

THE HUNTER RETURNS: OFFICIAL COUNTDOWN TO EFC 133 RELEASED

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Johannesburg, South Africa – With just three weeks to go until EFC 133, the official countdown show has been released, offering a deeper look into the journeys of the athletes set to headline one of the organisation’s most anticipated events.

The countdown explores the paths that have led to this moment, as South Africa’s welterweight champion Zaakir Badat prepares to defend his title against former champion Ziko Makengele.

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Badat’s story is one of constant pursuit, a fighter shaped by discipline, introduced to martial arts by his father, and driven from a young age to test himself across disciplines. From becoming one of South Africa’s youngest Brazilian Jiu Jitsu black belts to embracing the isolation and intensity of the wilderness, the countdown captures the mindset of a champion who hunts for challenges and remains undefeated in EFC competition.

Across from him stands Makengele, a judoka who travelled from the Democratic Republic of Congo to compete in the EFC, only to rebuild his career from within the very system that once defeated him. Now re-established and focused, he returns with the experience and intent to reclaim his position at the top of the division.

The matchup represents a defining moment in the welterweight division, with both athletes approaching the contest from very different paths but with the same objective.

EFC 133 continues to build toward fight night on May 7, with a full card of bouts set to unfold inside the EFC Hexagon.

The official countdown provides insight into the backgrounds, motivations, and defining moments that have shaped the athletes ahead of their return to the Hexagon.

EFC 133 takes place on May 7 at the World Sports Betting EFC Arena in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Tickets and broadcast information are available at efcworldwide.com.