

CHAMPION VS CHAMPION: LINO AND CHUKWU TO HEADLINE EFC 134 IN HISTORIC WOMEN'S TITLE CLASH

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Johannesburg, South Africa — A defining moment for African mixed martial arts has been confirmed.

EFC 134 on June 4 will be headlined by a champion-versus-champion showdown as South Africa's Amanda Lino faces Nigeria's Juliet Chukwu for the EFC Women's Flyweight Championship.

In a rare and high-stakes move, Chukwu will step down from bantamweight to challenge for a second title, testing herself against the reigning flyweight champion in what stands as one of the most significant women's bouts in EFC history.

It marks the return of women to the top of the bill, with two champions carrying not only belts, but the weight of a growing movement in African MMA.

Across the continent, female athletes continue to push toward the global stage, following in the footsteps of African fighters who have broken through internationally. With the UFC firmly in focus, matchups of this level represent more than titles, they represent opportunity.

For Chukwu, the move echoes a path few take. Champion versus champion matchups demand risk, and history has shown how difficult the transition can be. The last athlete to attempt a similar challenge in EFC fell short, underlining the magnitude of what lies ahead.

But success stories exist.

Fighters who have dared to chase bigger opportunities have gone on to reach the highest levels of the sport, and EFC 134 now presents that same moment for two of Africa's leading female athletes.

Lino stands as the established champion at flyweight, defending her position against an opponent willing to step outside her division in pursuit of more.

Chukwu arrives as a champion in her own right, prepared to test herself in a new weight class in one of the most demanding challenges available.

Champion versus champion.

South Africa versus Nigeria.

One title on the line.

With EFC 133 set for May 7, where Zaakir Badat defends his welterweight championship against Ziko Makengele, the organisation now builds toward a historic night in June.

EFC 134 takes place June 4, 2026 and will be headlined by Amanda Lino vs Juliet Chukwu for the EFC Women's Flyweight Championship.

Tickets and broadcast information are available at efcworldwide.com