

VERMEULEN RETURNS TO THE EFC HEXAGON AGAINST LUITERS AT EFC 136

A promotional poster for EFC 136 featuring two heavyweights, Michael Vermeulen and Sholto Luiters. Michael Vermeulen is on the left, wearing black boxing gloves with 'EFC' and 'WORLD' logos. Sholto Luiters is on the right, with a large tattoo on his left shoulder. The background is a white hexagonal pattern. Text on the poster includes 'EFC 136', 'PRESENTED BY WORLD SPORTS BETTING', 'MICHAEL VERMEULEN vs SHOLTO LUITERS', 'HEAVYWEIGHT BOUT', 'THURSDAY 6 AUGUST', 'WORLD SPORTS BETTING EFC ARENA', and 'TICKET & BROADCAST INFO AT EFCWORLDWIDE.COM'.

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Heavyweight action has been added to EFC 136 as Michael "Tank" Vermeulen makes his long-awaited return to the EFC Hexagon against Pretoria's Sholto Luiters on August 6 at the World Sports Betting EFC Arena.

Vermeulen returns to competition for the first time since EFC 57, ending a lengthy absence from the organisation. The South African heavyweight compiled a 4-2 EFC record during his previous run, earning victories over Tomasz Kowalkowski, Didier Kilola, Sors Grobbelaar and Ivan Strydom.

Known for his aggressive style and finishing ability, Vermeulen has never gone the distance in six EFC appearances. Three of his victories have come by knockout, while another came by submission.

Luiters enters the bout representing Hitman Academy under coach Cole Henning. The Pretoria heavyweight has built a reputation as a durable and aggressive competitor who is equally comfortable exchanging strikes in the pocket or controlling opponents from top position.

Despite holding a 1-3 professional record, Luiters has faced some of the toughest opposition in the division. His recent defeats came against Anthony Morel, who went on to become EFC heavyweight champion, and Terrence Born, who is scheduled to challenge for the heavyweight title.

Like Vermeulen, Luiters has never gone the distance as a professional.

With two aggressive heavyweights sharing a preference for finishing fights early, EFC 136 adds another intriguing matchup to a card headlined by Adrian Sanchez and Bradley Swanepoel for the interim lightweight championship.

The announcement comes ahead of EFC 135, where bantamweight champion Faez Jacobs is scheduled to defend his title against Gift Walker before attention shifts to EFC 136 on August 6.

This bout features on the EFC 136 main card, 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.