

Today's preview looks at Dutch kickboxing legend Ramon Dekkers' lone MMA bout in K-1 HERO's against Japanese MMA legend Genki Sudo and Sudo's own foray into the kickboxing world. Dekkers retired initially in 2001 before signing a contract with K-1 in 2005 to take on Sudo at the first HERO's event. Sudo, known for his aggressive, entertaining grappling style started out in Pancrase and went on to the UFC, going 2-1 in his time with the company. Sudo didn't reach his peak of stardom until signing with K-1, where he actually started as a kickboxer for the company, competing in the first two Japan MAX qualifying tournaments in 2002 and 2003, losing to Taishin Kohiruimaki and Masato in the quarterfinals of each event, respectively. A win over Royler Gracie and "freakshow" fight wins over Eric "Butterbean" Esch and the aforementioned Dekkers, along with his run to the finals of the K-1 HERO's 2005 Lightweight GP sealed Sudo's fame and he has since retired, becoming a musician. Sudo's overall kickboxing record in K-1 was 2-4.

Genki Sudo vs Ramon Dekkers

Genki Sudo vs Taishin Kohiruimaki

Genki Sudo vs Masato

More of Sudo in K-1 after the break

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Genki Sudo vs Albert Kraus

Genki Sudo vs Jin-woo Kim

Genki Sudo vs Ian James Schaffa

Genki Sudo vs Michael Lerma

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