

EFC BUILDING MOMENTUM AS THREE MAJOR MAIN EVENTS SET TO DEFINE THE NEXT CHAPTER OF AFRICAN MMA

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Johannesburg, South Africa — After the explosive launch of the 2026 season with the **EFC 131 Knox Legacy Series**, the organisation now turns its attention to a powerful run of events over the coming months, with a series of major championship matchups already taking shape.

The Knox Legacy Series kicked off the year in emphatic fashion, bringing elite athletes to Cape Town and once again reinforcing the EFC’s role as the premier stage for African mixed martial arts.

Now the momentum continues.

Next up is **EFC 132 on April 9 in Johannesburg**, headlined by a blockbuster **heavyweight championship clash** between undisputed champion **Matunga “HHH” Djikasa** and Senegal’s undefeated powerhouse **Adama Diop**.

Djikasa reclaimed the heavyweight crown in dominant fashion and now faces one of the most dangerous challengers the division has produced. Diop’s explosive power and relentless style

make him a genuine threat to the champion as the two collide in a bout expected to shake the landscape of the division.

The following month, **EFC 133 on May 7**, will see the welterweight division take centre stage when **South Africa's Zaakir Badat** defends his title against former champion **Ziko Makengele of the DRC**.

Badat has established himself as one of the most complete athletes in the promotion, combining elite grappling with increasingly dangerous striking. Standing opposite him is Makengele, a powerful former titleholder determined to prove he can once again compete at the highest level.

Looking further ahead, discussions are already underway for what could become one of the most intriguing matchups of the year.

A potential **women's super fight** is being explored for **EFC 134**, which could see reigning **flyweight champion Amanda Lino** face **bantamweight champion Juliet Chukka** in a champion-versus-champion clash.

If finalised, the bout would mark one of the biggest female fights ever staged in the organisation and highlight the continued growth of women's MMA in Africa.

With championship stakes, elite contenders, and major matchups on the horizon, the coming months promise to deliver some of the most exciting moments of the 2026 EFC calendar.

The success of the Knox Legacy Series has also driven significant engagement across global platforms, with EFC content continuing to reach audiences around the world.

In **2025 alone, EFC generated more than 100 million monthly views across digital platforms**, reinforcing the organisation's position as one of the most widely viewed African sports properties.

With a run of major championship fights ahead and global interest continuing to grow, the coming months are expected to deliver some of the **largest audiences in EFC history**.

EFC 132 takes place April 9 in Johannesburg and is presented by World Sports Betting.

Tickets and broadcast information are available at efcworldwide.com.

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