

Lawton fighter wins MMA crown

Lawton native Lewis McKenzie won the X-Treme Fighting League mixed martial arts 125-pound champi-

onship on June 12 in front of a packed crowd at the Spirit Bank Event Center in Tulsa.

McKenzie won a close decision after five rounds of back-and-forth action to take the title from the then-undefeated champion Cody Fuller. Because of the excitement and pace, the contest was awarded "Fight of the Night" by the judges at the event.

McKenzie graduated from Lawton High School in 2004, where he wrestled and was the state runner-up in his weight division his senior year. He's been training mixed martial arts at San Da Fight Club in Lawton for about 15 months.

Mixed martial arts is a full-contact combat sport that allows a wide variety of fighting techniques from a mixture of martial-arts traditions, such as boxing, kickboxing, wrestling, and jiu-jitsu.

This win improves McKenzie's professional fight record to 6-0. He will be fighting again on July 4 in Albuquerque, N.M.