Eddie Walker is a name that has been popping up more and more over the past few years, first in relation with K-1's resurgence here in the United States, which equated to nothing but false starts for him. Finally Eddie Walker got his shot at the big time when Lion Fight called him up and offered him the fight with Joe Schilling. Schilling is one of the bigger names here in the United States muay thai scene and it was a fight that Walker had been looking to take for a while. The talk was that Eddie was out of his league, that he didn't stand a chance, and it was no doubt a rough fight for him, until he knocked Joe out.

That set the scene for Walker signing with Glory and appearing in one of their Road to GLORY USA events, fighting in a one-night tournament with himself and Mike Lemaire as the big names. It was fate that evening as Walker cruised through the first few rounds of the tournament before the big main event between Lemaire and Walker went down, a tough fight between two of the better fighters at 187lbs in America with Lemaire walking away with the victory but Walker impressing Glory officials. It turns out that Steve Wakeling didn't have an opponent for GLORY 5 London after Schilling and Marcus fell through, so he gladly accepted.

"I'm glad to be involved with Glory," he stated while walking home from his day job as a manager at a recycling plant. "I guess that I impressed Cor and them with my last fight, so they offered me this fight and I was glad to take it."

Walker divides his time between two careers and a family life, something that not many fighters

have to do anymore, but Kickboxing and Muay Thai don't pay like MMA does, which leaves him working a fulltime job, the same job that he has worked at for 13 years now. His schedule is grueling, to say the least, with him waking up at 4am each day to get in an early morning workout before he heads to work, gets out of work at 3pm and heads home to take care of his kids before his wife comes home. Then after his wife comes home it is straight to the gym where Walker works on honing his skills and preparing for his next fight before it is back home for dinner and rest before starting it all over again.

"It's exhausting," he laughed after explaining his day-to-day. "Muay Thai and Kickboxing just don't pay enough for me to do this full time. MMA might pay that much, but I just don't have the time to dedicate to the training to feel prepared for MMA right now. So yeah, for now I'm sticking with the job."

If he were younger and had less responsibilities he might be able to do more in the way of training, but with a family to support he knows that he has to take the hard road. It doesn't stop him from noticing how younger guys don't understand what they have, though. "Man, I see these 19, 20 year old kids and they don't work a fulltime job, they don't have a family and they half-ass it in the gym. They show up for their fights and they are all out of shape and they look terrible. You gotta put in the work to be a fighter and most aren't willing to do that."

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