MUTSILA STEPS IN ON 10 DAYS NOTICE TO FACE BOTHA AT EFC 140!



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With just ten days remaining until EFC 140, another change to the fight card has set the stage for an exciting welterweight showdown. South African Trevor Mutsila has stepped forward on short notice to face Zimbabwean Boyka Botha at 170 pounds on Thursday, 3 December, at the World Sports Betting EFC Arena in Johannesburg.

Originally scheduled to face Mutabi Shindano, Botha now finds himself preparing for a very different challenge following Shindano's withdrawal. His new opponent is a technically gifted striker with sharp boxing, intelligent movement and the determination to make the most of an unexpected opportunity.

Originally from Zimbabwe and now based in South Africa, 28-year-old Botha represents Brothers in Arms in Pretoria. A naturally athletic and durable competitor, Botha has begun establishing himself in the professional ranks. After making his EFC debut against Garcia Pinto Kinkela at EFC 134, he returned to the Hexagon at EFC 137 to secure his first professional victory, defeating Rigo Ntumba by unanimous decision.

The victory marked an important step forward for Botha, whose heavy hands and powerful kicks make him a dangerous proposition for anyone willing to stand and exchange. His striking is

particularly effective when he puts combinations together, and his improving takedown defence has added another dimension to his developing MMA game.

Now carrying the confidence of his first professional victory, Botha will be looking to build momentum and establish himself as a rising force in the welterweight division.

But standing in his way is 24-year-old South African Trevor Mutsila, representing Apex MMA South in Johannesburg under head coach Wilhelm Strauss.

Standing six feet tall, Mutsila brings a significant height advantage into this welterweight encounter. Known for his crisp boxing, intelligent footwork and ability to create angles, he possesses the technical skills to make life difficult for even the most aggressive opponents. His effective kicking game adds further variety to his attacks, while his defensive jiu-jitsu makes him a demanding opponent both standing and on the ground.

Having previously competed against Elisio Andre at EFC 135 and Alexander Suzuki at EFC 137, Mutsila has already tested himself against challenging opposition in the organisation.

Still searching for his first professional victory, Mutsila has shown enough technical ability and determination to suggest that his record does not tell the full story. Accepting this opportunity with less than two weeks to prepare, he now has the chance to make a significant impression.

The matchup promises an intriguing contest between two athletes who approach their striking in different ways. Botha's explosive power and aggressive combinations will be tested against Mutsila's precision, movement and ability to attack from unexpected angles.

EFC 140 takes place on Thursday, 3 December 2026, at the World Sports Betting EFC Arena in Johannesburg. The final event of the year will be headlined by the EFC Flyweight Championship showdown between reigning champion Tumelo “Mellow” Manyamala and challenger Brandon Santos.

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