

EFC KNOX LEGACY SERIES OFFICIALLY SOLD OUT 10 DAYS BEFORE FIGHT NIGHT

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Cape Town, South Africa — The inaugural EFC KNOX Legacy Series has officially sold out ten days ahead of fight night, with a full GrandWest Grand Arena set to welcome a capacity crowd on Thursday, 26 February 2026.

The sold-out status underscores the anticipation surrounding EFC's return to a major arena in Cape Town, delivered in partnership with KNOX Hydrate, the City of Cape Town, and Official Betting Partner World Sports Betting.

Headlining the event, EFC middleweight champion Luke Michael defends his title against Diego Bandu in a championship main event that has drawn significant attention across the African MMA landscape. A newly released three-minute main event promo offers an inside look at the build-up to the title clash, spotlighting Michael's preparation and the challenge presented by Bandu as both athletes prepare to compete in front of a sold-out arena.

Watch the official main event promo [HERE](#)

The championship card also features Faeez Jacobs defending his bantamweight title against Australia's Trent Girdham. Adrian Sanchez faces Brazil's Jefferson Pereira for the interim lightweight championship, while the flyweight Grand Prix final sees Cape Town's Tumelo Manyamala meet Ntando Zondi for championship honours. On the main card, Brazil's Kleberson Sousa takes on Cape Town's Terrance Ballelo in a pivotal flyweight contest.

With the arena now at capacity and global attention building, the inaugural EFC KNOX Legacy Series is set to deliver a landmark night for African MMA.

Broadcast information and further event details are available at www.efcworldwide.com.

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