (2023), Edil Esengulov (2024) and UFC veteran Albert Tumenov (2025).

UFC (2026–present): 1-0. Relinquished the ACA belt in March 2026. Debuted with a unanimous decision over Saygid Izagakhmaev in Abu Dhabi (Jul 2026), after Magomedrasul Gasanov withdrew and Izagakhmaev stepped in (Tapology). Moves up to middleweight for Malkoun; AgentMMA first reported the bout in negotiation on Sep 21, and Heavy confirmed it on Sep 23 (citing Vestnik MMA).

Sources: Sherdog; Tapology; UFC.com; Heavy; AgentMMA.

5. Professional Record and Method Breakdown

Method pies — counts (overall pro — Sherdog / Tapology)

Wins (25): KO/TKO 4 (16%) · Submission 1 (4%) · Decision 20 (80%) **Losses (4):** KO/TKO 3 (75%) · Decision 1 (25%)

Six of his decision wins went five rounds (Ushukov, Abdulaev, Gadzhidaudov, Prazeres, Esengulov, Tumenov). He has avenged three of his four losses.

UFC wins (1 — Greco): Decision 1 (unanimous) **UFC losses:** none

Finish subtype pies (UFC-only — UFC Stats METHOD+DETAILS)

UFC KO/TKO wins: none **UFC SUB wins:** none **UFC finishing losses:** none

Pro finishes (Sherdog): Punches 2 (Castillo, Kudukhashvili) · Doctor stoppage 2 (Odilbekov, Dutra) · Guillotine 1 (Medzhidov)

Complete professional record (Sherdog; UFC row cross-checked to Greco; Tapology cross-check)

Opponent record = opponent's pro record entering the bout (computed from Sherdog fight histories).

Date	Opponent	Opp. record	Result	Method	R	Time	Event	Opp. UFC rec (at fight)
2026-07-25	Saygid Izagakhmaev	22-3-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	3	5:00	UFC Fight Night 282: Ankalaev vs. Guskov (Abu Dhabi; welterweight)	0-1-0
2025-02-08	Albert Tumenov	24-5-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	5	5:00	ACA 183	—
2024-03-09	Edil Esengulov	22-5-1	W	Decision (unanimous)	5	5:00	ACA 172	—
2023-09-02	Michel Prazeres	27-4-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	5	5:00	ACA 162	—
2022-12-16	Vitaliy Slipenko	15-4-0	L	KO (elbow)	2	0:20	ACA 149	—
2022-03-26	Ustarmagomed Gadzhidaudov	14-5-0	W	Decision (split)	5	5:00	ACA 138	—
2021-02-26	Murad Abdulaev	19-4-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	5	5:00	ACA 118	—
2020-10-04	Yasubey Enomoto	20-11-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	3	5:00	ACA 112	—
2020-07-24	Gadzhimurad Khiramagomedov	7-3-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	3	5:00	ACA 107	—
2019-10-04	Fernando Gonzalez	28-17-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	3	5:00	ACA 100 (Grozny)	—
2018-10-04	Murad Abdulaev	16-3-0	L	KO (punch)	2	1:25	WFCA 53	—
2018-02-24	Rodrigo Correia	20-6-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	3	5:00	WFCA 45	—
2017-10-04	Beslan Ushukov	14-2-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	5	5:00	WFCA 43 (welterweight title)	—
2017-05-21	Nodar Kudukhashvili	15-2-0	W	TKO (punches)	1	2:53	WFCA 38	—
2017-04-01	Jorge Filho	8-2-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	3	5:00	WFCA 35 (Astana)	—
2017-02-25	Luiz Jorge Dutra Jr.	13-5-1	W	TKO (doctor stoppage)	1	0:21	WFCA 34 (Moscow)	—
2016-11-19	Beslan Ushukov	12-2-0	L	KO (punch)	4	1:54	WFCA 32 (vacant title)	—
2016-06-11	Luis Sergio Melo Jr.	30-14-3	W	Decision (unanimous)	3	5:00	WFCA 23: Grand Prix Akhmat	—
2016-04-09	Michel Pereira	13-5-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	3	5:00	WFCA 17: Grand Prix Akhmat	—
2015-12-26	Tiago Varejao Lacerda	24-3-1	W	Decision (unanimous)	3	5:00	WFCA 13	—
2015-10-04	David Castillo	18-6-0 (1 NC)	W	TKO (punches)	1	2:18	WFCA 9	—
2015-08-22	Ivica Truscek	29-23-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	3	5:00	WFCA 6	—

Date	Opponent	Opp. record	Result	Method	R	Time	Event	Opp. UFC rec (at fight)
2015-06-13	Yasubey Enomoto	12-6-0	L	Decision (split)	3	5:00	WFCA 3	—
2015-03-14	Thibaud Larchet	9-2-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	3	5:00	WFCA 1	—
2014-11-14	Artur Odilbekov	4-2-0	W	TKO (doctor stoppage)	2	1:12	ACB 11	—
2014-10-04	Piotr Wolowik	2-1-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	2	5:00	ACB 10	—
2014-06-22	Farhad Medzhidov	0-0-0	W	Submission (guillotine choke)	1	3:18	ACB: Grand Prix Berkut 9	—
2013-06-27	Adlan Abdulatipov	0-0-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	2	5:00	RadMer 4	—
2012-06-30	Aleksandr Rudijanskiy	0-0-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	2	5:00	RadMer 2	—

Source variants: Tapology lists the Slipenko finish as a straight right, the Medzhidov submission as a rear-naked choke (as does UFC.com), the Dutra stoppage as a shoulder injury, and the Castillo finish as knees and punches at 1:44. Tapology times the first Ushukov KO at 2:49 of R4 and the first Abdulaev KO at 1:24. Tapology lists the 2018 opponent as Rodrigo Cavaleiro (Sherdog: Rodrigo Correia). Title designations are from Tapology.

Finish Subtype Trends — Abubakar Vagaev

UFC-only subtypes parsed from UFC Stats METHOD + DETAILS (no invention). Full pro (Research) subtypes appear only where the scouting report already states them. Coverage differs for pre-UFC bouts — labels mark the source.

UFC-only win finishes (METHOD + DETAILS)

KO/TKO wins: 0 · Submission wins: 0

KO/TKO subtypes

Subtype	Wins	Share
— none in sample —	0	—

Submission subtypes

Subtype	Wins	Share
— none in sample —	0	—

Vagaev — UFC-only KO/TKO win subtypes (Greco DETAILS)

No finishes in sample

Vagaev UFC KO/TKO

Vagaev — Full pro KO/TKO win subtypes (Research)

No finishes

No finishes in sample

Full pro win finishes (Research Markdown)

KO/TKO wins (Research subtypes): 0 · Submission wins: 0 — includes pre-UFC.

Family	Subtype	Wins	Share	Source
—	none stated	0	—	Research

Vagaev — Full pro Submission win subtypes (Research)

Vagaev — Full pro KO/TKO win subtypes (Research)

No finishes in sample

No finishes in sample

Trend reads

- UFC-only: no KO/TKO wins on record.
- UFC-only: no submission wins on record.

ABUBAKAR VAGAEV — FIGHT NARRATIVES

Round stats from UFC Stats / UFC Stats for the UFC bout. Official results from Sherdog / Greco DETAILS. No public round-by-round stats exist for his ACA and WFCA fights.

vs Saygid Izagakhmaev (Jul 25, 2026) — W UD (29-28×3) — UFC Fight Night 282, Abu Dhabi, welterweight, –235 favourite (Topology)

- **Context:** Izagakhmaev (22-3, 0-1 UFC) replaced Magomedrasul Gasanov.
- **R1:** Ducked a looping right hand into a double-leg, worked from closed guard with short ground strikes, and escaped a heel hook by grabbing the fence (one warning). Izagakhmaev landed a clean knee to the jaw on a takedown attempt and a right hand at the horn. **2/4** takedowns, **4:07** of control. All three Sherdog scorers had Vagaev.
- **R2:** Surprised Izagakhmaev with a right hand, was taken down, warned for fence grabbing, then ground in the clinch with knees and elbows — **20/45** vs **13/37**, **2:07** of control. Sherdog scorers split 2-1 for Izagakhmaev.
- **R3:** Stung by right hands in a slugfest, then took Izagakhmaev down and took his back. Izagakhmaev trapped his wrist, rode him to full mount and attacked two arm-triangles, a rear-naked choke and an armbar at the horn (Greco: **3** submission attempts). **4/19** vs **13/34**; **1:58** of control against.
- **Fight:** **27/70** vs **33/83**; **4/10** takedowns; **7:46** of control vs **2:46**. Two of three Sherdog scorers had Izagakhmaev 29-28; all three judges had Vagaev.
- **Tape signal:** Won the scorecards on R1 control; faded in R3 and finished in bad positions.

vs Albert Tumenov (Feb 8, 2025) — W UD — ACA 183 (main event, five rounds)

- Five-round decision over the UFC veteran (24-5) with Khamzat Chimaev in his corner (Sherdog). UFC.com dates his second ACA title to 2025.

vs Edil Esengulov (Mar 9, 2024) — W UD — ACA 172 (main event, five rounds)

- Twenty-five minutes against a 22-5-1 opponent (Sherdog; Tapology).

vs Michel Prazeres (Sep 2, 2023) — W UD — ACA 162 (five rounds)

- Five-round decision over the 27-4 UFC veteran in his first fight after the Slipenko loss (Sherdog).

vs Vitaliy Slipenko (Dec 16, 2022) — L KO R2 0:20 — ACA 149 (main event)

- Entered as champion per Tapology and was stopped 20 seconds into R2 — the most recent loss of his career.

vs Murad Abdulaev II (Feb 26, 2021) — W UD — ACA 118 (five rounds)

- Avenged his 2018 R2 KO loss over 25 minutes (Sherdog).

Cardio / round trends: Six five-round decision wins show he can go 25 minutes. In his only UFC fight, his control fell from **4:07** in R1 to **1:32** in R3, and he landed just **4** significant strikes in R3 while absorbing **13** and three submission attempts.

UFC Stats — Condensed Identity

Field	Value
Nickname	—
DOB (age as of 2026-10-18)	Apr 14, 1993 (33)
Height / Weight / Reach	TOTT - - / 170 lbs / - - (UFC.com 6'0"; Tapology 5'11", 73" reach)
Stance	Not listed
UFC record	1-0 (1 timed fight, 15.0 min)

Sparse sample and division caveat: one UFC fight (15 minutes), at welterweight. This bout is his first billed UFC middleweight appearance, so the Middleweight-pool comparisons below are cross-class context, not like-for-like. Division percentiles are suppressed.

Career rates vs men's Middleweight division (Greco + division averages, n=364)

Metric	Vagaev	MW avg	Δ	Read
SLpM	1.80	2.99	-1.19	Low output (one fight)
SAPM	2.20	3.37	-1.17	Below avg absorbed (one fight)
SS Acc	38.6% (27/70)	46.0%	-7.4	Below avg
SS Def	60.2%	51.7%	+8.5	Above avg
TD Acc	40.0% (4/10)	41.4%	-1.4	Near avg
TD Avg /15	4.00	1.55	+2.45	Wrestling-first
TDD	71.4% (5/7 stuffed)	56.6%	+14.8	Above avg
CTRL /15	7:46	3:16	+4:30	Heavy control
CTRL against /15	2:46	3:36	-0:50	Below avg
KD rate /15	0.00	0.40	-0.40	No knockdowns
KD absorbed /15	0.00	0.58	-0.58	None logged
Sub Avg /15	0.00	0.68	-0.68	No attempts; three attempts against

Material Greco vs published ufcstats note: UFC Stats lists the same single bout and leaves height and reach blank. Package math uses Greco, with height from UFC.com.

Striking mix: Head 59.3% / Body 25.9% / Leg 14.8% of sig landed · Distance 66.7% / **Clinch 25.9%** / Ground 7.4%. Absorbed mix: Head 48.5% / Body 21.2% / **Leg 30.3%** · Distance 69.7% / Clinch 24.2% / Ground 6.1%.

6. Fighting Style, Strengths, and How They Win

- **Control-based decision fighter:** 20 of 25 wins by decision, six over five rounds. In the UFC: **4/10** takedowns and **7:46** of control in 15 minutes.
- **Clinch grinding:** A quarter of his UFC strikes landed in the clinch — knees, short elbows and fence pressure.
- **Experience:** 29 pro fights, three regional title reigns by his own count, and wins over UFC veterans Prazeres, Tumenov and Pereira.
- **Physical edge at middleweight:** Listed at 6'0" (UFC.com), and Tapology lists a 73" reach.
- **Risk flags:** Three KO/TKO losses, the latest in 20 seconds of R2 (Slipenko). Hurt by a knee and right hands against Izagakhmaev, with a sharp R3 fade and three submission attempts against. Low striking output (**1.80** per minute in his only UFC fight). Moving up a division at 33.

Sources: Greco; UFC Stats; Sherdog; Tapology; UFC.com; § narratives.

Expectation Breaks

- **Saygid Izagakhmaev (Jul 2026):** A –235 favourite who lost R2–R3 on Sherdog's scoring and ended the fight mounted, but won 29-28 on all three official cards.
- **Revenge record:** Avenged three of his four losses — Enomoto, Ushukov and Abdulaev.
- **Vitaliy Slipenko (Dec 2022):** A defending champion with a decision-heavy record, stopped 20 seconds into R2.
- **UFC debut after a long layoff:** Won his debut after 532 days out and a late opponent change.

7. Community / Expert Predictions and Sentiment

Label: opinion / media narrative — not facts about fight outcome.

- **Market:** Favourite. –185 BetMGM, –196 Caesars, –208 BetOnline, –233 1xBet; vig-free about **62.8%**. Opened about –155 and has moved toward Vagaev (CageOracle odds board, Oct 18).
- **Model view:** CageOracle's model gives him **61%** (opinion), close to the market.
- **Community:** Tapology lists him at –185, with **75%** of community picks.
- **Framing:** Booking coverage (Heavy, citing Vestnik MMA; AgentMMA) presents him as a former ACA champion; the bout is billed at middleweight, a division above his UFC debut.

No anonymous forum picks are included beyond sourced public pages.

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Fighting Stats. As-of 2026-10-18. Opinions labeled in §7.

SCOUTING REPORT — Jacob Malkoun (Red)

Jacob Malkoun — Professional Scouting Report

Fighting Stats As-of: 2026-10-18 Slug: jacob-malkoun

Fighter Header / Tombstone

Field	Detail
Full Name	Jacob Malkoun
Nickname	"Mamba" (UFC Stats; Sherdog; Tapology) — after Kobe Bryant (Wikipedia)
Weight Class & Ranking	UFC Middleweight — unranked (UFC.com)
Record	10-3-0; UFC 6-3
DOB / Age	August 26, 1995 / 31 (as of 2026-10-18; 31 on fight night Oct 24, 2026) — Sherdog, UFC Stats
Birthplace / Fights Out Of	Sydney, New South Wales (Sherdog; Wikipedia)
Gym	Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Smeaton Grange (Tapology; he instructs there per Wikipedia); trains with Robert Whittaker. Sherdog lists PMA Super Martial Arts
Height / Reach	5'9" / 73" (UFC Stats TOTT)
Stance	Orthodox (UFC Stats TOTT)
Sherdog	Sherdog
UFC	UFC
UFC Stats	UFC Stats

1. Early Life and Athletic Background

Malkoun grew up in Sydney playing rugby league as a prop. At 16, weighing about 115 kg, his father put him in a boxing gym to lose weight, which led him to martial arts (Wikipedia).

He built a strong grappling résumé alongside MMA: Wikipedia credits him with winning the 2019 ADCC Asia trials at 99 kg and 2019 Pan Pacific gold, and lists him as a BJJ black belt (his UFC.com Q&A lists purple). Wikipedia also records a 3-0 professional boxing record; Tapology lists two boxing bouts.

Sources: Wikipedia; UFC.com athlete Q&A; Tapology.

2. Training Gym, Coaches, and Training Partners

- **Primary:** **Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Smeaton Grange**, where he is also an instructor (Tapology; Wikipedia). Sherdog lists **PMA Super Martial Arts**.
- **Key partner:** **Robert Whittaker**, the former UFC middleweight champion (Wikipedia; fight-night coverage describes him as a Whittaker teammate).

Sources: Tapology; Wikipedia; Sherdog.

2B. Social Media Deep Dive

Platform	Handle / URL	Status (as of 2026-10-18)
Instagram	@jacobmalkoun	Listed by third-party trackers; not confirmed by official sources
X (Twitter)	@Mambamalkoun	Listed by third-party trackers; not confirmed by official sources

Posts that matter (sourced, not invented captions):

- No public injury or withdrawal posts located for this fight week as of 2026-10-18.

3. Injury History and Medical Information

Documented items:

- **UFC debut KO (Oct 2020):** Knocked out by Phil Hawes in 18 seconds at UFC 254 in Abu Dhabi — his only stoppage loss.
- **Hurt but not stopped since:** Nick Maximov dropped him to his knees with a left hand in R1 (Oct 2022; Greco logs no knockdown), and Andre Petroski buckled his legs with a left in R1 (Mar 2024), per fight-night coverage.
- **Withdrawal (Feb 2025):** Pulled out of a bout with Rodolfo Vieira through injury (Wikipedia: undisclosed injury; Tapology lists a Malkoun injury).
- **Longest layoff: 672 days** between the Petroski win (Mar 2024) and the Finney win (Jan 2026).
- **Into Vagaev (Oct 2026): 175 days** since the Meerschaert win (May 2, 2026). Active on UFC.com and booked. No public injury disclosure located.

No medical clearance claim beyond public activity and the confirmed booking.

Sources: Sherdog; Wikipedia; Tapology; Sherdog fight-night coverage; Greco; UFC.com.

4. Professional Fight Promotions and Career Trajectory

Australian regional (2017–2019): 4-0. Debuted with a decision over Cam Rowston — his opponent's first loss, and Rowston fights Abus Magomedov on this card — at Brace 47 (Mar 2017). Added R1 and R3 TKOs at Hex Fight Series 17 and Wollongong Wars 7 and a decision at Eternal MMA 48.

UFC (2020–present): 6-3. Signed after four regional wins. Hawes knocked him out in 18 seconds in a double debut at UFC 254 in Abu Dhabi (Oct 2020). He rebuilt with wrestling-heavy decisions over Abdul Razak Alhassan (as a +240 underdog) and the unbeaten AJ Dobson, lost a unanimous decision to Brendan Allen (Jun 2022), then out-wrestled Nick Maximov. He was disqualified against Cody Brundage for an elbow to the back of the head while dominating R1 (Sep 2023), then stopped Andre Petroski in R2 (Mar 2024). After an injury withdrawal and a 672-day layoff, he beat the unbeaten Torrez Finney at UFC 325 in Sydney (Jan 2026) and Gerald Meerschaert in Perth (May 2026).

Sources: Sherdog; Tapology; Wikipedia; UFC.com.

5. Professional Record and Method Breakdown

Method pies — counts (overall pro — Sherdog / Tapology)

Wins (10): KO/TKO 3 (30%) · Submission 0 · Decision 7 (70%) **Losses (3):** KO 1 (33%) · Decision 1 (33%) · Disqualification 1 (33%)

UFC wins (6 — Greco): KO/TKO 1 · Decision 5 **UFC losses (3):** KO 1 · Decision 1 · DQ 1

Finish subtype pies (UFC-only — UFC Stats METHOD+DETAILS)

UFC KO/TKO wins (1): Kick to the body on the ground 1 (Petroski) **UFC SUB wins:** none **UFC finishing losses (1):** Punches at distance 1 (Hawes)

Complete professional record (Sherdog; UFC rows cross-checked to Greco; Tapology cross-check)

Opponent record = opponent's pro record entering the bout (computed from Sherdog fight histories).

Date	Opponent	Opp. record	Result	Method	R	Time	Event	Opp. UFC rec (at fight)
2026-05-02	Gerald Meerschaert	37-21-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	3	5:00	UFC Fight Night 275: Della Maddalena vs. Prates (Perth)	12-13-0
2026-01-31	Torrez Finney	11-0-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	3	5:00	UFC 325: Volkanovski vs. Lopes 2 (Sydney)	1-0-0

Date	Opponent	Opp. record	Result	Method	R	Time	Event	Opp. UFC rec (at fight)
2024-03-30	Andre Petroski	10-2-0	W	TKO (soccer kick to the body)	2	0:39	UFC on ESPN 54	5-1-0
2023-09-23	Cody Brundage	8-5-0	L	Disqualification (illegal elbow)	1	4:15	UFC Fight Night 228	2-4-0
2022-10-15	Nick Maximov	8-1-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	3	5:00	UFC Fight Night 212	2-1-0
2022-06-12	Brendan Allen	18-5-0	L	Decision (unanimous)	3	5:00	UFC 275: Teixeira vs. Prochazka (Singapore)	6-2-0
2022-02-12	AJ Dobson	6-0-0 (1 NC)	W	Decision (unanimous)	3	5:00	UFC 271: Adesanya vs. Whittaker 2	0-0-0
2021-04-17	Abdul Razak Alhassan	10-3-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	3	5:00	UFC on ESPN 22	4-3-0
2020-10-24	Phil Hawes	8-2-0	L	KO (punches)	1	0:18	UFC 254: Nurmagomedov vs. Gaethje (Abu Dhabi)	0-0-0
2019-10-04	Sebastian Temesi	3-1-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	3	5:00	Eternal MMA 48	—
2019-07-12	Christophe Van Dijck	8-4-0	W	TKO (punches)	3	3:31	Wollongong Wars 7	—
2018-10-26	Ryan Heketa	5-4-0	W	TKO (punches)	1	1:32	Hex Fight Series 17	—
2017-03-18	Cameron Rowston	1-0-0	W	Decision (unanimous)	3	5:00	Brace 47	—

Source variants: Tapology lists the Van Dijck stoppage in R2 (Sherdog and Wikipedia: R3 3:31) and dates the Allen fight Jun 11, 2022 (US date). Wikipedia dates the Finney fight Feb 1, 2026 (local date).

Amateur (Sherdog, 2-0): Rhys Savage (UD, Superfight MMA 2, 2016); Dean Bradley (KO, R2 0:43, Superfight MMA 1, 2015).

Finish Subtype Trends — Jacob Malkoun

UFC-only subtypes parsed from UFC Stats METHOD + DETAILS (no invention). Full pro (Research) subtypes appear only where the scouting report already states them. Coverage differs for pre-UFC bouts — labels mark the source.

UFC-only win finishes (METHOD + DETAILS)

KO/TKO wins: 1 · Submission wins: 0

KO/TKO subtypes

Subtype	Wins	Share
Ground Stoppage	1	100.0%

Submission subtypes

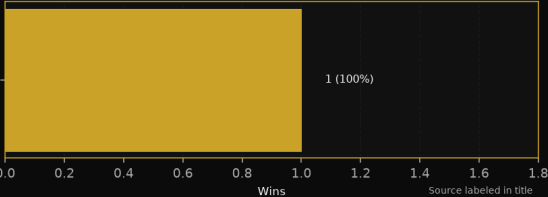
Subtype	Wins	Share
— none in sample —	0	—

Malkoun — UFC-only Submission win subtypes (Greco DETAILS)

No finishes in sample

Malkoun UFC Submissions

Malkoun — UFC-only KO/TKO win subtypes (Greco DETAILS)



Full pro win finishes (Research Markdown)

KO/TKO wins (Research subtypes): 0 · Submission wins: 0 — includes pre-UFC.

Family	Subtype	Wins	Share	Source
—	none stated	0	—	Research

Malkoun — Full pro Submission win subtypes (Research)

No finishes in sample

Malkoun — Full pro KO/TKO win subtypes (Research)

No finishes in sample

Trend reads

- UFC-only KO/TKO wins (1): top subtype Ground Stoppage (1/1, 100.0%).
- UFC-only: no submission wins on record.
- UFC finishing losses: Punches (Distance) x1 (KO/TKO).

UFC finishing losses (for context)

- KO/TKO — Punches (Distance) x1

JACOB MALKOUN — FIGHT NARRATIVES (UFC)

Round stats from UFC Stats / UFC Stats. Official results from Sherdog / Greco DETAILS. Odds from Sherdog fight-night lines unless noted.

vs Gerald Meerschaert (May 2, 2026) — W UD (29-28x3) — UFC Fight Night 275, Perth, –1800 favourite (Tapology)

- **Context:** Meerschaert missed weight at 190; the bout went ahead at a catchweight with 30% of his purse to Malkoun.
- **R1:** Faster on the feet early, but Meerschaert countered his takedown attempt with a guillotine and held top position for **3:56**.
- **R2–R3:** In-and-out boxing combinations edged the striking (**30-28** over the two rounds), and he went **2/2** on takedowns in R3. Greco credits Meerschaert with two more submission attempts in R3, the last a guillotine at the horn.
- **Fight:** **36/82** vs **32/76**; **3/3** takedowns; Meerschaert made **3** submission attempts and out-controlled him **4:23** to **2:17**.
- **Tape signal:** The guillotine is a live counter to his entries.

vs Torrez Finney (Jan 31, 2026) — W UD (30-26, 30-27, 30-26) — UFC 325, Sydney, –166 favourite (Tapology –145)

- **Context:** First fight in 672 days, against an unbeaten 11-0 opponent.
- **R1:** Jab and one-two from range busted Finney's nose — **61/98** vs **7/26**. Finney hurt his knee late in the round.
- **R2:** Dropped Finney with a one-two (Greco: **1** knockdown), then took the back and cranked his jaw (**2** submission attempts) — **37/53** vs **8/21**.
- **R3:** Mixed the jab with singles and fence work and finished on top — **19/30** vs **12/30**.
- **Fight:** **117/181** significant strikes vs **27/77**; **5:16** of control.
- **Tape signal:** His best striking performance — though against a compromised opponent after R1.

vs Andre Petroski (Mar 30, 2024) — W TKO R2 0:39 — UFC on ESPN 54, –205 favourite (Tapology –250)

- **R1:** Caught Petroski mid-stance-switch with a jab that hurt him, then had his own legs buckled by a Petroski left; Petroski later landed a single-leg. All three Sherdog scorers gave Malkoun the round.
- **R2:** Petroski crumpled while shooting a takedown — his head appeared to collide with Malkoun's hip — and a single soccer kick to the body ended it at 0:39.

vs Cody Brundage (Sep 23, 2023) — L DQ R1 4:15 — UFC Fight Night 228, –485 favourite (Tapology –600)

- **Context:** Brundage was the late replacement after a series of opponent changes (Khizriev, then Bryczek).
- **R1:** Dominant — single-leg takedowns, **3:39** of control, **28/39** significant strikes vs **2/4**, and a rear-naked choke attempt — until an elbow to the back of the head left Brundage unable to continue. It had been a potential 10-8 round.

vs Nick Maximov (Oct 15, 2022) — W UD (30-27×3) — UFC Fight Night 212, +115 underdog

- **R1:** A Maximov left dropped him to his knees early. He recovered, chained singles and mat returns (**5/7** takedowns), and Maximov finished the round with a right-leg injury.
- **R2–R3:** Against a hobbled opponent, **4/6** takedowns and **6:27** of control.
- **Fight:** **83/164** vs **34/102**; **9/13** takedowns; **7:37** of control.

vs Brendan Allen (Jun 12, 2022) — L UD (29-28×3) — UFC 275, Singapore, +225 underdog

- **R1:** Allen's kicks and power punches, and an Allen reversal to mount, won the round on all three Sherdog cards.
- **R2–R3:** Malkoun's singles and trips put Allen down repeatedly; Allen scrambled to top position late in both rounds. All three Sherdog scorers gave Malkoun R2 and R3.
- **Fight:** **33/55** vs **45/74**; **7/14** takedowns; **7:09** of control vs **3:24**. All three judges scored it 29-28 for Allen.

vs AJ Dobson (Feb 12, 2022) — W UD (29-28×3) — UFC 271, –105

- **R1:** Out-landed **41-24** by the unbeaten Dobson and **1/8** on takedowns.
- **R2–R3:** **5/8** takedowns and **8:16** of control, landing **56** significant strikes to Dobson's **11**.

vs Abdul Razak Alhassan (Apr 17, 2021) — W UD (30-27×3) — UFC on ESPN 22, +240 underdog (Tapology)

- **8/24** takedowns and **11:41** of control in 15 minutes against a power striker; Alhassan out-landed him only in R1.

vs Phil Hawes (Oct 24, 2020) — L KO R1 0:18 — UFC 254, Abu Dhabi, +185 underdog

- Both men debuting. A Hawes right hand hurt him and a right-left finished him against the fence 18 seconds in.

Cardio / round trends (Greco, 9 UFC fights): His landed volume holds through R2 (**20.3** → **20.9** significant strikes per round) and dips in R3 (**15.8**), while opponents land **12.8** → **7.7** → **10.7**. Control rises every round (**1:26** → **2:28** → **2:51**). He wins late rounds by wrestling; the R1s he has dropped came to striking (Allen, Dobson) or a guillotine counter (Meerschaert).

UFC Stats — Condensed Identity

Field	Value
Nickname	Mamba
DOB (age as of 2026-10-18)	Aug 26, 1995 (31)
Height / Weight / Reach	5'9" / 185 lbs / 73"
Stance	Orthodox
UFC record	6-3 (9 timed fights, 100.2 min)

Career rates vs men's Middleweight division (Greco + division averages, n=364)

Metric	Malkoun	Div avg	Δ	Read
SLpM	4.23	2.99	+1.24	High volume (pctl 80)
SAPM	2.33	3.37	-1.04	Absorbs less than avg (pctl 78, lower is better)
SS Acc	56.8%	46.0%	+10.8	High accuracy (pctl 87)
SS Def	55.4%	51.7%	+3.7	Above avg (pctl 63)
TD Acc	42.9% (36/84)	41.4%	+1.5	Near avg (pctl 55)
TD Avg /15	5.39	1.55	+3.84	Elite volume; CageOracle ranks it above 99% of active UFC fighters
TDD	55.6% (5/9 stuffed)	56.6%	-1.0	Avg (pctl 43)
CTRL /15	7:06	3:16	+3:50	Elite (pctl 93)
CTRL against /15	1:24	3:36	-2:12	Rarely controlled (pctl 76)
KD rate /15	0.15 (1)	0.40	-0.25	Not a knockdown threat
KD absorbed /15	0.15 (1)	0.58	-0.43	Hawes KO only
Sub Avg /15	0.75 (5 attempts)	0.68	+0.07	Near avg

Material Greco vs published ufcstats note: Greco and UFC Stats cover the same nine UFC bouts. Greco logs no knockdown against him in the Maximov fight, although fight-night coverage describes a left hand dropping him to his knees. Package math uses Greco.

Striking mix: **Head 92.0%** / Body 7.1% / Leg 0.9% of sig landed · Distance 68.9% / Clinch 3.8% / Ground 27.4%. Absorbed mix: Head 76.8% / Body 13.3% / Leg 9.9% · **Distance 83.3%** / Clinch 5.6% / Ground 11.2%.

6. Fighting Style, Strengths, and How They Win

- **Relentless single-leg wrestler:** 5.39 takedowns landed per 15 minutes — chained singles, trips and mat returns (Maximov 9/13, Alhassan 8/24, Dobson 6/16).
- **Top control over finishing:** 7:06 of control per 15 minutes; five of six UFC wins went to decision.
- **Sharp boxing:** 56.8% accuracy and 4.23 landed per minute, almost all to the head (92%). Jab and one-two from range (Finney, Meerschaert).
- **Grappling credentials:** ADCC trials winner and Pan Pacific gold medallist (Wikipedia), though his UFC submission attempts are near the division average.
- **Risk flags:** Knocked out in 18 seconds in his debut and hurt early by Maximov and Petroski. Slow starts: Allen and Meerschaert won R1 on Sherdog's scoring, and Dobson out-landed him 41-24 in R1. Average takedown defence (5/9 stuffed). Almost no leg or body attacks. The Brundage DQ came from an illegal elbow while he was in full control.

Sources: Greco; UFC Stats; Wikipedia; Sherdog fight-night coverage; CageOracle; § narratives.

Expectation Breaks

- **Brendan Allen (Jun 2022):** All three Sherdog scorers had Malkoun winning 29-28; all three judges had Allen 29-28.

- **Cody Brundage (Sep 2023):** A –485 favourite on his way to a potential 10-8 round, disqualified at 4:15 of R1.
- **Nick Maximov (Oct 2022):** Dropped to his knees early as a +115 underdog, then won 30-27 on all cards with nine takedowns.
- **Torrez Finney (Jan 2026):** Back from 672 days out against an unbeaten opponent and landed **117** significant strikes — two judges scored it 30-26.
- **Gerald Meerschaert (May 2026):** A –1800 favourite who lost R1 to a guillotine counter before winning on all three cards.

7. Community / Expert Predictions and Sentiment

Label: opinion / media narrative — not facts about fight outcome.

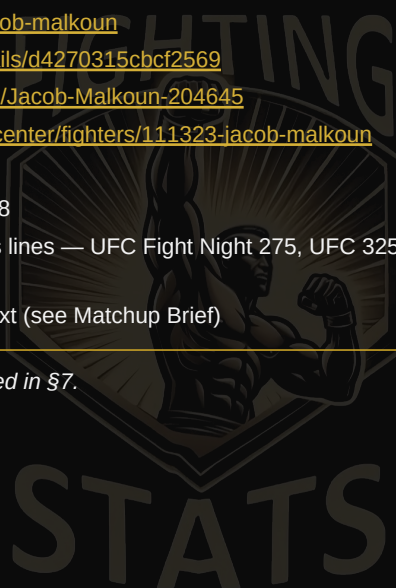
- **Market:** Underdog. +150 BetMGM, +165 Caesars, +160 1xBet, +175 BetOnline; vig-free about **37.2%**. Opened about +132 and has drifted (CageOracle odds board, Oct 18).
- **Model view:** CageOracle's model gives him **39%** (opinion), close to the market.
- **Community:** Tapology lists him at +155, with **25%** of community picks.
- **Framing:** CageOracle highlights his 5.39 takedowns per 15 minutes and notes Vagaev is two inches taller.

No anonymous forum picks are included beyond sourced public pages.

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- CageOracle — odds board and model context (see Matchup Brief)

Fighting Stats. As-of 2026-10-18. Opinions labeled in §7.



Abubakar Vagaev

VS

Jacob Malkoun

Blue OFFENSE

Red DEFENSE

Striking Distribution

Distance %	Clinch %	Ground %
66.7%	25.9%	7.4%

Striking Accuracy

Distance Acc	Clinch Acc	Ground Acc
30.5%	77.8%	100.0%

Offensive Knockdowns

KD	KD Rate
0	0.00

Head Target	Head Accuracy
59%	31%

Body Target	Body Accuracy
26%	54%

Leg Target	Leg Accuracy
15%	80%

Head Target Against	Head Strike Def
77%	61%

Body Target Against	Body Defense
13%	22%

Leg Target Against	Leg Strike Def
10%	12%

Strikes Against Distribution

Distance %	Clinch %	Ground %
83.3%	5.6%	11.2%

Striking Defense

Distance Def	Clinch Def	Ground Def
59.0%	38.1%	10.3%

Knockdowns Against

KD	KD Rate
1	0.15

Offensive Takedowns

TD Attempted	TD Success	TD Accuracy	Control (sec)	Control / TD	SUB.ATT	REV.
10	4	40.0%	466	116.5	0	0

Takedown Defense

TDD Att	TDD Success	TDD %	Control Against (s)	Ctrl allowed/TD	SUB.ATT ag	REV. ag
9	5	55.6%	560	140	3	4

Abubakar Vagaev

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Blue DEFENSE

Red OFFENSE

Strikes Against Distribution

Distance %	Clinch %	Ground %
69.7%	24.2%	6.1%

Striking Defense

Distance Def	Clinch Def	Ground Def
66.7%	27.3%	33.3%

Knockdowns Against

KD	KD Rate
0	0.00

Head Target Against	Head Strike Def
48%	75%

Body Target Against	Body Defense
21%	22%

Leg Target Against	Leg Strike Def
30%	9%

Striking Distribution

Distance %	Clinch %	Ground %
68.9%	3.8%	27.4%

Striking Accuracy

Distance Acc	Clinch Acc	Ground Acc
52.7%	51.6%	72.0%

Offensive Knockdowns

KD	KD Rate
1	0.15

Takedown Defense

TDD Att	TDD Success	TDD %	Control Against (s)	Ctrl allowed/TD	SUB.ATT ag	REV. ag
7	5	71.4%	166	83	3	0

Offensive Takedowns

TD Attempted	TD Success	TD Accuracy	Control (sec)	Control / TD	SUB.ATT	REV.
84	36	42.9%	2848	79.1	5	0

Statistical Matchup Package

Dashboard stats updated: 2026-10-18.

Tale of the Tape

Blue = Abubakar Vagaev · Red = Jacob Malkoun ("Mamba").

Blue (Abubakar Vagaev) physicals filled from [UFC.com athlete page](#) (height 72 in; reach and stance not listed) (Greco TOTT blank): Height: 6' 0".

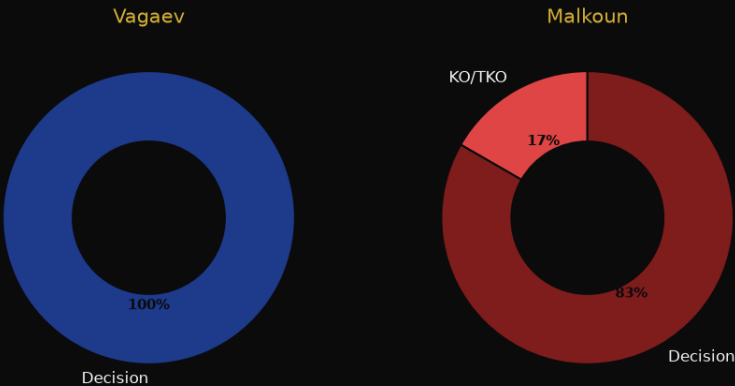
Acronym glossary

Term	Meaning
SLpM	Significant strikes landed per minute of fight time
SS Acc	Significant-strike accuracy (landed ÷ attempted)
Str Def	Striking defense % (share of opponent sig attempts missed)
TD Acc	Takedown accuracy (landed ÷ attempted)
TDD	Takedown defense % (stuff rate)
CTRL	Control time on the ground / clinch control clock
KD	Knockdowns scored (or absorbed, when labeled)
Stand/sig per 15	Projected significant-strike pace if stand-up lasted a full 15 min on striking-time basis (fight time – CTRL)
Striking time	Round/fight clock minus control time (mm:ss and % of round clock)

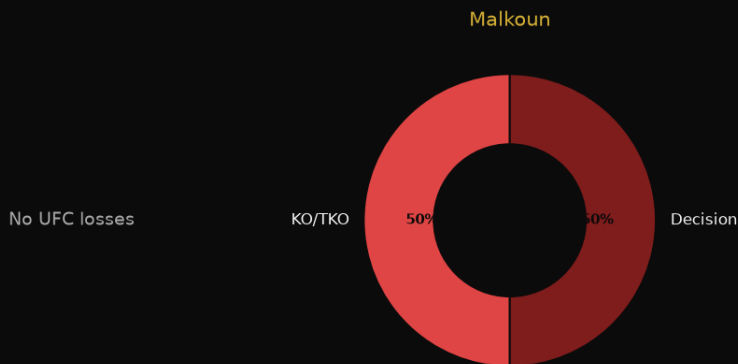
Tale of the Tape — Quick Look

UFC Record 1-0-0 Vagaev · Blue	Age 33 Vagaev	Height 6' 0" Vagaev	Reach — Vagaev	Stance — Vagaev
UFC Record 6-3-0 Malkoun · Red	Age 31 Malkoun	Height 5' 9" Malkoun	Reach 73" Malkoun	Stance Orthodox Malkoun

Win Method Mix (UFC)



Loss Method Mix (UFC)



Matchup board read — Page A (Vagaev OFF vs Malkoun DEF)

Vagaev's accuracy is the pressure point into Malkoun's defense (Vagaev SS Acc **38.6%** into Malkoun Str Def **55.4%**). Most of Vagaev's work is at distance (**66.7%**). Wrestling leverage: Vagaev TD Acc **40.0%** vs Malkoun TDD **55.6%**. Power check: Vagaev KD scored **0** (0.0/15) vs Malkoun KD absorbed **1** (0.15/15).

Matchup board read — Page B (Vagaev DEF vs Malkoun OFF)

Malkoun needs clean entries into Vagaev's defense (Malkoun SS Acc **56.8%** into Vagaev Str Def **60.2%**). On the mat, Malkoun's TD Acc **42.9%** (36/84) meets Vagaev TDD **71.4%** — that gap is the wrestling story. Expected control / 15: Malkoun **426.3s** (**47.4%**) vs Vagaev **466.0s** (**51.8%**) (Malkoun SUB.ATT 5).

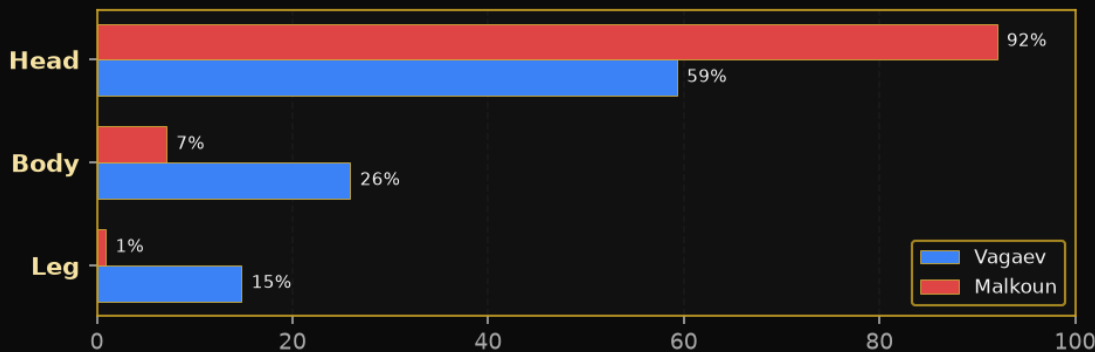


Career Striking Breakdown

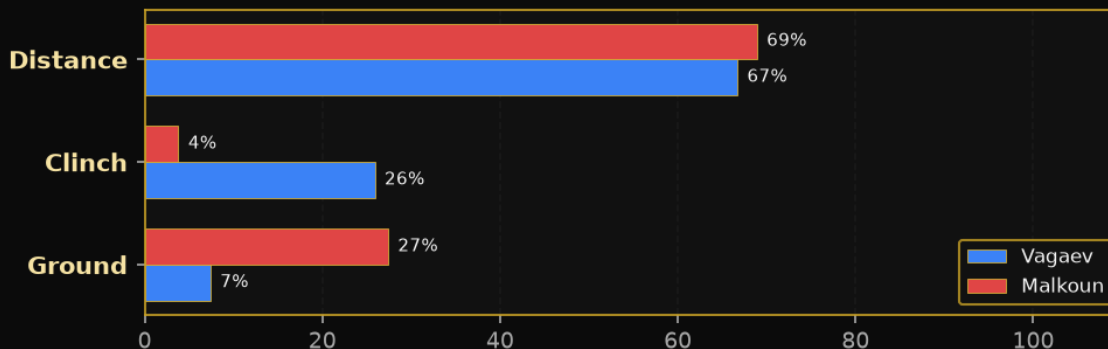
Layout: Blue (Abubakar Vagaev) | metric | Red (Jacob Malkoun). Dashboard stats updated: 2026-10-18.

Blue	Metric	Red
27/70	Sig landed / thrown	424/746
38.6%	SS Acc	56.8%
59.3% / 30.8%	Head share / Acc	92.0% / 55.2%
25.9% / 53.8%	Body share / Acc	7.1% / 85.7%
14.8% / 80.0%	Leg share / Acc	0.9% / 100.0%
66.7% / 25.9% / 7.4%	Distance / Clinch / Ground share	68.9% / 3.8% / 27.4%
0	KD scored (offense)	1
0	KD absorbed (defense)	1
0.0	KD rate (scored / 15)	0.15
0.0	KD absorbed rate (/15)	0.15
—	Knockdown rate (1 KD per N sig absorbed)	1 per 233 sig abs
33/83	Sig absorbed (landed on)	233/523
60.2%	Str Def	55.4%

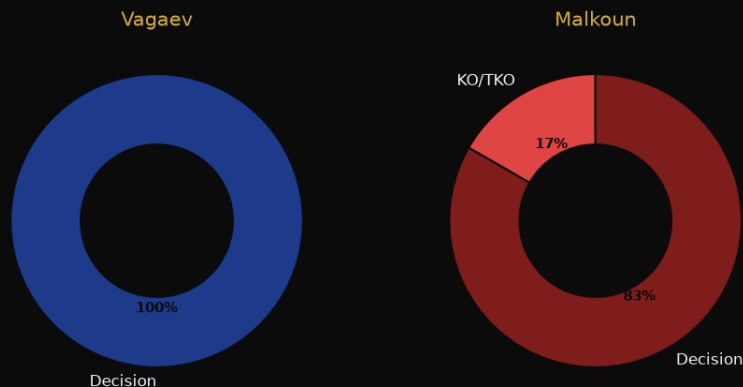
Target Mix (landed %)



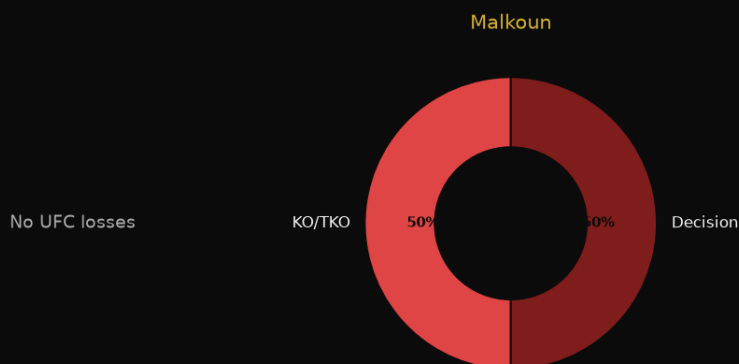
Striking Range Mix (landed %)



Win Method Mix (UFC)



Loss Method Mix (UFC)



Career Grappling Breakdown

Blue (Abubakar Vagaev) | metric | Red (Jacob Malkoun) — same titles side-by-side.

Blue	Metric	Red
4 of 10 (40.0%)	TD landed / attempted (Acc)	36 of 84 (42.9%)
2 of 7 (71.4%)	TD against (TDD %)	4 of 9 (55.6%)
0	Submission attempts	5
0	Reversals	0
466.0s (51.8%)	Control expected / 15	426.3s (47.4%)
7:46	Career CTRL	47:28
166.0s (18.4%)	Control allowed / 15	83.8s (9.3%)
2:46	Career CTRL against	9:20

Matchup implications

- Malkoun TD Acc 42.9% into Vagaev TDD 71.4%
→ *Malkoun TD volume is limited — expect a stand-up fight unless chaos opens.*
- Vagaev TD Acc 40.0% into Malkoun TDD 55.6%
→ *Vagaev's sparse TD conversion into Malkoun's strong TDD — stuffed entries unless clinch/fence opens.*

- Control allowed / 15: Vagaev 166.0s (18.4%) vs Malkoun 83.8s (9.3%)
→ *Vagaev has absorbed more mat time; Malkoun's sample shows almost no control allowed.*

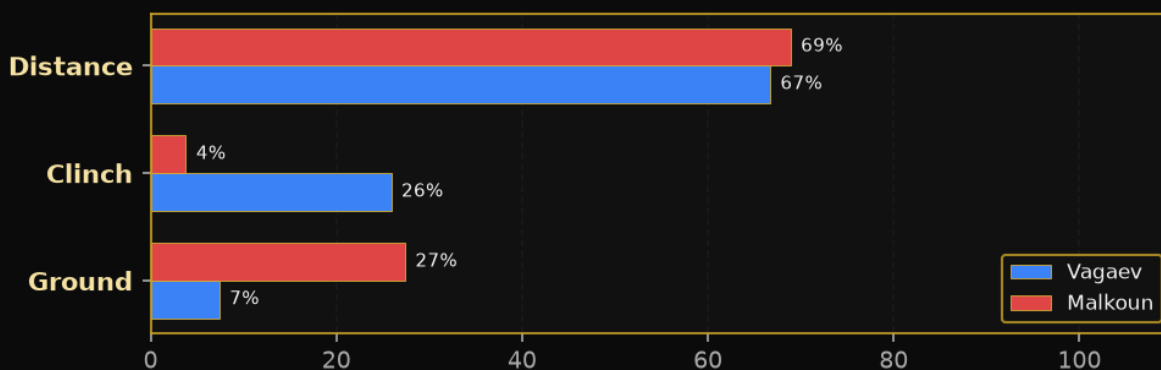


Striking Infographics

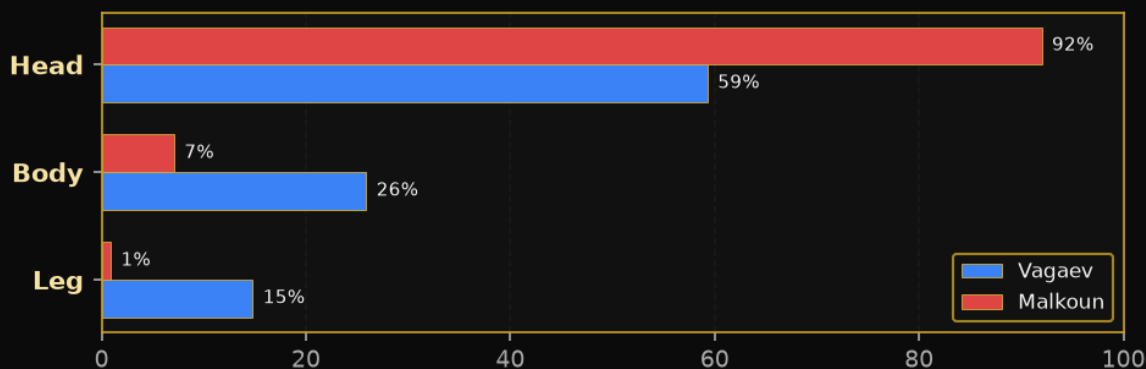
Striking Accuracy & Defense Gauges



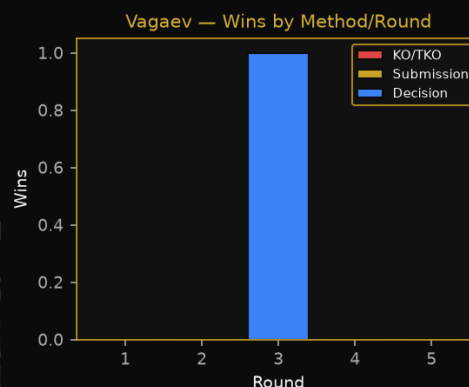
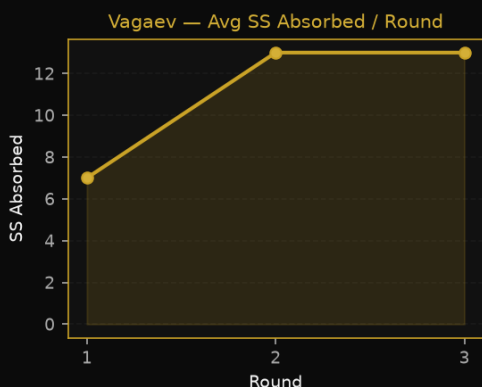
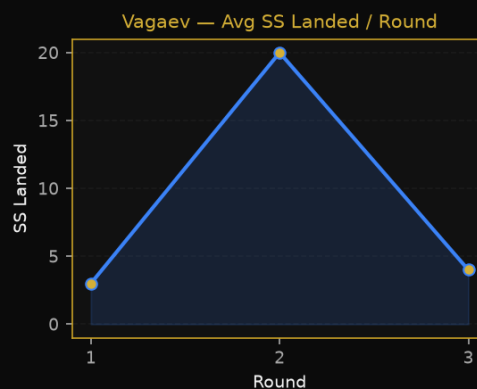
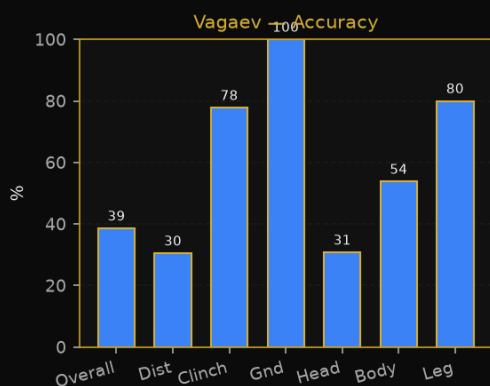
Striking Range Mix (landed %)



Target Mix (landed %)



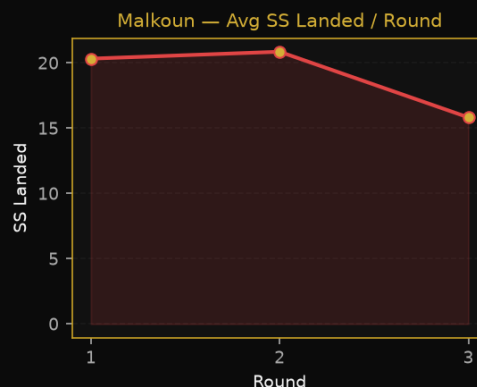
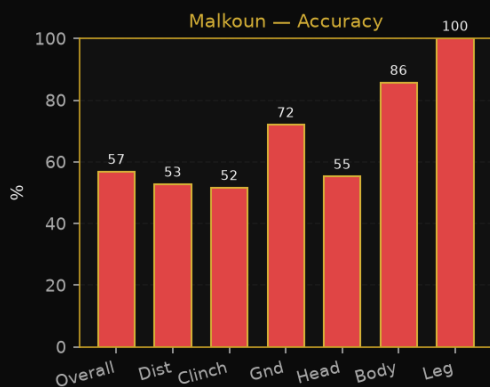
STRIKING — Abubakar Vagaev (Blue)

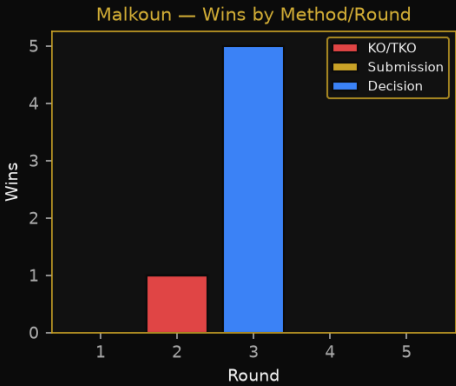
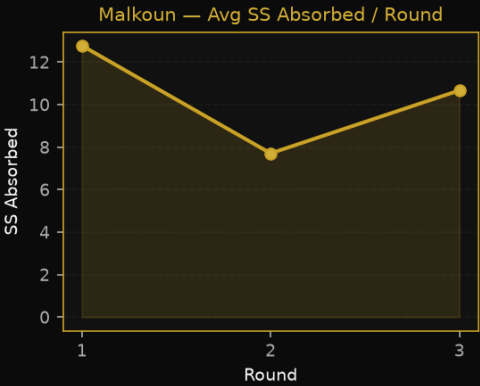


Vagaev striking snapshot

Career SS Acc **38.6%** · Def **60.2%** · Distance share **66.7%** · KD rate **0.0/15** · Absorbed KD rate **0.0/15**.

STRIKING — Jacob Malkoun (Red)





Malkoun striking snapshot

Career SS Acc **56.8%** · Def **55.4%** · Distance share **68.9%** · KD rate **0.15/15** · Absorbed KD rate **0.15/15**.

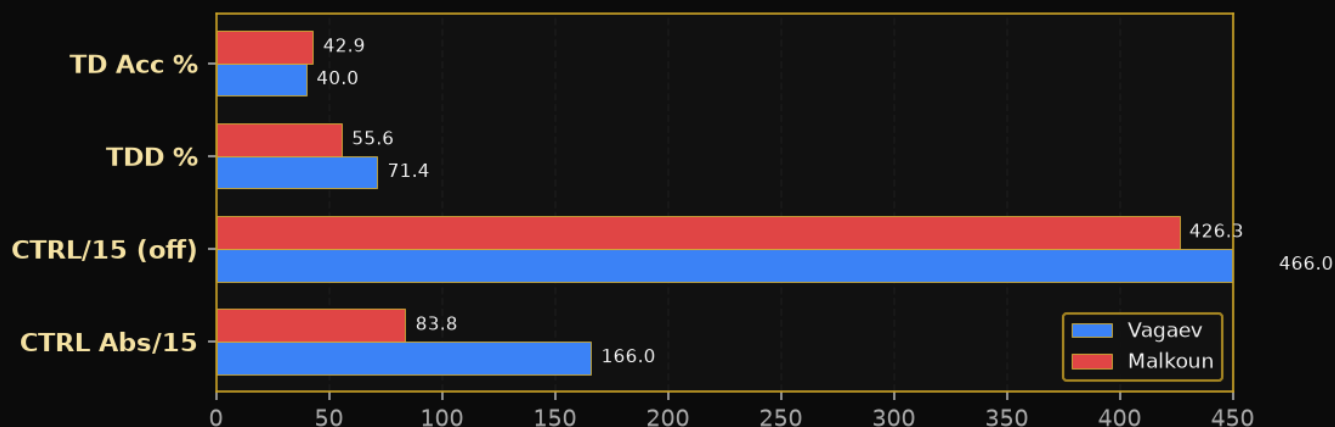


Grappling Infographics & Matchup Insights

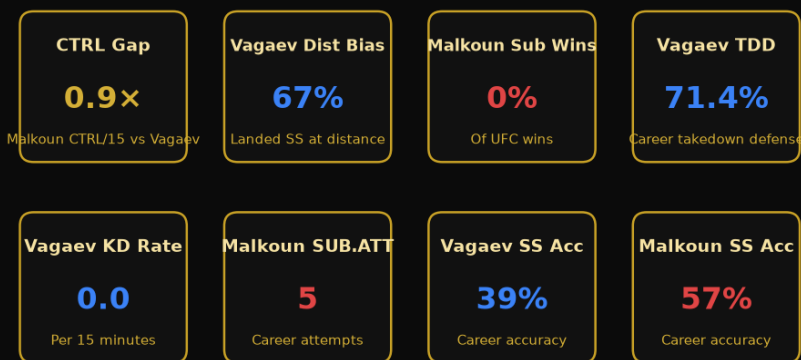
Takedown Accuracy & Defense Gauges



Grappling Snapshot



Matchup Snapshot — Expectation Breakers



Expectation-break insights

Insight

Control allowed: Vagaev CTRL against / 15 = 166.0s (18.4%) vs Malkoun 83.8s (9.3%) — Vagaev has been held; Malkoun's sample is near-zero.

Insight

TD volume vs TDD: Vagaev TD Att 10 / Acc 40.0% into Malkoun TDD 55.6% — sparse conversion into elite defense.

Insight

TD offense gate: Malkoun TD Acc 42.9% (36/84) — low TD volume offensively; expect a stand-up fight unless Vagaev forces chaos.

Insight

Sub threat: Vagaev career SUB.ATT 0 (0.0% of UFC wins) vs Malkoun 5 (0.0% of UFC wins) — submission equity is Blue's underdog path.

Insight

KD profile: Vagaev KD rate 0.0/15 vs Malkoun 0.15/15; Vagaev has absorbed 0 KD in UFC.

Insight

Distance bias: Vagaev 66.7% landed SS at distance vs Malkoun 68.9%; Vagaev absorbs 69.7% of damage at distance.

Insight

Accuracy vs defense gate: Vagaev Acc 38.6% → Malkoun Def 55.4%; Malkoun Acc 56.8% → Vagaev Def 60.2%.

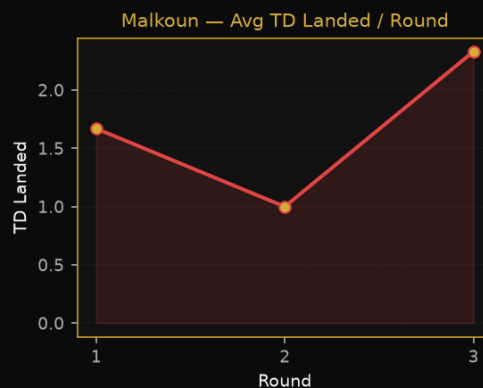
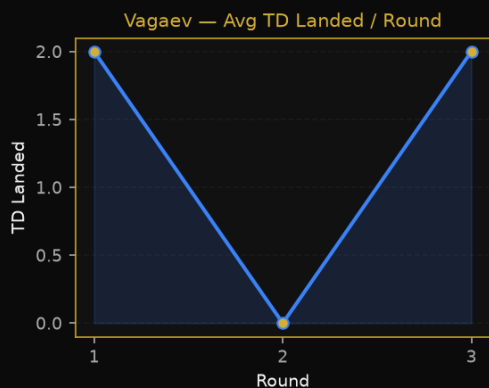
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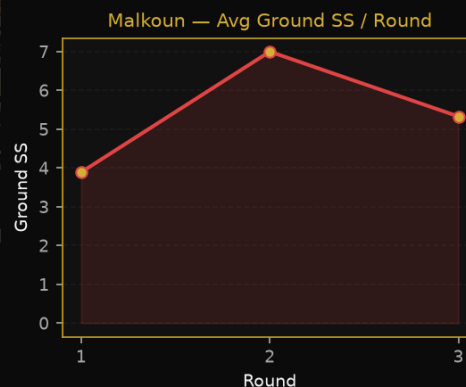
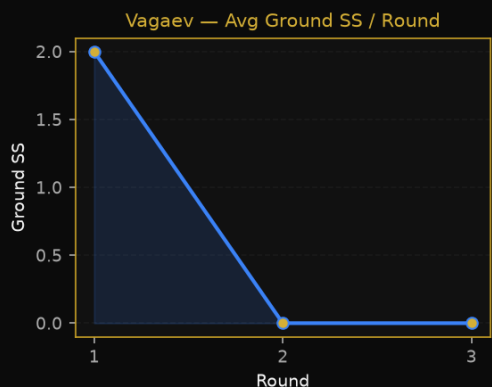
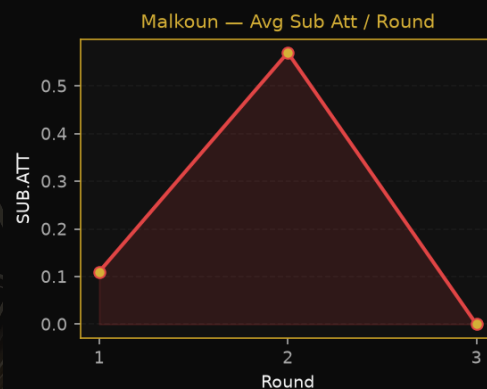
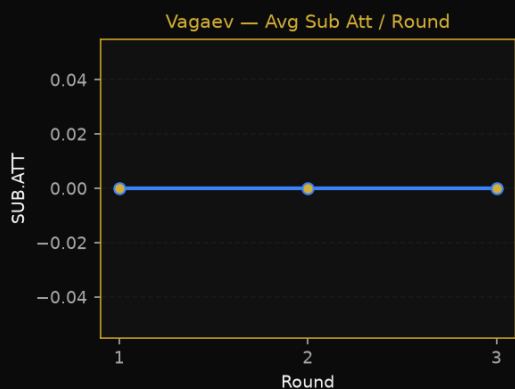
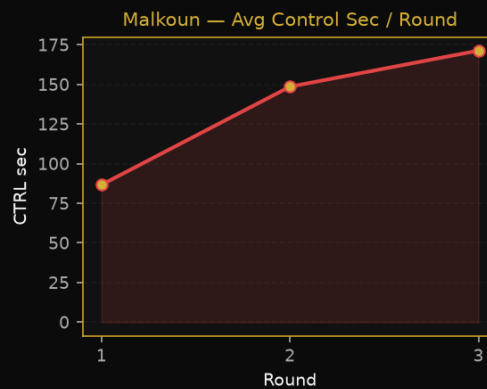
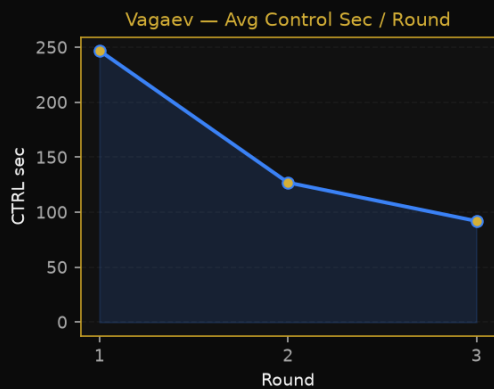
Division: billed Middleweight at UFC 333: Volkanovski vs. Evloev (Oct 24, 2026, Etihad Arena, Abu Dhabi). Compare each fighter's last Greco class to the billed pool.

Insight

Age / mileage: Vagaev 33 (1 UFC) vs Malkoun 31 (9 UFC).

By-round grappling





Leg Strikes — Offense vs Defense

UFCStats **LEG** column = significant strikes to the legs (**leg sig strikes / low-kick proxy**). Parsed as “a of b” from UFC fight stats. No limp/establishment narrative — volume, accuracy, share, and vs-average only. Tables sorted **most recent** → **oldest**. As of 2026-10-18.

Malkoun Leg Output vs Vagaev Leg Absorption

Side-by-side career board so FightingStats can compare **Malkoun low-kick/leg output** vs **Vagaev’s leg absorption pattern**.

Metric	Malkoun OFFENSE (leg)	Vagaev DEFENSE (leg abs)	Vagaev OFFENSE (leg)	Malkoun DEFENSE (leg abs)
Leg sig landed	4	10	4	23
Leg sig attempted	4	11	5	26
Leg accuracy %	100.0%	90.9%	80.0%	88.5%
Leg share % of sig landed	0.9%	30.3%	14.8%	9.9%
Avg leg landed / round	0.18	3.33	1.33	1.05
Avg leg landed / fight	0.44	10.00	4.00	2.56
Sample rounds / fights	22/9	3/1	3/1	22/9

Δ (Malkoun OFF avg leg/rnd – Vagaev DEF avg leg abs/rnd) = **-3.15**. Δ leg share pp (Malkoun OFF share – Vagaev DEF share) = **-29.4**. Malkoun career leg volume: **4 of 4** (100.0% acc · 0.9% of sig landed). Vagaev career leg absorbed: **10 of 11** (30.3% of sig absorbed). Middleweight division avg leg L/rnd $\approx$ **2.38**.

Read — volume only

Malkoun averages **0.18** leg sig landed per round (0.44/fight). Vagaev absorbs **3.33** leg sig per round historically (10.00/fight). Leg landed / attempted from fight stats (significant strikes to the legs).

Leg-Kick Finishes & Fight Narratives (sourced)

Wins by leg kicks (UFC METHOD/DETAILS): No UFC KO/TKO win for either fighter lists leg/calf/low kick in UFC Stats METHOD/DETAILS for this package (check DETAILS per bout).

No sourced fight summaries found where leg kicks were a key part of how the bout played out.

Malkoun Leg Offense — Round × Opponent

Jacob Malkoun — **offensive** leg sig / low-kick proxy. Columns: Date · Opponent · Round · Sig landed · Leg Lnd · Leg Att · Leg Acc% · Leg Share% · vs Opp Avg Abs (Above/Below).

Baseline: round Leg Lnd vs that opponent's career avg leg sig absorbed/rnd (Above/Below/≈Avg; Δ in parentheses). Middleweight division avg leg L/rnd ≈ 2.38.

Career: 4 of 4 leg sig (100.0% · 0.9% of 424 sig landed).

Date	Opponent	Rnd	Sig Lnd	Leg Lnd	Leg Att	Leg Acc%	Leg Share%	vs Opp Avg Abs
2026-05-02	Gerald Meerschaert	1	6	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.52) vs 1.52
2026-05-02	Gerald Meerschaert	2	18	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.52) vs 1.52
2026-05-02	Gerald Meerschaert	3	12	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.52) vs 1.52
2026-01-31	Torrez Finney	1	61	0	0	—	0.0%	≈Avg (-0.17) vs 0.17
2026-01-31	Torrez Finney	2	37	0	0	—	0.0%	≈Avg (-0.17) vs 0.17
2026-01-31	Torrez Finney	3	19	0	0	—	0.0%	≈Avg (-0.17) vs 0.17
2024-03-30	Andre Petroski	1	15	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.84) vs 1.84
2024-03-30	Andre Petroski	2	5	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.84) vs 1.84
2023-09-23	Cody Brundage	1	28	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.23) vs 1.23
2022-10-15	Nick Maximov	1	36	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-0.50) vs 0.50
2022-10-15	Nick Maximov	2	36	1	1	100.0%	2.8%	Above (+0.50) vs 0.50
2022-10-15	Nick Maximov	3	11	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-0.50) vs 0.50
2022-06-11	Brendan Allen	1	10	1	1	100.0%	10.0%	≈Avg (-0.19) vs 1.19
2022-06-11	Brendan Allen	2	12	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.19) vs 1.19
2022-06-11	Brendan Allen	3	11	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.19) vs 1.19
2022-02-12	AJ Dobson	1	24	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-8.90) vs 8.90
2022-02-12	AJ Dobson	2	25	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-8.90) vs 8.90
2022-02-12	AJ Dobson	3	31	1	1	100.0%	3.2%	Below (-7.90) vs 8.90
2021-04-17	Abdul Razak Alhassan	1	3	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-2.29) vs 2.29
2021-04-17	Abdul Razak Alhassan	2	13	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-2.29) vs 2.29
2021-04-17	Abdul Razak Alhassan	3	11	1	1	100.0%	9.1%	Below (-1.29) vs 2.29
2020-10-24	Phil Hawes	1	0	0	0	—	—	Below (-1.08) vs 1.08

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Vagaev Leg Defense — Absorbed (Round × Opponent)

Abubakar Vagaev — **defensive** leg sig absorbed (opponent LEG in that EVENT+BOUT+ROUND). Columns: Date · Opponent · Round · Sig abs · Leg Abs L/T · Opp Acc% · Share% · vs Own Avg Abs.

Baseline: round Leg Abs vs this fighter's own career avg leg sig absorbed/rnd (Above/Below/=Avg; Δ in parentheses). Middleweight division avg leg L/rnd ≈ 2.38.

Career absorbed: 10 of 11 (90.9% opponent leg acc · 30.3% of sig absorbed).

Date	Opponent	Rnd	Sig Abs	Leg Abs	Leg Att	Opp Acc%	Leg Share%	vs Own Avg Abs
2026-07-25	Saygid Izagakhmaev	1	7	3	3	100.0%	42.9%	Below (-0.33) vs 3.33
2026-07-25	Saygid Izagakhmaev	2	13	6	7	85.7%	46.2%	Above (+2.67) vs 3.33
2026-07-25	Saygid Izagakhmaev	3	13	1	1	100.0%	7.7%	Below (-2.33) vs 3.33



Vagaev Leg Offense — Round × Opponent

Abubakar Vagaev — **offensive** leg sig / low-kick proxy. Same columns as Malkoun offense (Date · ... · vs Opp Avg Abs).

Baseline: round Leg Lnd vs that opponent's career avg leg sig absorbed/rnd (Above/Below≈Avg; Δ in parentheses). Middleweight division avg leg L/rnd = 2.38.

Career: 4 of 5 leg sig (80.0% · 14.8% of 27 sig landed).

Date	Opponent	Rnd	Sig Lnd	Leg Lnd	Leg Att	Leg Acc%	Leg Share%	vs Opp Avg Abs
2026-07-25	Saygid Izagakhmaev	1	3	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.50) vs 1.50
2026-07-25	Saygid Izagakhmaev	2	20	4	5	80.0%	20.0%	Above (+2.50) vs 1.50
2026-07-25	Saygid Izagakhmaev	3	4	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.50) vs 1.50



Malkoun Leg Defense — Absorbed (Round × Opponent)

Jacob Malkoun — **defensive** leg sig absorbed. Same columns as Vagaev defense (Date · ... · vs Own Avg Abs).

Baseline: round Leg Abs vs this fighter's own career avg leg sig absorbed/rnd (Above/Below/=Avg; Δ in parentheses). Middleweight division avg leg L/rnd ≈ 2.38.

Career absorbed: 23 of 26 (88.5% opponent leg acc · 9.9% of sig absorbed).

Date	Opponent	Rnd	Sig Abs	Leg Abs	Leg Att	Opp Acc%	Leg Share%	vs Own Avg Abs
2026-05-02	Gerald Meerschaert	1	4	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.05) vs 1.05
2026-05-02	Gerald Meerschaert	2	16	2	2	100.0%	12.5%	Above (+0.95) vs 1.05
2026-05-02	Gerald Meerschaert	3	12	1	1	100.0%	8.3%	≈Avg (-0.05) vs 1.05
2026-01-31	Torrez Finney	1	7	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.05) vs 1.05
2026-01-31	Torrez Finney	2	8	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.05) vs 1.05
2026-01-31	Torrez Finney	3	12	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.05) vs 1.05
2024-03-30	Andre Petroski	1	10	4	5	80.0%	40.0%	Above (+2.95) vs 1.05
2024-03-30	Andre Petroski	2	3	1	1	100.0%	33.3%	≈Avg (-0.05) vs 1.05
2023-09-23	Cody Brundage	1	2	1	1	100.0%	50.0%	≈Avg (-0.05) vs 1.05
2022-10-15	Nick Maximov	1	19	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.05) vs 1.05
2022-10-15	Nick Maximov	2	7	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.05) vs 1.05
2022-10-15	Nick Maximov	3	8	1	1	100.0%	12.5%	≈Avg (-0.05) vs 1.05
2022-06-11	Brendan Allen	1	15	5	6	83.3%	33.3%	Above (+3.95) vs 1.05
2022-06-11	Brendan Allen	2	12	2	2	100.0%	16.7%	Above (+0.95) vs 1.05
2022-06-11	Brendan Allen	3	18	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.05) vs 1.05
2022-02-12	AJ Dobson	1	41	4	4	100.0%	9.8%	Above (+2.95) vs 1.05
2022-02-12	AJ Dobson	2	4	1	1	100.0%	25.0%	≈Avg (-0.05) vs 1.05
2022-02-12	AJ Dobson	3	7	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.05) vs 1.05
2021-04-17	Abdul Razak Alhassan	1	10	0	1	0.0%	0.0%	Below (-1.05) vs 1.05
2021-04-17	Abdul Razak Alhassan	2	4	1	1	100.0%	25.0%	≈Avg (-0.05) vs 1.05
2021-04-17	Abdul Razak Alhassan	3	7	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.05) vs 1.05
2020-10-24	Phil Hawes	1	7	0	0	—	0.0%	Below (-1.05) vs 1.05

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Opponent Career Historical Avg — Leg Sig Absorbed

For each UFC opponent faced: career historical average leg sig strikes **absorbed** (what opponents land on them across their UFC career). This is the offense-row baseline for the Above/Below column. Opponents ordered by most recent appearance.

Opponents faced by Abubakar Vagaev — their career leg-absorbed averages

Opponent	Fights	Rnds	Leg Abs L/T	Avg Leg Abs /Fight	Avg /Rnd	Leg Acc% on them	Leg Share% of SS Abs
Saygid Izagakhmaev	2	6	9 of 11	4.50	1.50	81.8%	17.0%

Opponents faced by Jacob Malkoun — their career leg-absorbed averages

Opponent	Fights	Rnds	Leg Abs L/T	Avg Leg Abs /Fight	Avg /Rnd	Leg Acc% on them	Leg Share% of SS Abs
Gerald Meerschaert	27	56	85 of 102	3.15	1.52	83.3%	10.7%
Torrez Finney	2	6	1 of 1	0.50	0.17	100.0%	0.7%
Andre Petroski	13	31	57 of 75	4.38	1.84	76.0%	14.2%
Cody Brundage	16	30	37 of 44	2.31	1.23	84.1%	10.5%
Nick Maximov	4	10	5 of 6	1.25	0.50	83.3%	3.2%
Brendan Allen	20	53	63 of 79	3.15	1.19	79.7%	6.7%
AJ Dobson	4	10	89 of 100	22.25	8.90	89.0%	32.0%
Abdul Razak Alhassan	14	24	55 of 58	3.93	2.29	94.8%	15.6%
Phil Hawes	8	13	14 of 16	1.75	1.08	87.5%	7.2%

Source: UFCStats **LEG** = significant strikes to the legs (leg sig / low-kick proxy). Landed of attempted parsed from fight-stats CSV. Sort: most recent → oldest.



Middleweight Division Context

Upcoming bout is billed **Middleweight**. Division pool (n=364): Fighters whose majority of UFC bouts are in billed class 'Middleweight', OR whose most recent UFC bout is in that family. **Last Greco weight class:** Vagaev = **Welterweight Bout**; Malkoun = **Middleweight Bout**. Values: fighter · division average · delta · standing in division. Control rows show seconds and % of a 15-min fight.

Sample-size note

Abubakar Vagaev has a sparse Octagon sample (n=1) — treat rates as a single-fight tape read.

Division-context caveat

Abubakar Vagaev's only UFC bout (UFC Fight Night: Ankalaev vs. Guskov, Jul 25, 2026) was at welterweight. This bout is his first billed Middleweight UFC appearance — with a one-fight sample, treat Middleweight-pool deltas as cross-class context, not like-for-like.

Metric	Div Avg	Vagaev	Δ vs avg	Vagaev standing	Malkoun	Δ vs avg	Malkoun standing
SS Acc %	46.0%	38.6%	-7.3 pp	N/A	56.8%	+10.8 pp	top 14%
SS Def %	51.7%	60.2%	+8.5 pp	N/A	55.4%	+3.7 pp	top 37%
TD Acc %	41.4%	40.0%	-1.4 pp	N/A	42.9%	+1.5 pp	top 46%
TDD %	56.6%	71.4%	+14.8 pp	N/A	55.6%	-1.0 pp	top 57%
Control expected / 15 min	196.3s (21.8%)	466.0s (51.8%)	+269.7s	N/A	426.3s (47.4%)	+230.0s	top 7.4%
Control allowed / 15 min	215.5s (23.9%)	166.0s (18.4%)	-49.5s	N/A	83.8s (9.3%)	-131.7s	top 24%
KD rate / 15	0.40	0.00	-0.40	N/A	0.15	-0.25	top 52%
KD Abs rate / 15	0.58	0.00	-0.58	N/A	0.15	-0.43	top 38%
SLpM	2.99	1.80	-1.19	N/A	4.23	+1.24	top 20%
SAPM	3.37	2.20	-1.17	N/A	2.33	-1.04	top 22%

Control expected / allowed per 15 min = total CTRL (or CTRL against) seconds ÷ fight seconds × 900. Shown as seconds and % of a 15-minute (900s) fight (e.g. 290.4s ≈ 32.3%).

Vagaev vs division field

SS Acc **38.6%** (div avg 46.0%, N/A) · SS Def **60.2%** (N/A) · TDD **71.4%** (N/A). Last Greco class: Welterweight Bout.

Malkoun vs division field

SLpM **4.23** (top 20%) · TDD **55.6%** (top 57%) · SS Def **55.4%** (top 37%). Last Greco class: Middleweight Bout.

Standing = share of the Middleweight pool at or better on that metric ("top X%"). For Control allowed / 15, KD Abs rate, and SAPM, lower is better.

Abubakar Vagaev — A/B/C/D Fight Tables

Locked next-build tables. **A/B** = every UFC round × opponent (most recent first); sig by **distance / clinch / ground only** (no head/body/leg). Striking time = mm:ss [% of round clock] (clock – CTRL). Stand/15* = projected sig pace if stand-up lasted a full 15 min on striking-time basis. **C/D** = fight-level grappling. C/D styles: **bold gold wash** = ≥1 TD attempt; muted = 0 attempts; **teal wash** = landed ≥1 TD vs historically strong career TDD (≥70%). Diff = subject sig landed – absorbed.

A — Offensive Significant Strikes — Abubakar Vagaev

SS T/L = thrown/landed. Dist/Clin/Gnd = sig landed/thrown by position. Tot D/C/G uses UFCStats position splits (all distance strikes are significant).

Date	Opponent	R	WC	SS T/L	Diff	KD	Dist	Clin	Gnd	Tot T/L	Tot D/C/G	StrTime [%clk]	Stand/15*
Jul 25, 2026	Saygid Izagakhmaev	1	Welterweight Bout	6/3	-4	0	0/3	1/1	2/2	35/30	0/1/2	0:53 [18%]	0.0
Jul 25, 2026	Saygid Izagakhmaev	2	Welterweight Bout	45/20	7	0	14/37	6/8	0/0	61/36	14/6/0	2:53 [58%]	72.8
Jul 25, 2026	Saygid Izagakhmaev	3	Welterweight Bout	19/4	-9	0	4/19	0/0	0/0	42/25	4/0/0	3:28 [69%]	17.3

B — Defensive Significant Strikes — Abubakar Vagaev

Absorbed mirror. Abs T/L = opponent thrown/landed on subject. KD↓ = knockdowns absorbed. Abs/15 = distance sig absorbed per 15 min of striking time.

Date	Opponent	R	WC	Abs T/L	Diff	KD↓	Dist	Clin	Gnd	Tot Abs	Tot D/C/G	StrTime [%clk]	Abs/15*
Jul 25, 2026	Saygid Izagakhmaev	1	Welterweight Bout	12/7	-4	0	4/8	3/4	0/0	31/26	4/3/0	0:53 [18%]	67.9
Jul 25, 2026	Saygid Izagakhmaev	2	Welterweight Bout	37/13	7	0	9/31	4/6	0/0	49/25	9/4/0	2:53 [58%]	46.8
Jul 25, 2026	Saygid Izagakhmaev	3	Welterweight Bout	34/13	-9	0	10/30	1/1	2/3	44/22	10/1/2	3:28 [69%]	43.3

C — Offensive Takedowns — Abubakar Vagaev

Opp TD allwd/f = opponent career takedowns absorbed ÷ UFC fights. Opp Career TDD% = 1 – (TD landed on them / TD attempted on them).

Date	Opponent	R	Res	TD A/L	Opp TD allwd/f	CTRL	Sub	Rev	Opp Career TDD%
Jul 25, 2026	Saygid Izagakhmaev	—	W	10/4	2.00	7:46	0	0	66.7%

D — Defensive Grappling — Abubakar Vagaev

TD ag = takedown attempts/landed against subject. CTRL ag = opponent control. Fight TDD% = stuff rate in that fight; Opp TD Acc = opponent career offensive TD accuracy. **Teal wash** = opponent landed ≥1 TD despite subject's strong career TDD.

Date	Opponent	R	Res	TD ag A/L	CTRL ag	Sub ag	Rev ag	Fight TDD%	Opp TD Acc	Opp TD/f
Jul 25, 2026	Saygid Izagakhmaev	—	W	7/2	2:46	3	0	71.4%	—	3.00

Jacob Malkoun — A/B/C/D Fight Tables

Locked next-build tables. **A/B** = every UFC round × opponent (most recent first); sig by **distance / clinch / ground only** (no head/body/leg). Striking time = mm:ss [% of round clock] (clock – CTRL). Stand/15* = projected sig pace if stand-up lasted a full 15 min on striking-time basis. **C/D** = fight-level grappling. C/D styles: **bold gold wash** = ≥1 TD attempt; muted = 0 attempts; **teal wash** = landed ≥1 TD vs historically strong career TDD (≥70%). Diff = subject sig landed – absorbed.

A — Offensive Significant Strikes — Jacob Malkoun

SS T/L = thrown/landed. Dist/Clin/Gnd = sig landed/thrown by position. Tot D/C/G uses UFCStats position splits (all distance strikes are significant).

Date	Opponent	R	WC	SS T/L	Diff	KD	Dist	Clin	Gnd	Tot T/L	Tot D/C/G	StrTime [%clk]	Stand/15 *
May 02, 2026	Gerald Meerschaert	1	Middleweight Bout	12/6	2	0	6/12	0/0	0/0	17/11	6/0/0	4:47 [96%]	18.8
May 02, 2026	Gerald Meerschaert	2	Middleweight Bout	42/18	2	0	18/42	0/0	0/0	57/30	18/0/0	3:37 [72%]	74.7
May 02, 2026	Gerald Meerschaert	3	Middleweight Bout	28/12	0	0	12/27	0/0	0/1	29/13	12/0/0	4:19 [86%]	41.7
Jan 31, 2026	Torrez Finney	1	Middleweight Bout	98/61	54	0	55/88	1/1	5/9	111/72	55/1/5	4:40 [93%]	176.8
Jan 31, 2026	Torrez Finney	2	Middleweight Bout	53/37	29	1	24/36	2/3	11/14	76/58	24/2/11	2:31 [50%]	143.1
Jan 31, 2026	Torrez Finney	3	Middleweight Bout	30/19	7	0	18/29	1/1	0/0	32/21	18/1/0	2:33 [51%]	105.9
Mar 30, 2024	Andre Petroski	1	Middleweight Bout	32/15	5	0	15/31	0/1	0/0	33/16	15/0/0	4:32 [91%]	49.6
Mar 30, 2024	Andre Petroski	2	Middleweight Bout	8/5	2	0	2/4	0/0	3/4	8/5	2/0/3	0:35 [90%]	51.4
Sep 23, 2023	Cody Brundage	1	Middleweight Bout	39/28	26	0	0/0	0/0	28/39	60/44	0/0/28	0:36 [14%]	0.0
Oct 15, 2022	Nick Maximov	1	Middleweight Bout	75/36	17	0	34/72	0/1	2/2	77/38	34/0/2	3:50 [77%]	133.0
Oct 15, 2022	Nick Maximov	2	Middleweight Bout	66/36	29	0	29/58	1/1	6/7	92/61	29/1/6	2:18 [46%]	189.1
Oct 15, 2022	Nick Maximov	3	Middleweight Bout	23/11	3	0	3/11	3/6	5/6	45/30	3/3/5	1:15 [25%]	36.0
Jun 11, 2022	Brendan Allen	1	Middleweight Bout	20/10	-5	0	9/19	1/1	0/0	27/13	9/1/0	2:36 [52%]	51.9
Jun 11, 2022	Brendan Allen	2	Middleweight Bout	19/12	0	0	10/14	0/0	2/5	43/32	10/0/2	2:02 [41%]	73.8
Jun 11, 2022	Brendan Allen	3	Middleweight Bout	16/11	-7	0	10/15	0/0	1/1	26/21	10/0/1	3:13 [64%]	46.6
Feb 12, 2022	AJ Dobson	1	Middleweight Bout	48/24	-17	0	23/46	1/2	0/0	50/26	23/1/0	3:59 [80%]	86.6
Feb 12, 2022	AJ Dobson	2	Middleweight Bout	37/25	21	0	1/4	3/5	21/28	108/82	1/3/21	1:15 [25%]	12.0
Feb 12, 2022	AJ Dobson	3	Middleweight Bout	43/31	24	0	5/7	0/0	26/36	97/75	5/0/26	0:29 [10%]	155.2
Apr 17, 2021	Abdul Razak Alhassan	1	Middleweight Bout	10/3	-7	0	3/5	0/3	0/2	30/15	3/0/0	1:15 [25%]	36.0
Apr 17, 2021	Abdul Razak Alhassan	2	Middleweight Bout	24/13	9	0	6/15	1/3	6/6	46/33	6/1/6	1:01 [20%]	88.5
Apr 17, 2021	Abdul Razak Alhassan	3	Middleweight Bout	21/11	4	0	9/17	2/3	0/1	59/43	9/2/0	1:03 [21%]	128.6

Date	Opponent	R	WC	SS T/L	Diff	KD	Dist	Clin	Gnd	Tot T/L	Tot D/C/G	StrTime [%clk]	Stand/15 *
Oct 24, 2020	Phil Hawes	1	Middleweight Bout	2/0	-7	0	0/2	0/0	0/0	2/0	0/0/0	0:18 [100%]	0.0

B — Defensive Significant Strikes — Jacob Malkoun

Absorbed mirror. Abs T/L = opponent thrown/landed on subject. KD↓ = knockdowns absorbed. Abs/15 = distance sig absorbed per 15 min of striking time.

Date	Opponent	R	WC	Abs T/L	Diff	KD↓	Dist	Clin	Gnd	Tot Abs	Tot D/C/G	StrTime [%clk]	Abs/15*
May 02, 2026	Gerald Meerschaert	1	Middleweight Bout	5/4	2	0	3/4	0/0	1/1	18/15	3/0/1	4:47 [96%]	9.4
May 02, 2026	Gerald Meerschaert	2	Middleweight Bout	32/16	2	0	16/31	0/1	0/0	35/18	16/0/0	3:37 [72%]	66.4
May 02, 2026	Gerald Meerschaert	3	Middleweight Bout	39/12	0	0	12/39	0/0	0/0	47/20	12/0/0	4:19 [86%]	41.7
Jan 31, 2026	Torrez Finney	1	Middleweight Bout	26/7	54	0	7/25	0/1	0/0	33/12	7/0/0	4:40 [93%]	22.5
Jan 31, 2026	Torrez Finney	2	Middleweight Bout	21/8	29	0	7/20	1/1	0/0	24/11	7/1/0	2:31 [50%]	41.7
Jan 31, 2026	Torrez Finney	3	Middleweight Bout	30/12	7	0	11/29	1/1	0/0	38/19	11/1/0	2:33 [51%]	64.7
Mar 30, 2024	Andre Petroski	1	Middleweight Bout	33/10	5	0	9/32	1/1	0/0	34/10	9/1/0	4:32 [91%]	29.8
Mar 30, 2024	Andre Petroski	2	Middleweight Bout	9/3	2	0	3/9	0/0	0/0	9/3	3/0/0	0:35 [90%]	77.1
Sep 23, 2023	Cody Brundage	1	Middleweight Bout	4/2	26	0	1/3	0/0	1/1	5/3	1/0/1	0:36 [14%]	25.0
Oct 15, 2022	Nick Maximov	1	Middleweight Bout	61/19	17	0	19/60	0/0	0/1	61/19	19/0/0	3:50 [77%]	74.3
Oct 15, 2022	Nick Maximov	2	Middleweight Bout	24/7	29	0	7/24	0/0	0/0	29/12	7/0/0	2:18 [46%]	45.6
Oct 15, 2022	Nick Maximov	3	Middleweight Bout	17/8	3	0	8/17	0/0	0/0	34/25	8/0/0	1:15 [25%]	96.0
Jun 11, 2022	Brendan Allen	1	Middleweight Bout	34/15	-5	0	14/33	0/0	1/1	45/25	14/0/1	2:36 [52%]	80.8
Jun 11, 2022	Brendan Allen	2	Middleweight Bout	16/12	0	0	7/11	0/0	5/5	29/25	7/0/5	2:02 [41%]	51.6
Jun 11, 2022	Brendan Allen	3	Middleweight Bout	24/18	-7	0	7/11	0/1	11/12	48/39	7/0/11	3:13 [64%]	32.6
Feb 12, 2022	AJ Dobson	1	Middleweight Bout	69/41	-17	0	37/62	4/7	0/0	75/46	37/4/0	3:59 [80%]	139.3
Feb 12, 2022	AJ Dobson	2	Middleweight Bout	12/4	21	0	3/10	1/2	0/0	13/5	3/1/0	1:15 [25%]	36.0
Feb 12, 2022	AJ Dobson	3	Middleweight Bout	9/7	24	0	4/6	0/0	3/3	22/17	4/0/3	0:29 [10%]	124.1
Apr 17, 2021	Abdul Razak Alhassan	1	Middleweight Bout	21/10	-7	0	6/17	2/2	2/2	22/11	6/2/2	1:15 [25%]	72.0
Apr 17, 2021	Abdul Razak Alhassan	2	Middleweight Bout	9/4	9	0	4/9	0/0	0/0	11/6	4/0/0	1:01 [20%]	59.0
Apr 17, 2021	Abdul Razak Alhassan	3	Middleweight Bout	17/7	4	0	4/12	3/4	0/1	26/15	4/3/0	1:03 [21%]	57.1
Oct 24, 2020	Phil Hawes	1	Middleweight Bout	11/7	-7	1	5/9	0/0	2/2	11/7	5/0/2	0:18 [100%]	250.0

C — Offensive Takedowns — Jacob Malkoun

Opp TD allwd/f = opponent career takedowns absorbed ÷ UFC fights. Opp Career TDD% = 1 – (TD landed on them / TD attempted on them).

Date	Opponent	R	Res	TD A/L	Opp TD allwd/f	CTRL	Sub	Rev	Opp Career TDD%
May 02, 2026	Gerald Meerschaert	—	W	3/3	1.11	2:17	0	0	37.5%
Jan 31, 2026	Torrez Finney	—	W	8/2	1.00	5:16	3	0	75.0%
Mar 30, 2024	Andre Petroski	—	W	3/0	0.23	0:32	0	0	86.4%
Sep 23, 2023	Cody Brundage	—	L	3/1	0.69	3:39	0	0	66.7%
Oct 15, 2022	Nick Maximov	—	W	13/9	2.25	7:37	0	0	35.7%
Jun 11, 2022	Brendan Allen	—	L	14/7	0.95	7:09	0	0	55.8%
Feb 12, 2022	AJ Dobson	—	W	16/6	1.75	9:17	0	0	65.0%
Apr 17, 2021	Abdul Razak Alhassan	—	W	24/8	1.93	11:41	2	0	50.9%
Oct 24, 2020	Phil Hawes	—	L	0/0	0.12	0:00	0	0	90.9%

Above-expected TD (C) — Jacob Malkoun

Landed ≥1 TD vs historically strong career TDD (≥70%): Torrez Finney (Jan 31, 2026) TD 2/8 vs career TDD 75.0%.

D — Defensive Grappling — Jacob Malkoun

TD ag = takedown attempts/landed against subject. CTRL ag = opponent control. Fight TDD% = stuff rate in that fight; Opp TD Acc = opponent career offensive TD accuracy. Teal wash = opponent landed ≥1 TD despite subject's strong career TDD.

Date	Opponent	R	Res	TD ag A/L	CTRL ag	Sub ag	Rev ag	Fight TDD%	Opp TD Acc	Opp TD/f
May 02, 2026	Gerald Meerschaert	—	W	3/0	4:23	3	2	100.0%	—	0.93
Jan 31, 2026	Torrez Finney	—	W	1/0	0:20	0	0	100.0%	—	4.00
Mar 30, 2024	Andre Petroski	—	W	2/1	0:13	0	0	50.0%	—	2.15
Sep 23, 2023	Cody Brundage	—	L	1/1	0:26	0	0	0.0%	—	0.88
Oct 15, 2022	Nick Maximov	—	W	0/0	0:04	0	0	—	—	3.75
Jun 11, 2022	Brendan Allen	—	L	2/2	3:24	0	2	0.0%	—	1.30
Feb 12, 2022	AJ Dobson	—	W	0/0	0:27	0	0	—	—	1.25
Apr 17, 2021	Abdul Razak Alhassan	—	W	0/0	0:02	0	0	—	—	0.36
Oct 24, 2020	Phil Hawes	—	L	0/0	0:01	0	0	—	—	1.00

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Period	W-L	Profit	Units	ROI
2024	386-648	\$61,106	+122.2u	14.7%
2025	716-989	\$183,271	+366.5u	25.6%
2026 YTD	696-757	\$36,879	+108.4u	6.7%
All-time since 2024	1798-2394	\$281,256	+597.2u	16.7%
2026 Live Betting	257-193	\$24,519	+58.5u	11.7%

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