TITLE FIGHT TROUBLE

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Next week, the World Sports Betting EFC Arena will come alive with excitement as EFC 117 sets the stage for another epic night of mixed martial arts competition as a thrilling showdown for the 135lb World Title promises to deliver electrifying action and heart stopping moments!

In the main event Faeez 'The Troublemaker' Jacobs squares off against Vince Bembe for the vacant Bantamweight Championship title in a bout the division has been eagerly waiting for. Jacobs, one of the most renowned fighters to emerge from Cape Town, is celebrated for his captivating and disruptive fighting style. The former bantamweight champion, Jacobs has recently earned his title shot by defeating top contenders Eduardo Barros and Sylvester Chipfumbu, with the latter fight culminating in a knockout that could easily be the highlight of the year.

Jacobs' relentless dedication to training makes him a formidable force in the hexagon. However, standing in his way is the formidable Vince Bembe, a fighter who etched his name in EFC history with a jaw-dropping 13-second knockout of Adrian Sanchez just four months ago. Even though Bembe's explosive power and lightning-fast reflexes will ensure that this 135lb clash will be nothing short of spectacular, he remains the underdog at World Sports Betting to grab the gold. Witness these two elite warriors battle it out to claim the top spot of a stacked division.

EFC continues to champion pan-African women's MMA with the highly anticipated debut of Imke-Marishcka Kuikstra, known as "Stingray," from the Mighty Warriors gym. This Vanderbijlpark kickboxing specialist has been making waves in the amateur circuit under the expert mentorship of Stefan Brown. Also making her debut is Rebecca "Warrior" Amongi from Kampala, Uganda. Trained at the Elite Training Centre by Yadad Moser, Rebecca has already made a mark internationally with a decisive first-round win. Their flyweight showdown promises to be a fiery display of skill and tenacity.

In the flyweight division, the fleet footed Kgaugelo Moitshela brings a reputation for swift stoppages and impeccable distance judgment. The Mamelodi Warrior is poised to climb the 125-pound rankings. However, standing in his way is the undefeated White Lion, Willie van Rooyen, who has been on a spectacular winning streak. This all-Pretoria clash between A-Team Stars and Mamelodi Warriors will be a crucial bout for both fighters as they vie for their place in the upper echelons of the division.

The night also features the return of former welterweight champion Ziko Makengele, who is looking to reclaim his gold after a title loss to current teammate Mark Hulme. With a string of impressive victories against top opponents, Makengele is driven by a burning desire to recapture his title. His opponent, Aaron Ogouniyi from Benin, comes in with an impressive record and a series of finishes that showcase his all-around skillset. This matchup is sure to be a compelling contest as Ogouniyi aims to represent Benin with distinction.

Don't miss out on this night of high stakes and intense competition with what is sure to be one of the most electric fight nights in recent memory!

EFC 117 Jacobs vs. Bembe Bantamweight Championship is presented by World Sports Betting and takes place on Thursday, 12 September 2024, live from the World Sports Betting Arena in JHB, South Africa.

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