



# Wind scuppers a new SA record

If it was not for a strong wind from behind, Rikenette Steenkamp would have set a new South African record in the 100m-hurdles at a meeting in Switzerland this past weekend.

The Tuks/HPC-athlete won in a time of 12.92s which is 0.02s faster than the record set by Corien Botha in 1998.

Unfortunately the wind from behind was measured at 2.01m/s which mean it was too strong by 0.01m/s for Steenkamp's time to be official.

The previous week in Ostrava in the Czech Republic Steenkamp has done what she has been threatening to do the whole season – she dipped under 13 seconds in the 100m-hurdles when she ran a time

of 12.99s. So it is safe to predict that the record is going to go. The only remaining question is when.

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Steenkamp's next race will be on 11 July in Gothenburg, Sweden.

According to Steenkamp Sunday's weather conditions was far from ideal.

“In spite of it being cold and rainy I still managed to put together a good race which is a great

confidence booster. It is also exciting to know that I was able to twice dip under 13 seconds in four days,” said the former pupil of Hoërskool Menlopark.

- Another local star, Emile Erasmus from Tuks, finished second in the 100m running 10.21s at the same meeting in Switzerland.

He is the first to admit that it was not one of his better performances.

“All the travelling I had to do over the last three weeks to get to races caught up with me. I did not race with the best of legs.

Luckily I got a slight break now which hopefully will help me to recover,” said Erasmus who earlier this season set a new personal best running 10.08s.



Rikenette Steenkamp in action in the 100m hurdles. Photo: Roger Sedres

