

FIVE DAYS LATER, MWANGA ALREADY HAS HIS NEXT FIGHT

Zambia's unbeaten Tryford Mwanga faces submission specialist Thapelo “Rasta” Malatjie at EFC 138



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Tryford Mwanga needed less than two minutes to win at EFC 137.

Five days later, his next EFC fight is already confirmed.

The undefeated Zambian will face Johannesburg's Thapelo “Rasta” Malatjie in a flyweight contest at EFC 138 on Thursday, 1 October, as Mwanga looks to continue an explosive start to his professional career.

Originally from Lusaka, Zambia, Mwanga now trains in Johannesburg at Fight Camp alongside former EFC champion Demarte Pena.

Mwanga moved to 2-0 at EFC 137 when he stopped Lukhmaan Jhazbhay with ground-and-pound just 1:57 into the opening round.

It followed an even quicker professional debut, where the Zambian needed only 41 seconds to secure a first-round TKO and Performance of the Night honours.

Across his first two professional fights, Mwanga has spent just 2 minutes and 38 seconds competing, finishing both opponents inside the opening round.

Now he has a little over two weeks before doing it all again.

Waiting for him will be a Johannesburg fighter entering the professional ranks with a very different threat.

Malatjie makes his professional MMA debut after building a 4-1 amateur record, with his last three victories all coming by submission.

“Rasta” has finished opponents by rear-naked choke, guillotine and ninja choke, while also competing in submission grappling outside MMA.

His only amateur defeat was followed by three straight finishes.

On 1 October, Malatjie skips the luxury of an easy introduction to professional MMA. His first assignment is an undefeated opponent who has yet to see the second round.

For Mwanga, it is another opportunity to build on an explosive beginning to his professional career and continue the emergence of another exciting Zambian talent inside the EFC Hexagon.

For Malatjie, it is the beginning of an entirely new chapter.

EFC 138 is presented by World Sports Betting and takes place on Thursday, 1 October at the WSB EFC Arena in Johannesburg, South Africa, headlined by the vacant EFC Heavyweight Championship between undefeated number-one contender Terrence “The Mountain” Born and former two-time heavyweight champion Matunga “HHH Power” Djikasa.

Tickets and broadcast information are available at: efcworldwide.com

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