

DOUBLE GOLD BECKONS

Faez Jacobs moves up to challenge Chadrack Yemba for interim featherweight title at EFC 137



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EFC bantamweight champion Faez Jacobs will chase history at EFC 137 after accepting the opportunity to move up a weight division and challenge undefeated Chadrack Yemba for the interim EFC featherweight championship in the event's new main event.

Boyd Allen, who was originally scheduled to challenge Yemba for the interim featherweight title, has requested that his bout be postponed for personal reasons. With the opportunity to compete for a second EFC championship suddenly available, Jacobs wasted little time accepting the challenge.

Already established as one of the promotion's most dominant champions, Jacobs now has the chance to join one of the most exclusive clubs in EFC history. Victory over Yemba would make him a two division champion, following in the footsteps of former EFC champions Dricus du Plessis and Dalcha Lungiambula, whose championship success inside the Hex helped launch careers onto the global stage.

For Jacobs, opportunities like this define careers.

Known for his elite fight IQ, psychological warfare and ruthless finishing instinct, the Cape Town champion has dominated the bantamweight division with a blend of high level kickboxing, dangerous ground and pound and an ever evolving submission game. Equally comfortable promoting his fights as he is winning them, Jacobs has become one of EFC's biggest personalities while continuing to inspire young athletes in his community. Now, he has the opportunity to cement his legacy and strengthen his campaign to compete on mixed martial arts' biggest international stages.

Standing opposite him is DRC's Chadrack Yemba, who lives and trains in Johannesburg. Undefeated through six EFC appearances, Yemba has combined elite striking with an increasingly dangerous ground game to establish himself as one of the promotion's premier featherweights. After dominating former title challenger Hanru Botha in his most recent outing, Yemba now has the opportunity to end Jacobs' dream of becoming a champion in two divisions while claiming interim featherweight gold for himself.

For Jacobs, history and legacy await. For Yemba, there is no greater statement than denying one of EFC's biggest stars his place among the promotion's greatest champions.

With the featherweight title picture awaiting clarity, Jacobs and Yemba will battle for the interim EFC featherweight championship in the main event of EFC 137.

EFC 137 takes place on Thursday, 10 September at the World Sports Betting EFC Arena in Johannesburg. Broadcast and ticket information at efcworldwide.com.

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