

Aoki's #4 Ranking Is Deserved, Get Over Your Bias.

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EVERY forum I visit I see people saying how 1 dimensional and how overrated Shinya Aoki is.

"Why is he #4." "LMAO he's a 1 dimensional cry baby." "Once again a Japanese fighter is over ranked."

So I pose a question for those who say these type of things.

Who should be #4?

Edgar, Melendez, Maynard are generally 1-3 in everyone's rankings. But when we hit #4 is where the majority of MMA fans get upset. But I don't seem to understand why.

Lets take a look at some names right behind Aoki who people think should be #4.

Eddie Alvarez: Just weeks ago many thought he was the #2 guy in the world. He can wrestle, bang, and is extremely tough, but what merits a ranking ahead of Aoki? First and foremost he was defeated by Aoki a few years ago in under 2 minutes. Great start! His 2 best wins are Tatsuya Kawajiri, and Joachim Hansen. Last I checked Aoki has beaten them too, and in quicker, and in more dominating fashion. Aoki has wins over quality guys like "Shaolin" Ribeiro, JZ Cavalcante, Caol Uno, Mizuto Hirota, Marcus Aurelio, and Lyle Beerbohm. Alvarez has quality wins against Pat Curran, Katsunori Kikuno, Roger Huerta, and Toby Imada. Facts: Aoki has beaten Alvarez's top 2 names. Aoki has better quality wins. And lastly, and most importantly, Aoki defeated Alvarez head-to-head. How can you justify putting Alvarez ahead of Aoki? YOU CAN'T! It's impossible! Stop trying to say he deserves to be ahead of him.

Jim Miller: A lot of people are high on him right now, and I think he's sheer quality, but what has he done? He beat a guy that Jamie varner beat err took to a draw. Won a close decision over Mark Bocek that is highly debatable. Won a competitive decision over Gleison Tibau, and defeated an unexperienced "prodigy" in Charles Oliveira. How many of these guys have ever sniffed the top 10? ZERO! Oh, he also beat Duane Ludwig, Mac Danzig, and Matt Wiman. Any

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of these guys top 10 wins, or even top 15 wins? Case closed!

Anthony Pettis: While I think he has great potential, and could be UFC LW champ someday he hasn't accomplished a whole lot. Ben Henderson is a very good win. Shane Roller, and Danny Castillo are also good. After that..... a whole lot of nothing.

Kenny Florian: He beat the post Pride Gomi, yeah well so did Sergei Golyaev. Clay Guida, the UFC's 155 gate keeper, how nice! Joe "I can't compete at 155 anymore and if I want to have a job I have to go to 45" Stevenson. Wow! Roger Huerta, Joe Lauzon, and Sam Stout, decent names. Can't lie. But how many top 10 wins does Mr Florian have? ZERO!

Melvin Guillard: Evan Dunham is a very good win. However he was also awarded a bogus decision over Gelison Tibau. Anyone who thinks he deserves a top 5 ranking or even top 10 ranking is nuts.

Sean Sherk: Horse shit decision over Dunahm, and outside of that hasn't won since 2008.

So these are the main guys who could have a case for #4. None of which have the resume of Aoki, but since so many of you guys absolutely hate the man who deserves the spot over him? The logical and only appropriate answer would be "none of those guys," but since you can't put your bias aside who should it be?

I WANT ANSWERS!