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DOUBLE delight for Feiteira

>> Toti MMA fighter wins second title in five-round war

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AMANZIMTOTI mixed martial arts fighter Nelson Feiteira continued his meteoric rise when he recently clinched his second lightweight championship in the space of a month.

Fresh off winning the Africa Fight League lightweight title with a fourth-round technical knockout of Teixeira Kabesa at Greyville Racecourse, the Team MMA Fighter showed superior stand-up, clinch and ground skills to earn a hard-fought unanimous decision win over Martin de Beer at Sibaya Casino to add the Megalodon Fight Club pro amateur lightweight title to his mantle.

"It feels amazing winning a second belt after all the hard work and preparation that was put in by Team MMA Fighter and my coach Morné Swanepoel," Feiteira told the *Fever*.

"At the start of the year we set a goal to win one belt and then to go for another one towards the end of the year, but I definitely didn't envision myself winning two

belts by July. My goal now is to turn professional, get a few pro fights under my belt and join EFC Africa."

Swanepoel, head coach of Team MMA Fighter and owner of the Amanzimtoti-based CombatCoaching.com gym, praised 24-year-old Feiteira's performance. "What an awesome performance by an awesome athlete and student," said Swanepoel.

"We will be looking to take Nelson to the pro ranks soon where we are hoping to be signed up to Africa's premier MMA promotion, EFC Africa"



Rising Amanzimtoti mixed martial arts star Nelson Feiteira shows off his two titles.
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It's Toti 69er time on Sunday

AMANZIMTOTI will be a hub of cycling activity when cyclists from across the country converge on Hutchison Park for the 2013 Hypersure Toti 69er on Sunday.

First hosted by Amanzimtoti Cycle Club in 2002, the event has become one of the favourite races amongst the KwaZulu-Natal cycling community, with organisers aiming for a field of approximately 500 to 800 riders.

With cycling safety squarely in the spotlight this year after the tragic death of South Coast mountain biking icon Burry Stander in Shelly Beach in January, Amanzimtoti Cycle Club chairman Brian Clifton said all measures have been taken to ensure an incident-free event.

"The event is essentially unique in that the safety marshalls are all Toti Cycle Club members who sacrifice their own ride on the day to provide a safer environment for their visitors.

"These are cyclists who know and understand the potential dangers inherent in a cycle race of this kind," he said.

Clifton added that Reed Road and Riverside Road will be closed to traffic from 6am until 11am.

The event offers riders a choice between a 19km Quickie, 69km 69er and 94km Full Monty race, thus catering for riders of all skill levels.

"At the front of the field the racing is sure to be hard and fast, with no quarter asked or given. Not everyone will be racing with the pros, though. The plump and the athletic, the young and the old will mix happily along the route, each with their own goals for the event. Then there are the recreational cyclists, who will really enjoy the scenery and a more gentle cruise," said Clifton.

The 94km Full Monty event will cater for the professional cycling teams, elite cyclists and riders brave enough to take up the challenge. The route takes cyclists South from Amanzimtoti along the R103 as far as Sezela, and returns to the finish at Hutchison Park along the same route.

The intermediate 69km 69er caters for the younger professional cy-



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Late, great South Coast star Burry Stander won the Hypersure Toti 69er in 2010. This year's event will take place on Sunday.

clists, as well as the braver of the fun riders. The route is similar to the 94 km event, with the riders turning around at Park Rynie to return to the finish. The 19km Quickie is for young cyclists (Under-10 to Under-14), as well as casual riders of all ages.

Prize vouchers will be awarded to the overall and Under-14 boys' and girls' podium finishers. The first 400 pre-entries will all receive a bulging goody bag and all pre-entries qualify for a lucky draw for a Silverback road bike courtesy of Cyclesphere.

The race will start at Lords and Legends at 6.30am and finish at the same venue. To enter or for more information, contact Reena at 031 914 4622 (mornings only) or atocycle@mweb.co.za or enter online at www.amanzimtoticycle.co.za or www.roag.co.za. Online entries close on Wednesday.

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