

# TROUBLEMAKER'S TITLE TRIUMPH!

EFC 117 RESULTS

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*In a thrilling display of skill and heart, Faez Jacobs captured the Bantamweight Championship for a second time after a superb two-round victory over Vince Bembe in the main event of an incredible evening of non-stop mixed martial arts action.*

Both athletes immediately showcased their athleticism from the very first bell inside the Hexagon, making this a match to remember. But it was ‘Troublemaker’ who ultimately reclaimed the belt by sinking in a triangle choke in the second round and reaffirming his status as one of Africa’s greatest champions. He wasted no time in speaking down the camera in his victory speech to UFC President Dana White, who is considering staging an event in South Africa next year.

In an electrifying co-main event that had fans on the edge of their seats, Willie “The White Lion” Van Rooyen secured a hard-fought victory over Kgaugelo Moitshela in a bout that lived up to every ounce of anticipation. After recovering from a knockdown and submission attempt in the second round, Van Rooyen came back with fierce striking flurries which continued into the third, eventually winning by TKO and remaining undefeated.

The women’s flyweight bout delivered a thrilling spectacle as massive Ugandan prospect Rebecca Amongi emerged victorious following a gruelling contest. Amongi's crisp yet powerful boxing and relentless ground-and-pound strategy proved too much for Imke-Marischca Kuikstra, with the referee ultimately stepping in to call a halt to the bout. Amongi’s triumph on debut was a testament to her skill and tenacity as she used her well-earned time on the microphone to thank to her community back in Kampala for their support.

In an emotional and electrifying night of bouts, Pietie “Thunder” Coxen, a storied veteran of mixed martial arts, officially hung up his gloves at the age of 42. After years of thrilling fans and

carving out his legacy in the Hexagon with a reputation for throwing-down wherever and whenever, Coxen continues to contribute to the sport as he now moves into an officiating role with the national governing body.

The prelims showcased a dazzling array of up-and-coming athletes, setting the tone for an unforgettable evening. Fans were treated to a display of raw talent and unyielding spirit from a new generation of African MMA talent, with each bout intensifying the atmosphere and leaving the crowd craving more. As we reflect on this unforgettable event, it's clear that the sport of MMA continues to evolve, with veterans like Coxen bowing out as exciting new stars begin to shine on the greatest platform of combat sports on the continent.

### **OFFICIAL EFC 117 RESULTS:**

#### **Main Card**

##### **BANTAMWEIGHT TITLE FIGHT**

Faez Jacobs def Vince Bembe via Tapout due to Triangle choke Round 2 (4:31)

##### **FLYWEIGHT FIGHT**

Willie van Rooyen def Kgaugelo Moitshela via TKO due to Strikes Round 3 (1:17)

##### **WOMEN'S FLYWEIGHT FIGHT**

Rebecca Amongi def Imke-Marischca Kuikstra via TKO due to Strikes Round 2 (4:05)

##### **FEATHERWEIGHT FIGHT**

Shannon Van Tonder def Tshepo Majuba via Tapout due to Rear Naked Choke Round 2 (2:33)

##### **FLYWEIGHT FIGHT**

Tebatso Molele def Salahuddin Plaatjies via TKO due to Strikes Round 3 (1:53)

#### **Prelim Card**

##### **FLYWEIGHT FIGHT**

Godknows Ndlovu def Vincent Nakana via Unanimous Decision after 3 Rounds

##### **FEATHERWEIGHT FIGHT**

Mpho Hloka def Amisi Kabeya via TKO due to Strikes Round 2 (3:16)

##### **FEATHERWEIGHT FIGHT**

Emerson Pedro def Mbiya Dieudonne Kalala via Tapout due to verbal Submission Round 1  
(1:20)

##### **CATCHWEIGHT FIGHT**

Christian Omonkhobhio def Pietie Coxen via Tapout due to Rear naked Choke Round 1 (2:00)

##### **CATCHWEIGHT FIGHT**

Moses Mokhari def Yebo Ntambwe via TKO due to Strikes Round 1 (1:51)

#### **PERFORMANCE BONUSES:**

Tebatso Molele

Shannon Van Tonder

Rebecca Amongi

#### **FIGHT OF THE NIGHT:**

Willie van Rooyen and Kgaugelo Moitshela (A double bonus payout for both athletes)