

MOZAMBIQUE & ZIMBABWE WITH PROSPECTS OF GREATNESS

PEDRO VERSUS GORIMBO IN CRUCIAL CLASH AT EFC 123

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Johannesburg, South Africa - EFC 123 is set to showcase a showdown between two rising stars from neighboring nations — Mozambique’s Emerson “The Coolest Kid” Pedro and Zimbabwe’s Takunda “The Hammer” Gorimbo. This bantamweight fight carries more than just personal stakes for the athletes; it represents a powerful example of how sport can grow nations and inspire greatness.

For Emerson Pedro, the journey to success has not been without its challenges. After an impressive string of finishes, his momentum was halted by a loss to Lucky Magheka at EFC 118. Now, the Maputo native is determined to reclaim his spot at the top, ready to show that setbacks are merely stepping stones in the pursuit of success. Pedro's story, like that of many athletes in Mozambique, reflects the

country's resilience and growing desire to be recognized on the global stage. Recently, his countryman, Edson Machavane, signed with ONE Championship, further proving that Mozambique's athletes are beginning to make their mark internationally and growing their nations sporting status.

Takunda Gorimbo, who made an immediate impact with a first-round TKO at EFC 74, followed by a hard-fought battle with Asiashu Tshitamba, has taken time to reassess his career and return stronger. With his move to the 135lb division and joining the Corvus MMA team under Devon Cronje, Gorimbo is ready to reignite his career and demonstrate his true potential. His journey also carries the weight of a family legacy, with his brother and former EFC welterweight champion, Themba Gorimbo, competing in the UFC, setting a high bar for Zimbabwe and Zimbabwean athletes looking to follow in his footsteps.



Both countries have faced adversity, but it is through the determination of athletes like Pedro and Gorimbo that they are finding new paths to global recognition. EFC has provided a platform for athletes across Africa and beyond to showcase their talents on a world stage, helping bring countries and communities together through MMA. The organization is a consistent and solid base for hundreds of athletes, and with the highest production values, competition and unparalleled exposure, the organisation

is Africa's best launchpad for athletes looking to breakthrough, carry their countries flags high and make their mark on the world.

EFC offers an extraordinary opportunity for talent to flourish, and as we watch this bout and others unfold, we are witnessing the future of MMA in real-time. This is where the stars of the UFC were just months ago, and fans can expect the next wave of global MMA talent to emerge from the Hexagon in Africa.

EFC 123 takes place on Thursday 8th May 2025, live from the World Sports Betting Arena at the EFC Performance Institute in JHB, South Africa.



The poster features two fighters, Emerson Pedro and Takunda Gorimbo, standing in a boxing stance against a white hexagonal background. The EFC 123 logo is at the top center, with 'PRESENTED BY WORLD SPORTS BETTING' below it. The fighters' names and national flags are displayed in the middle, followed by 'PEDRO vs GORIMBO'. At the bottom, it says 'BANTAMWEIGHT BOUT THUR 8 MAY' and 'WORLD SPORTS BETTING EFC ARENA'.

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