

FROM CAPE TOWN SOIL, JACOBS CHASES EFC HISTORY

Ten days from EFC 137, Faez Jacobs stands one victory away from championship gold in a second division



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Cape Town is famous for producing things that improve with time. Faez Jacobs might just be one of them.

The fighter who walks into EFC 137 is markedly different from the one who has experienced both championship glory and defeat during a career spanning 20 professional fights.

Jacobs has won five consecutive fights inside the EFC Hexagon. Along the way he has knocked opponents out, submitted them, gone five rounds, reclaimed championship gold and defended it.

Now he is doing something different again.

On September 10, the reigning EFC bantamweight champion moves up to featherweight to face Chadrack Yemba for the interim championship, attempting to join the select group of athletes who have held EFC gold in two divisions.

And this is no carefully selected route to a second belt.

Yemba arrives on a six-fight EFC winning streak and has not lost inside the EFC Hexagon. If Jacobs wants history, he must take it from a man who has spent years earning exactly the same opportunity.

Victory would also create an intriguing question for what comes next.

Jacobs would remain bantamweight champion while becoming interim featherweight champion, with reigning featherweight champion Igeu Kabesa awaiting medical clearance.

Defend one? Pursue undisputed gold in the other? Attempt both?

Jacobs has spoken of his ambition to dominate African MMA.

Ten days from now, that ambition could become considerably bigger.

First, he has to beat Chadrack Yemba.

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