

# FROM LAS VEGAS TO JOHANNESBURG: EFC 138 FIGHT WEEK HAS ARRIVED

**Adama Diop competes on Dana White's Contender Series tomorrow before EFC crowns its next heavyweight champion on Thursday**



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EFC 138 Fight Week has arrived, beginning a huge four days for African MMA that stretches from Las Vegas to Johannesburg.

Former EFC Heavyweight Champion Adama Diop competes on Dana White's Contender Series tomorrow night, pursuing the UFC opportunity that led him to relinquish the EFC heavyweight championship.

Just 48 hours later, the next chapter of the EFC heavyweight division will be written in Johannesburg when undefeated number-one contender Terrence "The Mountain" Born faces former two-time champion Matunga "HHH Power" Djikasa for the vacant title.

The action begins today at the WSB EFC Arena with EFC 138 Media Day, as athletes from across the continent come together ahead of Thursday night.

The official EFC 138 weigh-in follows on Wednesday morning before fight night on Thursday, with prelims beginning at 15:00 and the main card at 19:00.

## **EFC 138 FIGHT CARD UPDATED**

Fight Week also begins with two new matchups confirmed following late changes to Thursday's card.

Khanyo Maqam will now face a familiar opponent in Stefan "The Berserker" Diedericks, who has stepped in following the withdrawal of Osvaldo Benedito.

The replacement creates an unexpected rematch with history behind it.

Maqam and Diedericks first met in Maqam's professional debut, with Maqam securing a second-round triangle-choke submission. Since then, both men have added considerably to their experience.

Maqam has made an immediate impact since arriving in EFC, recording back-to-back stoppage wins over Vince Bembe and Emmanuel Sita and collecting a Performance Bonus along the way.

Diedericks arrives with momentum of his own. "The Berserker" has produced consecutive EFC finishes, submitting Thembani Mhlanga before stopping Johnny Koen with elbows in the opening round.

When the call came during Fight Week, Diedericks accepted.

It gives him an opportunity to avenge the defeat from their first meeting, while Maqam gets the chance to beat Diedericks for a second time and continue his progression through the EFC lightweight division.

Maqam vs Diedericks II is now confirmed for EFC 138.

## **SONDI ANSWERS THE CALL TO FACE KAPINGA**

There has also been a late change to Alex Kapinga's EFC 138 assignment after Lucky Bosco was forced to withdraw from their scheduled bout.

With only days remaining until the event, Guelor Sondi has accepted the fight against Kapinga at a catchweight of 165.3 pounds.

Sondi enters on a difficult run of results, but that record comes against a demanding list of opposition including Kabanda, Mulenga, Ocheme, Sita and MacKay. The unpredictable striker now takes another opportunity on just a few days' notice as he searches for the result that can change the direction of his EFC career.

Kapinga was equally determined to remain on Thursday's card after preparing to face Bosco.

The DRC athlete has proven extremely difficult to put away and has shown improvement in his ground game across his recent appearances. After a split draw against Nasiphi Vellem and a narrow split-decision defeat to Grant Farrow, Kapinga continues to search for his first EFC win.

For both men, the circumstances have changed at the last minute, but the importance of the result has not.

Alex Kapinga vs Guelor Sondi is confirmed at a catchweight of 165.3 pounds.

## **GONCALVES VS BEMBE CANCELLED**

The scheduled featherweight bout between Steven Goncalves and Vince Bembe has been removed from EFC 138.

Goncalves is unable to compete, forcing his withdrawal from the event. Bembe was offered replacement opponents but elected not to accept a new matchup at such short notice.

## **EFC 138 FIGHT WEEK**

Monday, 28 September | Media Day – 14:00

Wednesday, 30 September | Official Weigh-In – 10:00

Thursday, 1 October | Prelims – 15:00 | Main Card – 19:00

Media Day and the official weigh-in will be broadcast live on EFC YouTube.

EFC 138: Djikasa vs Born for the vacant heavyweight championship is presented by World Sports Betting and takes place on Thursday, 1 October at the WSB EFC Arena in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Tickets and broadcast information are available at: [efcworldwide.com](http://efcworldwide.com)

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