



**BILOXI**

## **Hard Rock Biloxi Hosts MMA Cage Fighting Featuring BUTTERBEAN!**

BILOXI, MS –January 4, 2008 - Hard Rock Live Biloxi will host Rockin the Cage Mixed Martial Arts, MMA, with the legendary Eric “BUTTERBEAN” Esch Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 8 pm. Esch is one of the most entertaining fighters in the world today. Tipping the scales at a whopping 375 lbs., “BUTTERBEAN” is instantly recognizable with his bald head, massive size and his signature red, white and blue American flag trunks.

To date he has an impressive winning MMA record of 12-3-1 (5 ko’s and 7 submissions) with a combined boxing and MMA record of 79-8-4 with 58 KO victories including wins over UFC veteran Westley Cabbage Correia and Cage Rage Warrior, James Thompson, with an impressive quick knockout. He also claimed a first round submission win over Brazilian purple belt “Zulu” on Pride 34 in Japan.

“BUTTERBEAN” has made an impressive 8 appearances on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. He has been a guest on The Best Damn Sports Show and a guest of The Man Show and was featured in the movie, “Jackass” with a great knockout of Johnny Knoxville.

Tickets go on sale this Saturday, December 22. To purchase tickets go to [www.hardrockbiloxi.com](http://www.hardrockbiloxi.com). Ticket prices start at \$35.

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Biloxi is owned and operated by Premier Entertainment Biloxi LLC. The property includes a Hard Rock Casino with over 1,300 slot machines, 50 table games and a poker room. The Rock Spa, a full-service Aveda Concept Spa, Salon Merge, located within the Rock Spa is a joint venture for three celebrated coast stylists: Todd Boswell, Chuck Kelly and Randy Barris. Additional conveniences include a fitness center, a 12-story hotel with 318 rooms and suites, a unique pool with underwater music features, five restaurants including Ruth’s Chris Steak House, Satisfaction Buffet, 24/7 Grille, Vibe, a world fusion gourmet, and Hard Rock Cafe. The property also offers a Rande Gerber’s Rise Lounge and Hard Rock Live® an entertainment venue. Retail shops and partner restaurants include the Hard Rock Rock Shop, locally owned clothing store, Taunt, Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream and Starbucks.