



Tshenolo Lemaao blitzed to a gold medal in the 100m final on the opening day of the IAAF World U-18 Championship in Nairobi, Kenya midweek. / ROGER SEDRES/IMAGESA/GALLO IMAGES

# Sprinter Lemaao's secret weapon

Modest Matebedi gives SA first 100m world champ

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Athletics coach Thabo Matebedi's story is one that has the weight to lift off like that of Wayne van Niekerk's mentor Tannie Ans Botha.

Not many have heard of Matebedi but the rise of his charge Tshenolo Lemaao to being a world champion will endear the modest 34-year-old coach from Atteridgeville to athletics folklore.

Matebedi is a sprint coach at Tuks Sport School. He handed South Africa its first world 100m champion in any age division when Lemaao, 17, blitzed to gold in 10.57secs at the IAAF World U-18 Championships under way in Nairobi midweek.

Retshiditswe Mlenga (10.51) completed a 1-2 for SA with silver in the same race.

"It's unbelievable but it's a great feeling at the same time," Matebedi, a former sprinter, told Sowetan from Nairobi.

"It didn't sink immediately at the stadium but when got to my hotel room, I only realised how big the achievement was and I was so happy that I bought a beer that I didn't even know to celebrate."

Matebedi also paid tribute to his mentor Hennie Kriel, the veteran in charge of rising stars Clarence Munyai and Gift Leotlela (both 19) at the Pretoria institution.

"Coach T" met Lemaao, from Bloemfontein, during national schools competition three years ago, a relationship he said



Coach Thabo Matebedi and his charge Tshenolo Lemaao

## Schedule 200m

- **Today**  
Heats (10.25am)
- **Tomorrow**  
Semifinals (4.35pm)
- **Sunday**  
Final (2.40pm)

was founded on brotherhood.

"I had to remind him [prior to Wednesday's final] of our goal that we set three years ago that his name will be in the world history books - that he'd be the last person in the world we'll see winning the 100m world under-18 title as this edition is the last of its kind to be staged."



## NKANGALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF AN UNSOLICITED BID

### NOTICE OF A DECISION TO CONSIDER AN UNSOLICITED BID FROM NASHUA MPUMALANGA FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A PUBLIC WI-FI NETWORK THROUGHOUT THE JURISDICTION OF NKANGALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 113 (2) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, (Act 56 of 2003) read with Section 59 of the Nkangala District Municipality Supply Chain Management Policy that the Nkangala District Municipality Council has in terms of Council Resolution No. DM459/06/2017, decided to consider an unsolicited bid received from Nashua Mpumalanga for the establishment and maintenance of a public Wi-Fi Network throughout the area of jurisdiction of Nkangala District Municipality.

