

EFC FLYWEIGHT CHAMPION EDSON MACHAVANE RELINQUISHES TITLE TO TAKE ON ONE FC

A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS

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Johannesburg, South Africa - In a bold move signaling the growth and evolution of African MMA, EFC Flyweight Champion Edson Machavane has officially relinquished his EFC flyweight title to pursue new opportunities in the global MMA scene, signing with ONE Championship. His decision marks the next chapter in a decorated career, and while Machavane's departure from the EFC Hexagon leaves a gap, it's a testament to the incredible opportunities that EFC continues to provide its athletes on the world stage.

Since joining EFC, Mozambique's Edson Machavane has been one of the standout athletes in the flyweight division, captivating fans with his skill and heart inside the Hexagon. His climb to championship status in EFC was one of determination, and his decision to step up to the international stage in ONE Championship reflects the

remarkable journey EFC has taken in growing African talent and positioning its athletes for global success.

EFC has long been known as the leading mixed martial arts organization in Africa, providing unparalleled opportunities for athletes to showcase their talent and elevate their careers. Through partnerships with major global brands, EFC has become a platform that allows its athletes to compete at the highest levels and transition seamlessly into other top international MMA promotions. This is a journey that many former EFC champions have undertaken, including Dricus du Plessis, who went on to capture the UFC Middleweight title.

These transitions demonstrate EFC's mission to create a global pathway for African athletes, solidifying its reputation as the premier destination for MMA in Africa. EFC's partner brands play an integral role in making these career-defining opportunities possible for athletes, helping them achieve their dreams on the international stage.

The organization wishes Machavane nothing but the best of success as he competes at the highest level in Asia and continues to make waves on the global MMA scene.

As Machavane moves on to conquer new challenges, EFC's flyweight division is alive with talent, and the search for a new challenge for Willie van Royen, the current EFC flyweight number one contender, is underway.

EFC remains committed to providing African athletes with the platform they deserve, helping them achieve greatness. The Hexagon continues to be a proving ground for the next generation of MMA stars, and with unmatched opportunities and global exposure, EFC's legacy as Africa's MMA leader continues to grow.