

SANCHEZ RETAINS INTERIM TITLE AS VAN STADEN SET SIGHTS ON EFC SHOWDOWN



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Adrian “Rayo” Sanchez successfully defended the EFC Interim Lightweight Championship on Thursday night, stopping Bradley Swanepoel by first-round TKO in the main event of EFC 136, presented by World Sports Betting.

Following the championship contest, reigning EFC Lightweight Champion Martin van Staden entered the Hexagon where he came face-to-face with Sanchez, setting the stage for an anticipated lightweight championship unification bout in the near future.

Elsewhere on the main card, Sithembiso Hadebe earned a unanimous decision over Godfrey Mkhwanazi, Adei Volker submitted Joel Tiffo, Coenie Lamprecht defeated Lecture Gumbi by first-round submission, and Nasiphi Vellem earned a unanimous decision over Lucky Magekha.

Earlier in the evening, Marino Cutendana submitted Rian Mario Dunn, Jeremie Tshibala outpointed Christopher Matukane, Grant Farrow defeated Alex Kapinga by split decision, Story Mpia Embombe submitted Siyanda Vilakazi, Denver Isaacs earned a unanimous decision over Philani Ngqoyiya, and Seth van Aswegen submitted Wallace Okosso.

Performance bonuses were awarded to Adrian Sanchez and Sithembiso Hadebe.

Fight of the Night honours went to Nasiphi Vellem and Lucky Magekha, while Grant Farrow received an additional bonus.

Official Results

Interim Lightweight Championship

Adrian Sanchez def. Bradley Swanepoel by TKO (Strikes), Round 1, 4:39

Bantamweight

Sithembiso Hadebe def. Godfrey Mkhwanazi by Unanimous Decision

Middleweight

Adei Volker def. Joel Tiffo by Submission (Guillotine Choke), Round 2, 1:18

132 lb Catchweight

Coenie Lamprecht def. Lecture Gumbi by Submission (Rear-Naked Choke), Round 1, 2:27

Featherweight

Nasiphi Vellem def. Lucky Magekha by Unanimous Decision

Bantamweight

Marino Cutendana def. Rian Mario Dunn by Submission (Triangle Choke), Round 1

Heavyweight

Jeremie Tshibala def. Christopher Matukane by Unanimous Decision

Lightweight

Grant Farrow def. Alex Kapinga by Split Decision

Flyweight

Story Mpia Embombe def. Siyanda Vilakazi by Submission (Rear-Naked Choke), Round 3

Flyweight

Denver Isaacs def. Philani Ngqoyiya by Unanimous Decision

Middleweight

Seth van Aswegen def. Wallace Okosso by Submission (Armbar), Round 1, 2:20

Attention turns to EFC 137 on Thursday September 10 where reigning Bantamweight Champion Faez Jacobs moves up to face Chadrack Yemba for the interim featherweight championship.

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

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