

# BEMBE LOOKING FOR TROUBLE

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The EFC 117 weigh-in ceremony set the stage ablaze with energy and anticipation, igniting the countdown to another thrilling spectacle of MMA action. Held at the World Sports Betting Arena, the event platformed the burning passion and intensity of athletes from across Africa as they came face-to-face for the first time before tomorrow's warfare.

The main event showcased a mouth-watering title clash in the bantamweight division as Faeez "The Troublemaker" Jacobs and Vince Bembe locked eyes on the scales. Jacobs, known for his electrifying presence, weighed in at 134.8 lbs, his fierce glare signalling his readiness for battle. Bembe matched the intensity, coming in at 133.7 lbs, though it is former champion Jacobs, who is a significant favourite to regain his title at World Sports Betting. The stage is now set for a fierce confrontation that has fans buzzing with excitement for tomorrow's main event.

In the co-main event, the flyweight division will witness an epic encounter between Willie "The White Lion" Van Rooyen and Kgaugelo Moitshela. Van Rooyen, undefeated in the EFC, is set to defend his dominance against Moitshela, who has shown remarkable preparation and determination in the lead-up to this fight. Their clash promises to deliver a high-stakes showdown that fans won't want to miss.

The night will also mark the highly anticipated debut of two remarkable female fighters. Imke-Marishcka Kuikstra, known as "Stingray", from the Mighty Warriors gym, and Rebecca "Warrior" Amongi from Kampala, Uganda, are ready to make their mark in the flyweight division. Kuikstra, a Vanderbijlpark kickboxing specialist, and Amongi, trained under Yadad Moser at the Elite Training Centre, both made weight and are set to bring their exceptional skills and tenacity to the Hexagon in what promises to be a fiery display of women's MMA prowess.

Adding to the anticipation, the preliminaries features a captivating catchweight matchup between veteran banger Pietie “Thunder” Coxen and knockout artist Christian Omonkhobhio. Coxen, returning after a loss to CIT’s Dino Bagattin, will face the undefeated Omonkhobhio, who has dazzled in his last outing. This bout embodies a clash of old school versus new school, promising a captivating and high-energy performance.

As the final face-offs concluded and the ceremonial festivities drew to a close, the atmosphere at the World Sports Betting Arena was electric with anticipation. With athletes showcasing their peak physical and mental readiness, EFC 117 is set to deliver a night of unmissable, high-octane MMA action.

Be ready for an unforgettable event – the countdown to EFC 117 is on!

### **Main Card**

#### **BANTAMWEIGHT TITLE FIGHT**

Faez Jacobs (SA) 134.8 lbs vs. Vince Bembe (SA) 133.7 lbs

#### **FLYWEIGHT FIGHT**

Willie van Rooyen (SA) 124.6 lbs vs. Kgauelo Moitshela (SA) 125.2 lbs

#### **WOMEN’S FLYWEIGHT FIGHT**

Imke-Marischca Kuikstra (SA) 121.8 lbs vs. Rebecca Amongi (UGA) 125.8 lbs

#### **FEATHERWEIGHT FIGHT**

Shannon Van Tonder (SA) 146 lbs vs. Tshepo Majuba (SA) 145.6 lbs

#### **FLYWEIGHT FIGHT**

Salahuddin Plaatjies (SA) 125.2 lbs vs. Tebatso Molele (SA) 124.1 lbs

### **Prelim Card**

#### **FLYWEIGHT FIGHT**

Godknows Ndlovu (SA) 124.1 lbs vs. Vincent Nakana (SA) 125.2 lbs

#### **FEATHERWEIGHT FIGHT**

Mpho Hloka (SA) 144.8 lbs vs. Amisi Kabeya (DRC) 145.2 lbs

#### **FEATHERWEIGHT FIGHT**

Emerson Pedro (MOZ) 144.3 lbs vs. Mbiya Dieudonne Kalala (DRC) 145.9 lbs

#### **CATCHWEIGHT FIGHT**

Christian Omonkhobhio (NGA) 179.6 lbs vs. Pietie Coxen (SA) 179.6 lbs

#### **CATCHWEIGHT FIGHT**

Moses Mokhari (SA) 141.4 lbs vs. Yebo Ntambwe (DRC) 141.9 lbs

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