

EFC 133: Africa's Most Watched MMA Event Returns with Stacked Fight Card and Global Broadcast Reach

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Johannesburg, South Africa - EFC 133 goes live on **07 May 2026**, delivering a stacked lineup of elite talent, rising contenders, and championship stakes to a global audience of millions.

With anticipation building following the release of the official Countdown show and Engaged episodes, EFC 133 is positioned as one of the most complete fight cards of the year, combining established names with the next generation of African MMA stars.

At the top of the card, the welterweight division takes centre stage in a bout that carries real significance for the future of African MMA.

MAIN EVENT WELTERWEIGHT TITLE

Zaakir Badat vs Ziko Makengele

Five rounds to define the division and potentially shape the next era. Zaakir Badat has rapidly established himself as one of the most composed and capable champions on the roster, with the tools and mindset of a fighter many believe could represent the next wave of African MMA excellence. Across from him stands Ziko Makengele, a dangerous and determined challenger intent on reclaiming his place at the top and halting that rise.

Is this the moment a new face of African MMA takes control, or will experience, power, and belief restore a former force to the summit?

MAIN CARD

Hanru Botha vs Chadrack Yemba (*Featherweight*)

Two contenders closing in on a title opportunity meet in a high stakes clash with major implications for the division.

Brandon Santos vs Lihle Ngamntwini (*Flyweight*)

A proven finisher faces a calculated and well rounded opponent in a matchup that could shift the division's landscape.

Roewan De Beer vs Godknows Ndlovu (*Bantamweight*)

Veteran experience meets physical intensity in a contest where composure and execution will be key.

Emerson Pedro vs Sibusiso Sovendle (*Featherweight*)

Explosive striking and finishing ability on both sides make this one of the most dangerous fights on the card.

PRELIMINARY CARD

Exclusively live on Discovery Sport

Ayanda Zwane vs Sizwe Mnikathi (*Featherweight*)

A seasoned veteran who has faced the best meets a contender shaping the next phase of his career.

Moses Mokhari vs Musa Sethwape (*Bantamweight*)

Two experienced competitors look to push back toward title contention.

Vuyo Jula vs Likhmaan Jhazbhay (*Lightweight*)

A technical matchup between range management and positional control.

Given Majuba vs Seth Van Aswegen (*Middleweight*)

A striking focused contest featuring a seasoned kickboxer against a boxing crossover debut.

Itumeleng Mabilo vs Grant Farrow (*Lightweight*)

Two emerging professionals open the card with the opportunity to make an immediate impact.

David Mambo vs Ash Zola (*Featherweight*)

Aggression meets unpredictability in a matchup that could shift at any moment.

Zeca Martinho vs Philani Ngqoyiya (*Flyweight*)

A fast rising prospect faces a decorated amateur champion stepping onto the professional stage.

Siyanda Vilakazi vs Tyrall Louw (*Lightweight*)

Two athletes begin the night looking to make a statement on one of Africa's biggest platforms.

WATCH EFC 133 LIVE

EFC 133 will be broadcast to millions of viewers across Africa and internationally, including SuperSport, SABC Open View, Discovery Sport including exclusive live prelims, and additional global broadcast partners. EFC delivers an average of over 100 million views across all broadcast platforms every month, including live events and post event highlights across social media.

Fans can join the global audience live or secure their seats, with **limited tickets still available** via www.efcworldwide.com, where full broadcast details and event information are also available.

EFC 133 represents another major milestone for African MMA, showcasing world class competition, national pride, and a platform that continues to grow across the continent and beyond.

EFC 133 Zak vs Ziko presented by World Sports Betting takes place on May 7 at the World Sports Betting EFC Arena in Johannesburg, South Africa.

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