

RAPID FIRE MEETS SOMANDLA

Roberto Miyaba and Sibusiso Sovendle meet in crucial featherweight contest at EFC 137



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Two experienced EFC competitors looking to reignite their careers will collide at EFC 137 when Roberto "Rapid Fire" Miyaba faces Sibusiso "Somandla" Sovendle in an important featherweight contest on Thursday, 10 September.

For both athletes, victory represents far more than another win on their professional records. It is an opportunity to halt recent setbacks, rebuild momentum and remind the featherweight division of the qualities that have made them respected competitors within the EFC.

Representing ARH Fitness Academy in Cape Town under coach Vukile Magwaza, Democratic Republic of the Congo-born Roberto Miyaba returns to action with a point to prove. Known for his sharp Muay Thai, movement and technical striking, Miyaba announced himself with three victories in his opening six EFC appearances before suffering defeats against increasingly elite opposition, including Ayanda Zwane, Chadrack Yemba and Steven Goncalves. A victory at EFC 137 would put "Rapid Fire" firmly back on track.

Standing opposite him is former EFC bantamweight title challenger Sibusiso "Somandla" Sovendle. Training out of Hitman Academy in Pretoria under Cole Henning, Sovendle has built his reputation through toughness, endurance and a willingness to face anyone placed in front of him. Victories over Godfrey Mkhwanazi, David Mambo, Roewan de Beer and Ntando Zondi highlight the quality of

opposition he has overcome during his EFC career, while his challenge for the bantamweight championship against Faez Jacobs demonstrated his ability to compete at the highest level.

The matchup promises an intriguing stylistic contest. Miyaba will look to use his speed, footwork and technical striking to control the range, while Sovendle's pressure, boxing and experience could force the fight into a far more demanding contest than his opponent would prefer.

This bout features on the EFC 137 fight card, headlined by Faez Jacobs and Chadrack Yemba competing for the interim EFC featherweight championship. EFC 137 takes place on Thursday, 10 September at the World Sports Betting EFC Arena in Johannesburg.

Broadcast and ticket information are available at efcworldwide.com

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