

EFC 115 ON DECK TO ROCK THE CONTINENT!

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Thursday the 11th of July is a date that will bear witness to not just one, but two incredible title fights in the heart of Johannesburg. The main event features undoubtedly the two top-ranking lightweights on the African continent in the reigning champion, Igeu Kabesa from South Africa and his challenger, Humphrey Mulenga from Zambia.

A double-division champion of the EFC, Kabesa is rightly regarded as one of the greatest wrestlers in African MMA and proved that yet again in December last year, outlasting Reinaldo Ekson over 5 thrilling rounds to keep his featherweight title and get his revenge on the only man to have defeated him in 7 years. He then followed that performance up with taking the lightweight title by submitting the veteran Kaleka Kabanda with a first round rear naked choke. Now he must defend his 155lb belt against Mulenga, his toughest opponent to date. The greatest Zambian fighter to have ever lit up the World Sports Betting Arena, 'King Cobra' continues to dispatch all of his opponents in the first round with his electrifying striking, marking him as the biggest threat to the lightweight division in many years. His TKO finish of Nkosi Doyisa was a pure display of power and placement that sent out a burn notice to the division, then he faced the ever-dangerous Tapiwa Katikati, who suffered exactly the same fate, but it was his devastating finish of the knockout artist Cole Henning at EFC 109 that now sets him up for a lightweight title shot against the double division champion Kabesa.

This huge clash is preceded by the co-main event which is a guaranteed knock-out brawl between two massive heavy-hitters for the vacant heavyweight title. When French striking-specialist, Anthony Morel from Réunion entered the Hex last year, he put away his opponent sensationally in the second, continuing a winning streak that has made him a 265lb menace across the length and breadth of Gaul. In a classic cross-channel clash, he now faces a hammer-packing Brit who has yet to go the distance in eight pro fights and sends his opponents to sleep with devastating elbows - Jottie Houlton. A mainstay on UK's northern fight scene, Houlton has fought for a plethora of promotions and trained with some of the best camps in Merseyside and Manchester. But the undefeated Morel can also summon the sandman with dismissive alacrity and has the kickboxing style that guarantees a toe-to-toe Agincourt with the Englishman.

With other top-drawer athletes like Edson Machavane from Mozambique taking on Salahuddin Plaatjies from South Africa and whose compatriot Billy Nyembo faces the Congo's Kaleka Kabanda.

26 fighters in total will converge on the City of Gold to compete in Africa's biggest combat sports promotion in one massive night of heart-pumping action!