

FAEEZ JACOBS DEFENDS BANTAMWEIGHT TITLE AGAINST FORMER CHAMPION GIFT WALKER AT EFC 135



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With EFC 134 just days away, the EFC has confirmed a blockbuster main event for EFC 135 as champion Faez “Troublemaker” Jacobs prepares to defend his bantamweight title against former flyweight champion Gift “The Day” Walker.

The matchup brings together two highly intelligent and experienced athletes, as Cape Town’s Jacobs faces Johannesburg’s Walker in a clash between two fighters with championship pedigree and very different approaches to the game.

Jacobs has rapidly established himself as one of the most dangerous athletes in the organisation. A long-range striker with dynamic movement, elite fight IQ, and a dangerous submission threat, the reigning bantamweight champion continues to evolve with every performance. Fresh off an impressive title defence against Trent Girdham at the EFC 131 Knox Legacy Series, Jacobs now returns looking to further cement his reign.

But standing opposite him is a man who knows exactly what championship pressure feels like.

Former flyweight champion Gift Walker has already proven himself on the biggest stage in the organisation and now arrives at EFC 135 riding a three-fight EFC win streak since returning to the bantamweight division. A patient and calculated athlete with a strong kickboxing base, intelligent Hexagon control, and dangerous submission ability, Walker has made no secret of his intentions after publicly calling out Jacobs following his most recent victory.

The matchup promises a fascinating stylistic battle between Jacobs’ unpredictable movement and psychological warfare against Walker’s patience, composure, and championship experience.

The announcement also comes as anticipation builds for EFC 134, which takes place in just a few days and continues the organisation's strong momentum into the middle of the 2026 season. With several high-level contenders in action across multiple divisions, the coming weeks are expected to play a major role in shaping the future title picture throughout the EFC roster.

Beyond EFC 135, discussions have already begun around the future of Jacobs should he successfully defend his title against Walker. With the champion continuing to build momentum and global attention around his name, a potential move to featherweight in pursuit of two-division status has emerged as a serious possibility.

EFC 135: Jacobs vs Walker for the EFC Bantamweight Championship is presented by World Sports Betting and takes place on Thursday, 2 July at the WSB EFC Arena in Johannesburg.

Tickets and broadcast information will be available soon at efcworldwide.com.