

THE ZAMBIAN TAKEOVER HAS BEGUN!

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Johannesburg, South Africa - Zambia's undefeated Ken 'The Takeover' Sekeletu emerged victorious from the main event of EFC 121 in front of delirious crowds as he took the featherweight title from South Africa's champion Roedie Roets in one spectacular round.

With Roets coming-out fast from the bell it was evident that his title defence gameplan was to clinch up and grapple the Zambian, but it was in this position that Sekeletu was able to deploy elbows to the side of his opponents head and leave the champion worse for wear at the bell. It was immediately evident that Roets was concussed and confused and seemingly indicating that this was as a result of illegal blows to the back of the head, though the action reply failed to show any. When the time came for the second round, Roets was still unable to continue, handing the belt to Sekeletu who makes history as the first MMA champion from Zambia.

The new champion will not be allowed to rest upon his laurels however, as the co-main event was staged to select his next challenger between Ayanda Zwane and Billy Oosthuizen. Over two rounds, Zwane's kickboxing and mercurial movement flummoxed his foe, who began to bleed profusely from his wounds. But in the third, knowing he was down two rounds, 'The Kid' took Zwane to the canvas and sank in a rear-naked choke to take the tap in a sensational come-from-behind victory.

Fans were treated to a back-and-forth war between Musa Sethwape and Lucky Magekha which mostly stayed on the feet. Sethwape's counter game was strong against the

forward-footed Magheka and it was this strategy that convinced the judges to give 'Bad News' the razor-thin split decision. Opening the card was a Congo/Senegal clash between Diego Bandu and debutante Mouhamid Tafsir Ba in which both athletes engaged on the feet, with Ba particularly scoring the more effective shots but it was Bandu who walked away with the unanimous decision. All eyes now turn to the heavyweight title fight in April between France's Champion Anthony Morel and Zimbabwe's challenger, Elvis Moyo.

The Official EFC 121 Results are:

1. Mfanafuthi Ngobese bt Tebatso Matlhobowane 2'26" in Rd 2 by Guillotine
2. Ash Zola bt Godfrey Mkhwanazi 2'00" in Rd 2 by RNC
3. Nicolaas Vermaak bt Mlungisi Mbizane by Split Decision
4. Mark Kamba bt Jaden van der Merwe 40" Rd 1 Knockout
5. Jesse Schaper bt Nkosi Doyisa 2'27" Rd 1 by RNC
6. Chadrack Yemba bt Tapiwa Katikati 3'47" Rd 1 by Anaconda
7. Gasmire Diatta bt Sizwe Mnikathi by Unanimous Decision
8. Lihle Ngamntwini bt Salahuddin Plaatjies by Split Decision
9. Diego Bandu bt Mouhamed Tafsir Ba by Unanimous Decision
10. Musa Sethwape bt Lucky Magekha by Split Decision
11. Kaleka Kabanda bt Hanru Botha 152.6lbs 4'36" Rd 1 by TKO
12. Billy Oosthuizen bt Ayanda Zwane 4'17" Rd 3 by RNC
13. Ken Sekeletu bt Roedie Roets 0'00" Rd 2 by Verbal Submission

Performance Bonuses were awarded to:

Lihle Ngamntwini
Nicolaas Vermaak
Mlungisi Mbizane
Billy Oosthuizen
Ayanda Zwane

Fight Of The Night Bonus was awarded to:

Diego Bandu and Mouhamed Tafsir Ba

***EFC 122 Morel vs Moyo for the Heavyweight Championship takes place on Thursday 10th April 2025, live from the World Sports Betting Arena at the EFC Performance Institute in JHB, South Africa.
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