

EFC 138 HEATS UP AT MEDIA DAY

Born promises chaos as Rasta blows kisses at Mwanga before their face-off nearly boils over



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The talking is almost over as EFC 138 athletes came face-to-face at Media Day ahead of Thursday night's action at the WSB EFC Arena.

Heavyweight title contenders Terrence "The Mountain" Born and Matunga "HHH Power" Djikasa remained respectful but confident ahead of their battle for the vacant EFC Heavyweight Championship.

"HHH is one of the best of all time in my opinion, but he's in my way," Born said. "He's extremely calculated and I just want chaos."

Djikasa believes his championship experience will play a major role and predicted an armbar finish. Born responded: "I'm going to finish him. He's gonna panic and I'm gonna take him out."

But it was Thapelo “Rasta” Malatjie and Tryford Mwanga who produced the most entertaining exchange of the day.

“I just want to fight, whoop ass, eat a good meal and go home. That’s it,” Rasta said before encouraging Mwanga to attempt a takedown and joking: “I’m gonna kiss him. He’s my son, my baby, my boy.”

As Rasta continued blowing kisses across the stage, Mwanga responded: “I came here to fight, not to talk shit in front of people.”

The laughs quickly gave way to genuine tension when the pair came face-to-face, with Ashley Calvert forced to step between them as the confrontation threatened to boil over.

Clelio Diogo and Godfrey Mkhwanazi also shared a spirited exchange. After Diogo pointed to his 26 amateur fights and two amateur championships, Mkhwanazi responded: “When I beat you Thursday, bring me your medals.” The pair exchanged a few shoves during an otherwise controlled face-off.

Khanyo Maqam was full of confidence ahead of his short-notice rematch with Stefan Diedericks, declaring: “I’m the champ of this division. I’m at the top of the mountain here,” before predicting a knockout.

Gift Walker also promised a finish against Sithembiso Hadebe, summing up his approach simply: “Kill or be killed.”

With Media Day complete, attention now turns to Wednesday’s official weigh-in before EFC 138 takes over the WSB EFC Arena on Thursday.

EFC 138 is presented by World Sports Betting and takes place on Thursday, 1 October at the WSB

EFC Arena in Johannesburg, South Africa. Tickets and broadcast information are available at: efcworldwide.com.

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