

# KABANDA, SITA, MOUNEIMNE, VAN WYK AND MORE ADDED TO JULY 2 EVENT



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The EFC 135 fight card continues to grow around the bantamweight championship main event between Faez Jacobs and Gift Walker, with a series of compelling matchups now confirmed for July 2 at the World Sports Betting EFC Arena.

The title rivals came face-to-face inside the Hexagon at EFC 134 and will headline the event in Johannesburg. Joining them on the main card are veteran contender Kaleka Kabanda, surging lightweight Emmanuel Sita, former title challenger Jessica Mounime, returning finisher Nicole van Wyk, rising prospect Jayden van der Merwe, and several other athletes looking to make a statement.

For some, EFC 135 represents another step toward championship contention. For others, it is an opportunity to prove they belong among the next generation of athletes carrying African MMA forward.

That pursuit is what has always driven competition inside the Hexagon. Every victory creates opportunity. Every setback forces athletes to rebuild. And for the competitors stepping onto the EFC 135 main card, the road to something bigger continues on July 2.

Leading the supporting card is a lightweight clash between veteran contender Kaleka Kabanda and surging prospect Emmanuel Sita.

Few athletes have generated as much momentum as Sita over the past year. Since moving up in weight, he has stopped three consecutive opponents in the first round and now faces one of the division's toughest tests. Standing opposite him is Kabanda, a physically imposing veteran who has spent years proving himself against top opposition and remains a major obstacle for any athlete hoping to enter title contention.

The women's strawweight division also returns to centre stage as former title challenger Jessica Mounime takes on Nicole van Wyk.

Mounime challenged for EFC gold at EFC 101 against future UFC athlete Alice Ardelean and now begins another push toward championship contention. Across from her stands Van Wyk, an aggressive finisher returning to action after an impressive stoppage victory. With both athletes preferring forward pressure and high-paced exchanges, this contest has all the ingredients of a fan favourite.

Elsewhere, Eduardo Barros meets Mlungisi Mbizane in a bout that could have major implications for the future of the bantamweight division.

Both athletes enter the contest eager to rebound from recent setbacks. Barros remains one of the sharpest boxers on the roster, while Mbizane brings explosive striking and a reputation for delivering action whenever he enters the Hexagon. With both men seeking to reignite their momentum, neither can afford another step backwards.

Rounding out the featured bouts is a catchweight contest between rising prospect Jayden van der Merwe and experienced campaigner Roy Lokolo.

Van der Merwe has developed a reputation as one of the most exciting young athletes on the roster, with all of his victories ending inside the opening round. Lokolo, however, represents a different challenge altogether. Tough, experienced, and determined to halt the rise of one of EFC's most promising prospects, he may provide the toughest examination of Van der Merwe's career to date.

With championship gold on the line in the main event and a collection of compelling matchups throughout the card, EFC 135 continues to build as one of the most anticipated events on the EFC calendar.

## **FEATURED EFC 135 BOUTS**

### **Bantamweight Championship**

Faez Jacobs vs Gift Walker

### **Lightweight**

Kaleka Kabanda vs Emmanuel Sita

### **Women's Strawweight**

Jessica Mouneimne vs Nicole van Wyk

### **Bantamweight**

Eduardo Barros vs Mlungisi Mbizane

### **Catchweight (194 lbs / 88 kg)**

Jayden van der Merwe vs Roy Lokolo

EFC 135 takes place on July 2 presented by World Sports Betting at the WSB EFC Arena in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Broadcast and ticket information is available at [efcworldwide.com](http://efcworldwide.com).