

DUNN AND CUTENDANA SET TO HEADLINE EFC 136 PRELIMINARY CARD



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An intriguing bantamweight contest has been selected to headline the EFC 136 preliminary card as Durban's Rian "Mountain Lion" Dunn takes on Angola-born veteran Marino "The Scorpion" Cutendana on August 6.

Dunn enters the contest looking to build on the momentum of his most recent victory. The Durban athlete and owner of Mountain Lion Academy burst onto the professional scene with a series of impressive performances and has earned a reputation for his willingness to engage in exciting fights regardless of the circumstances.

Known for his long-range Muay Thai striking and dangerous submission game off his back, Dunn has consistently shown resilience and determination throughout his EFC career. After balancing the demands of competition with building his own gym, he appears highly motivated heading into what could be a pivotal matchup in his journey.

Standing opposite him will be one of the more unique stories in African MMA.

Originally from Angola, Cutendana grew up alongside fellow Angolan and future EFC double division champion Demarte Pena before establishing himself as a respected competitor in his own right. Representing Team CIT under coach Morne Visser, Cutendana returns to EFC competition for the first time since EFC 83 after a lengthy absence while addressing health-related issues.

The experienced athlete brings a well-rounded skillset into the matchup, combining high-level kickboxing, a dangerous submission game and the kind of fight IQ developed through years of experience inside the Hexagon. His devastating leg kicks have long been one of the most effective weapons in his arsenal.

Cutendana also returns having prepared alongside some of the biggest names in EFC history, including former EFC champions Dricus Du Plessis, Cameron Saaiman and several other notable Team CIT athletes.

Stylistically, the bout presents a compelling matchup between two athletes capable of finishing fights both on the feet and on the ground.

For Dunn, victory would strengthen his position within the division and continue the momentum generated by his recent win.

For Cutendana, the contest marks an opportunity to remind the division of his abilities after spending years away from competition and continue adding to the growing legacy of Angolan athletes who have made their mark inside the EFC Hexagon.

The timing of the matchup is also notable. EFC bantamweight champion Faez Jacobs is scheduled to defend his title against Gift Walker at EFC 135, ensuring the division remains firmly in focus as attention shifts to EFC 136 the following month.

The matchup headlines the EFC 136 preliminary card, which streams live globally on Discover Sport before the main card gets underway.

The EFC 136 event is headlined by Sanchez vs Swanepoel for the interim lightweight championship and is presented by World Sports Betting live from the World Sports Betting EFC Arena in Johannesburg, South Africa on August 6.

Ticket and broadcast information at efcworldwide.com.