

MICHAEL LOOKS TO REGAIN BELT AS UNDERDOG AGAINST DU PLESSIS

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The atmosphere at the World Sports Betting Arena was electric today as athletes took to the scales in anticipation of what promises to be a dramatic night of mixed martial arts action. The tension between the athletes was palpable, leaving fans on the edge of their seats.

In a dramatic face-off that sets the tone for tomorrow evening, former middleweight champion Luke Michael and Pretorian powerhouse Jaco du Plessis exchanged heated words at the scales and had to be separated by Night Guard Security. The intensity between the two was undeniable, as they prepare to battle for the vacant middleweight championship belt. Michael, determined to reclaim his former glory after a loss to JP Kruger who vacated the title in April, is hungry for redemption.

On the other hand, Du Plessis, who trains out of renowned outfit CIT and remains undefeated in the EFC, stands as a formidable opponent, one of several possible reasons why World Sports Betting has Michael tagged as a significant underdog. With both athletes making weight, the stage is set for an unforgettable main event showdown tomorrow night.

Adding to the excitement, the Mozambican mauler Emerson Pedro brought his trademark confidence and charisma to the scales as he squared off against newcomer William 'Ragnar' Lekana. Pedro's commanding presence is sure to elevate the anticipation for their upcoming bout.

In another highly anticipated main card match-up, Sibusiso Somandla Sovendle returns to the Hex following a recent defeat to challenge seasoned grappler Roewan De Beer. De Beer, known for his impressive track record, is poised and ready to make an impact tomorrow night and hopefully kickstart a run again at the 135lb belt.

As well as Lekana, EFC 116 will also witness the professional debuts of two exciting new signings: Tico Van Den Berg and Chadrack Yemba, adding an extra layer of excitement and intrigue to the evening that proves yet again that EFC attracts the hottest combat sports prospects on the African continent.

Also on deck today, the EFC unveiled its new partnership with LIFT FIT, a premier sportswear brand. This collaboration heralds a new era of premium-quality fitness apparel tailored for athletes and fight fans around the globe with EFC President Cairo Howarth and the athletes showcasing the latest LIFT FIT gear, demonstrating our commitment to top-notch style and performance.

All athletes are officially on weight. Fans can look forward to an action-packed event that promises to deliver thrilling performances and unforgettable moments before a championship main event that threatens to explode before the very first bell!

Main Card

MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE FIGHT

Jaco du Plessis (SA) 182.8lbs vs. Luke Michael (SA) 184.7lbs

CATCHWEIGHT FIGHT

Jean-Jacques Lubaya (DRC) 147.8lbs vs. Ken Sekeletu (ZMB) 147.8lbs

MIDDLEWEIGHT FIGHT

Shadrack Nsua (DRC) 184.6lbs vs. Khulekani Hlongwa (SA) 186lbs

BANTAMWEIGHT FIGHT

Sibusiso Sovendle (SA) 133lbs vs. Roevan De Beer (SA) 135lbs

CATCHWEIGHT FIGHT

Nathanial Komana (SA) 128.9lbs vs. Bheki Ngcobo (SA) 130lbs

Prelim Card

FEATHERWEIGHT FIGHT

Allistar Kunene (SA) 145.2lbs vs. Jesse Schaper (SA) 144.1lbs

BANTAMWEIGHT FIGHT

Emerson Pedro (MOZ) 134.8lbs vs. William Lekana (SA) 135.5lbs

FLYWEIGHT FIGHT

Kelvin Smit (SA) 125.6lbs vs. Siyanda Vilakazi (SA) 126lbs

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT

Tico van der Berg (SA) 205.5lbs vs. Andile Madlala (SA) 205.5lbs

LIGHTWEIGHT FIGHT

Lucky Bosco (SA) 155.1lbs vs. Chadrack Yemba (DRC) 154.9lbs

FLYWEIGHT FIGHT

Teboho Ntene (SA) 125.8lbs vs. Lihle Ngamntwini (SA) 124.3lbs

FEATHERWEIGHT FIGHT

Kenan Hornabrook (SA) 144.2lbs vs. Tshepo Majuba (SA) 145,9lbs

EFC 116 is presented by World Sports Betting and takes place on Thursday, 8 August 2024, live from the World Sports Betting Arena in JHB, South Africa.