

BADAT MAKES SENSATIONAL COMEBACK

OFFICIAL EFC 133 RESULTS



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EFC 133 delivered one of the most dramatic and emotionally charged events in recent memory, headlined by an instant classic between welterweight champion Zaakir Badat and former champion Ziko Makengele.

Ziko unleashed a storm in the opening round, applying relentless pressure, stuffing takedowns, and unloading heavy strikes as Badat absorbed punishment while continuing to push forward. The intensity only increased in the second round as Makengele continued his barrage, appearing to close in on a stoppage.

But Badat refused to break.

Moments later, the champion landed a devastating left hook followed immediately by an uppercut that dropped Makengele. Sensing the momentum shift instantly, Badat surged forward with unanswered strikes forcing referee Wiekus Swart to stop the bout in one of the most dramatic turnarounds ever witnessed inside the Hexagon.

The victory further cements Badat's growing reputation as one of the leading figures in African MMA.

Earlier in the night, Chadrack Yemba made a major statement in the featherweight division, stopping Hanru Botha in the second round and likely securing himself a future title opportunity after proving he belongs among the elite in the division.

The main card was opened in spectacular fashion by Emerson Pedro, whose spinning heel kick knockout against Sibusiso Sovendle immediately ignited the crowd and set the tone for the rest of the evening.

On the preliminary card, Moses Mokhari and Musa Sethwape delivered one of the toughest and most emotional contests of the night. Sethwape competed despite suffering a tragic personal loss during fight week, showing immense courage and professionalism in stepping into the Hexagon under extremely difficult circumstances.

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Zaakir Badat def. Ziko Makengele via TKO (Strikes) – Round 2, 2:42
Chadrack Yemba def. Hanru Botha via TKO (Strikes) – Round 2, 0:26
Brandon Santos def. Lihle Ngamntwini via Decision (Unanimous) – Round 5, 5:00
Godknows Ndlovu def. Roevan De Beer via Decision (Unanimous) – Round 3, 5:00
Emerson Pedro def. Sibusiso Sovendle via KO (Spinning Heel Kick) – Round 2, 1:15
Ayanda Zwane def. Sizwe Mnikathi via Decision (Unanimous) – Round 3, 5:00
Moses Mokhari def. Musa Sethwape via Decision (Unanimous) – Round 3, 5:00
Grant Farrow def. Itumeleng Mabilo via Submission (Rear Naked Choke) – Round 1, 1:45
Ash Zola def. David Mambo via Decision (Unanimous) – Round 4, 5:00
Zeca Martinho def. Philani Ngqoyiya via Decision (Unanimous) – Round 3, 5:00
Siyanda Vilakazi def. Tyral Louw via Submission (Rear Naked Choke) – Round 2, 1:17

PERFORMANCE BONUSES

Fight of the Night

Zaakir Badat vs Ziko Makengele

Performance Bonuses

Chadrack Yemba

Emerson Pedro

Moses Mokhari

With championship drama, highlight reel finishes, and one of the most memorable main events in EFC history, EFC 133 presented by World Sports Betting delivered a fight night that will remain part of African MMA history for years to come.

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