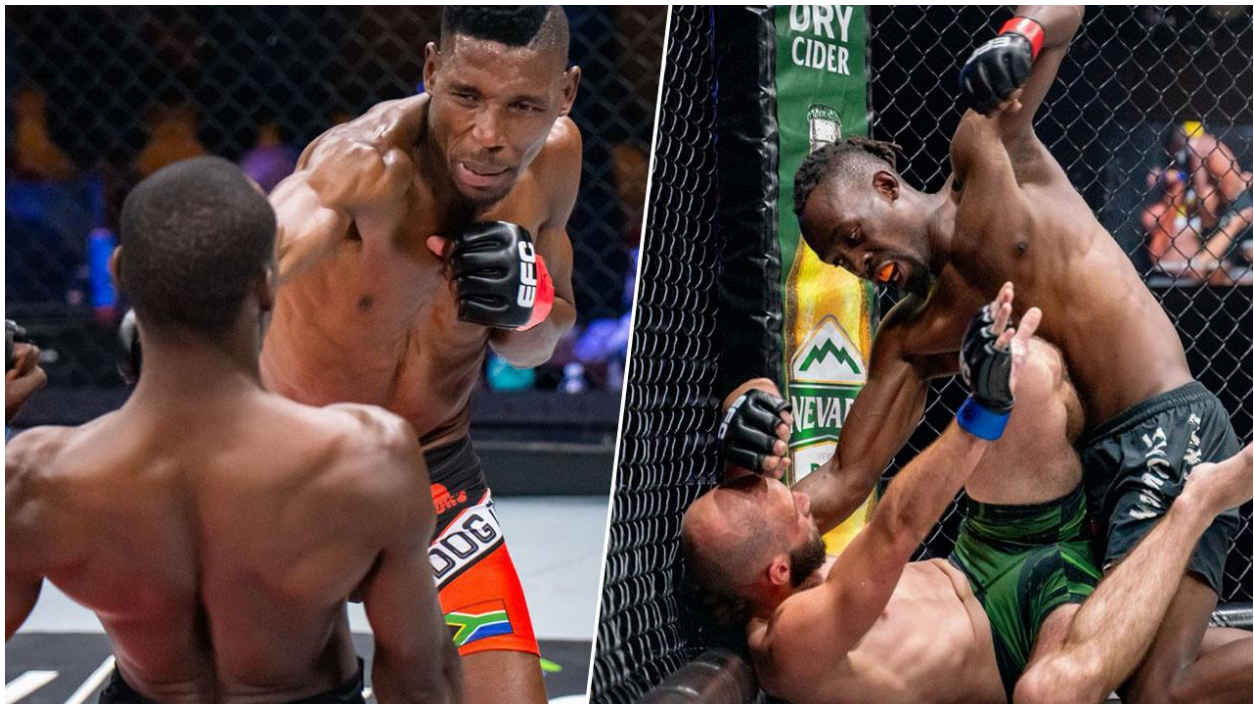


WHEN OPPORTUNITY BECOMES A LIFELINE

Kunene and Ngcobo face a high-stakes battle to change their EFC fortunes at EFC 138



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Professional sport can be unforgiving.

EFC has always provided athletes with the opportunity to recover from difficult runs, rebuild and prove that they still belong amongst Africa's best. But opportunity cannot continue indefinitely.

At EFC 138, Allistar "The Menace" Kunene and Bheki "Dog Danger" Ngcobo enter the Hexagon knowing that victory has become critical.

Both men have demonstrated why they earned their places on the EFC roster. Both have experienced success inside the Hexagon. And both have now reached a point in their careers where past performances matter considerably less than what happens next.

Ngcobo may feel that pressure most acutely.

The experienced South African began his professional career impressively, winning three of his first four fights. Among those victories were consecutive ankle-lock submissions over Mickey Cloete and Vincent Nakana, establishing "Dog Danger" as a genuine submission threat.

But professional MMA can change quickly.

Ngcobo has since suffered five consecutive defeats, most recently against Namibia's Veja Hinda at EFC 134.

EFC 138 gives him another opportunity.

It may also be one he cannot afford to waste.

Across the Hexagon, Kunene finds himself facing a similar reality.

"The Menace" has represented South Africa in amateur competition and demonstrated his versatility as a professional, with his EFC victories coming by both strikes and submission.

After consecutive first-round finishes over Kenan Hornabrook and Jesse Schaper, however, Kunene has suffered three straight defeats.

Now he gets the chance to stop that slide.

There is an important distinction between losing fights at the highest level and no longer belonging there. Fighters can lose. Careers can stall. Athletes can rebuild.

But eventually they have to win.

Neither man is being handed an easy opponent to restore his record. Instead, EFC has matched two experienced athletes who desperately need the same thing against one another.

An opportunity to prove they still belong.

For one man, EFC 138 could represent the beginning of a comeback.

For the other, difficult questions about what comes next may become impossible to avoid.

On 1 October, The Menace meets Dog Danger.

And this time, simply competing is not enough.

EFC 138 is presented by World Sports Betting and takes place on Thursday, 1 October at the WSB EFC Arena in Johannesburg, South Africa, headlined by the vacant EFC Heavyweight Championship between undefeated number-one contender Terrence "The Mountain" Born and former two-time heavyweight champion Matunga "HHH Power" Djikasa.

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