

MORE GOLD ON THE LINE!

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BREAKING NEWS: In a series of announcements, EFC can today confirm the signing of several massive title fights and various other super-fights involving champions, legends and UFC contenders, ensuring that the run-in toward year-end will cement the EFC's status as Africa's primary destination for action!

Arguably the most decorated wrestler in Africa, the EFC's double-champ Igeu Kabesa will defend his lightweight title against the former champion and fellow Congolese standout, Tshilumbu Mikixi at EFC 120 on the 12th of December in the World Sports Betting EFC Arena in Johannesburg. After an incredible 13 title fights out of 21 professional bouts, Kabesa is already considered the continental goat anywhere between 145 and 155lbs having had considerably more victories and championship wins inside the Hexagon than current UFC Middleweight Champion Dricus du Plessis. For this is the rarefied air in which "Smiley" breathes, rocket-boosted by his first-round finishing ability which has branded his name inside the hearts of fans around the world.

His opponent though is on a mission to reclaim a belt that he never lost and still rightly views as his. With a fight IQ and reach beyond his years, hence his nickname "The Old Monkey", Tshilumba Mikixi is an undefeated champion with a truly outstanding skillset who relinquished his title for personal reasons. Now settled in training camp with a renewed fervour and fierce determination, EFC 120 will mark almost 2 years to the day since Mikixi dominated the feared Cole Henning at the seminal EFC 100 event to take the belt in raucous and fevered scenes. He now looks to the night time summer sky as the stars align foretelling his return, with only one man standing in his way. But that man is a giant. One of the true greats. And this title fight will surely be written large in the history books as a bonafide soul-eater.

With Kabesa now defending his lightweight belt, the interim featherweight strap is out to pasture, giving his Guts and Glory teammate and training partner from Polokwane, UFC's The Ultimate Fighter star, Roedie Roets a stunning opportunity to grab the gold. One of the most prominent cast members from the recent season of TUF and training under current UFC women's flyweight champion Valentina Shevchenko, Roets is a phenomenal grappler whose five-fight winning streak at the onset of his EFC career had already marked him as an outstanding talent and future title contender. With a grinding and suffocating submission style, moulded in the image of his father, Olympic wrestling coach Jan Roets, 'Relentless' tore up the EFC featherweight division with a series of superb finishes and now, finally gets a shot at a title and to fulfil UFC President Dana White's opinion that Roets has a great future in the sport.

However, every title fight is a double-edged opportunity and Ayanda Zwane has every intention of taking it in his usual cursory and devastating fashion. Also a pupil of an Olympic wrestling coach, the legendary Atilla Barna, Zwane has the exact style to frustrate and pressure Roets, with a slippery jiu-jitsu and infuriating range striking, "The Power" is accustomed to taking major scalps, as evidenced with his recent victory over international veteran Steven Goncalves amongst a variety of stunning upsets throughout his burgeoning EFC career. Furthermore, with former number one contender Simbarashe Hokonya withdrawing from the top spot, Zwane's opportunity is even more golden and he will undoubtedly relish the chance to not only claim the head of a huge figure in the sport, but begin his reign on the 145lb throne with a destructive statement in the biggest fight of his life!

With so much divisional movement and a huge swathe of even more stunning title fight announcements forthcoming very soon, Roets vs Zwane is already signed and sealed as the main event for EFC 118 on the 10th of October. With the fight fans' plate of non-stop action running over with these sensational bout announcements, the EFC is only beginning to release the news of even more breath-taking matchups, the contracts upon whose ink is drying. The run-up to Christmas will involve only the best talent available in global mixed-martial arts so keep an eye out for more official news over the next few weeks as 2024 looks to be the greatest yet in the EFC's extraordinary 15-year existence!

EFC 118, Roets vs Zwane is presented by World Sports Betting and takes place on 10 October 2024 live from the World Sports Betting EFC Arena in JHB, South Africa.