

ZONDI STEPS IN TO FACE JUNGULA AT EFC 137

Late Fight Week change creates a professional rematch three years after their first meeting



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EFC 137 has received a late Fight Week change, with Ntando “The Zulu Warrior” Zondi stepping in to face Sisa Jungula in a 130-pound catchweight contest this Thursday, 10 September, at the WSB EFC Arena.

Jungula had been preparing to face Tebatso Molele, but the late change has produced an unexpected rematch with a history stretching back three years.

Zondi and Jungula first met in 2023, with Zondi earning a unanimous decision victory. Both men have developed considerably since then, and on Thursday they meet again, this time as professional EFC athletes.

Zondi enters EFC 137 with a 6-2 professional record and has never been stopped. “The Zulu Warrior” won his first three EFC appearances by stoppage and has since established himself among the leading names at 125 pounds.

Earlier this year, Zondi came within one fight of EFC championship gold, reaching the final of the EFC Flyweight Grand Prix before losing a closely contested split decision to eventual champion Tumelo Manyamala.

His combat sports background extends beyond MMA. A former rugby player, Zondi transitioned into Muay Thai and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and became South African Muay Thai champion in 2023.

Jungula enters the contest with a 3-2 professional record and a strong combat sports pedigree of his own. Representing PE Submission Fighting Academy in Gqeberha, he previously won South African MMA National Championship gold before representing Team South Africa and winning IMMAF African Championship gold.

He has also demonstrated genuine finishing ability inside the EFC Hexagon, most notably stopping Teboho Ntene with punches just 11 seconds into the second round at EFC 124.

The opponent may have changed, but Jungula has spent his camp preparing to compete on September 10. Zondi now enters on short notice with the opportunity to re-establish himself following his narrow Grand Prix final defeat.

For Jungula, the change brings something entirely different: an opportunity to revisit a result from three years ago and attempt to rewrite it on the professional stage.

Ntando Zondi vs Sisa Jungula takes place at a 130-pound catchweight on the EFC 137 preliminary card, broadcast live globally on Discover Sport from 15:00 CAT.

EFC 137: Jacobs vs Yemba for the Interim EFC Featherweight Championship is presented by World Sports Betting and takes place on Thursday, 10 September at the WSB EFC Arena in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Tickets and full broadcast information are available at efcworldwide.com.

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