

DU PLESSIS AND KAMBATA SET FOR EXPLOSIVE EFC 140 WELTERWEIGHT CLASH

Two proven finishers collide as the first bout is confirmed for EFC's final event of 2026



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Jaco Du Plessis and Jerry Kambata will meet in a welterweight clash at EFC 140 on Thursday, 3 December at the WSB EFC Arena in Johannesburg.

Du Plessis enters the matchup with a 5-2 professional record, with three victories by KO/TKO, one by submission and one by decision.

His EFC career has already taken him from impressive finishes to championship competition. At EFC 98, Du Plessis defeated Diego Bandu in a three-round battle that earned Fight of the Night

honours. Bandu has since risen to become the reigning EFC middleweight champion, making that victory an increasingly notable name on Du Plessis' record.

The two are now training partners at Team CIT in Pretoria, South Africa, where Du Plessis has developed from professional athlete into an experienced coach helping develop the gym's amateur and professional fighters. It is a formidable training environment, with Du Plessis and Bandu also training alongside UFC star Dricus Du Plessis.

Jaco's own rise took him to an EFC middleweight championship fight against former two-time champion Luke Michael at EFC 116. Du Plessis went the full five rounds before losing by decision, gaining championship experience that few athletes at this stage of their careers possess.

His only other professional defeat came against Peace Nguphane, before Du Plessis returned at EFC 132 and emphatically put himself back in the win column with a first-round knockout of Christopher Moly.

Waiting for him on 3 December is a dangerous Congolese athlete with an interesting connection to that same opponent.

Jerry Kambata also enters EFC 140 at 5-2, with four of his five professional victories coming by KO/TKO. He built his reputation competing across Africa, including consecutive first-round head-kick knockouts early in his professional career.

Kambata arrived in EFC in 2024 and was immediately handed the formidable Peace Nguphane, the same athlete responsible for one of Du Plessis' defeats. Kambata suffered a first-round stoppage that night, but has since returned to competition and rebuilt with consecutive victories.

Most recently, he defeated Osoba Pelajah by split decision in June 2026.

Now Kambata returns to the EFC Hexagon looking to show what he is truly capable of.

Between them, Du Plessis and Kambata have recorded seven KO/TKO victories from ten professional wins. They share identical 5-2 records, both arrive following victories and both know the danger presented by the only opponent they have in common.

On 3 December, Du Plessis looks to continue his resurgence while Kambata returns determined to make a very different impression on the EFC welterweight division.

Du Plessis vs Kambata is the first bout confirmed for EFC 140, with further matchups for EFC's final event of 2026 to be announced in the coming weeks.

EFC 140 is presented by World Sports Betting and takes place on Thursday, 3 December at the WSB EFC Arena in Johannesburg, South Africa. Tickets and broadcast information are available at:

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