## FESTIVE FLYWEIGHT FIST FIGHTS SET FOR EFC 130

VAN STADEN VS SANCHEZ OFF DUE TO INJURY

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**Johannesburg, South Africa -** The time-worn adage that only the best is saved until last could never be more salient than for EFC's final event of 2025 after the greatest year in the history of the promotion. With a thrilling line-up set to rock the World Sports Betting Arena, the evening's main card now witnesses the first round of the Flyweight Grand Prix where four of the African continent's most potent 125lb'ers will do battle in a showdown for a shot at the title.

After former champion Willie van Rooyen vacated the belt to compete in ONE Championship joining the previous divisional title-holders Edson Machavane and BK Masunyane along the same path out East, Tumelo Manyamala will face Lihle Ngamntwini in the co-main event slot whilst Ntando Zondi battles Nathaniel Komana in the main event. Undefeated in the EFC with five stupendous finished, 'Mellow' returns to the Hex following a stint in the house on UFC's 'The Ultimate Fighter' show. His opponent from Gqeberha is appropriately named 'Rush Hour' due to his propensity to come out swinging from the first bell as evidenced by his incredible five fight winning streak to book his spot in the tournament. Zondi has just one defeat in six outings and boasts finishes of some of the best including Moishela, Mngoma, Mlkhwanazi and Ngcobo. 'The Zulu Warrior' will

be facing his toughest test to date in House of Tinkerbell's Komana who has looked sensational since joining the division and has never been put away even though all of his victories have come from jaw-dropping finishes.

Lightweight champion Martin van Staden was scheduled to face number one contender Adrian Sanchez at EFC 130 but a shoulder injury has forced the champion to step out of the bout. Van Staden is expected to return within the next 6 months. Search for a new contender to potentially face Sanchez at EFC 131 is underway.

Preceding this first round of the Flyweight Grand Prix is Komana's teammate and former welterweight title contender Peace 'X' Nguphane facing the dangerous kickboxing prowess of the undefeated Muay Thai phenom Armando De Cresenzo. They are joined on the main card by De Cresenzo's grappling partner from Potch, Zhane Tannous who has knocked out all of his opponents in the first round but will now contend with his most challenging opponent yet in the king of smacktalk, the durable 14-fight veteran, Conrad 'Cagewise' Seabi.

The undercard is equally stacked with nine thrilling expositions of combat, particularly the featured prelim fight between two strikers, Chadrack Yemba and Roberto Miyaba threatening to steal the Fight Of The Night honours. Undefeated in the EFC, Yemba is a blurring dervish of a striker though 'Rapid Fire' has a dizzying handspeed and pure KO power. Boyd Allen prodigy, Mpho Hloka has three top-drawer victories of his relatively young career with an ever-improving jiu-jitsu game complementing his very technical kickboxing but his opponent is the wily and experienced David Mambo from Durban who also likes to get it done in one. A Zambezi derby will see fight fans delighted at the return of Angolan wrecking ball, Eduardo Barros who has the ability to finish the fight wherever it goes, but his opponent has yet to face defeat, Bryn 'Soul Proprietor' Gwavava from Zimbabwe who has put both of his former EFC foes to sleep in the first round.

One fight guaranteed not going the distance will feature the the hyper-aggressive style of Lucky Magekha who entered the EFC with four back-to-back victories, dueling with the five time national Shuriken champion, Mlungisi Mbizani Jr who has yet to go the distance in his entire pro career. After quite some time away, Balilito brawler Bradley 'The Nightmare' Swanepoel will be intent on honouring his family name with another thrilling finish over his biggest test against the 24-fight veteran from CIT, Sizwe Mnikathi who has fought some the greatest in the promotion over the past eleven years. Two massive debuting talents take their first walk to the Hex as the national MMA champion Adei Volker aims to bag his first pro win against the extremely explosive wrestler Alex Suzuki and this is after the moving brick wall of Lucky Bosco throws down against rubbery grappling style of CGA's Itumeleng Mabilo. Two fights kicking-off this deep undercard will see the mercurial kickboxing of Ash Zola try to stem the tide of Quan Wessels Academy standout Liam Schultz's inevitable takedowns before a ridiculously entertaining matchup sees Contender Series 1 winner Brandon Santos coping with the non-stop pressure of Godknow Ndlovu.

With thirteen breathtaking fights culminating in the path to gold for four of the best 125 pounders in Africa, EFC 130 will bookend the tail of the most momentous year for MMA on the continent and leave fans wishing the holiday season passes quickly to herald the return of an even more violently entertaining 2026. But before then, the 4th of December will feature the greatest fighters across the landmass knuckling-up one more time, making it appointment viewing for fight fans around the world!

EFC 130: The Flyweight Grand Prix, takes place on Thursday 4th of December 2025, live from the World Sports Betting Arena at the EFC Performance Institute in JHB, South Africa. Broadcast information at <a href="https://www.efcworldwide.com">www.efcworldwide.com</a>

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