



DOPING CASE

Hurdler Smit banned for four years

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South African 110m hurdles champion Tiaan Smit, 22, has been banned for four years after testing positive for the banned anabolic agent Clenbuterol.

The Tuks athlete was tested on April 22, the day that he won the national title in Potchef-

stroom, clocking a 13.42sec personal best as he upstaged the favourite, Olympian Antonio Alkana, by seven hundredths of a second.

Smit told a disciplinary hearing he wanted to lose 2kg to 3kg at the time and had asked a friend, a fellow athlete, what he could use.

The friend suggested Clenbuterol, for which he had paid R500. According to the report from the hearing, Smit said he had competed in two other athletic events after using the anabolic agent.

It had not made any difference to the times he was running, he said. /TimesLIVE

