

Pretoria now home for Jobodwana

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WORLD championships bronze medallist Anaso Jobodwana has found an athletic home in Pretoria after spending much of the last two years in limbo.

Jobodwana was based in Durban during this time where he has managed to reignite his passion for the sport but will be looking to return to his best in the Capital City.

Credited as one of the catalysts for South Africa's current sprinting revolution, Jobodwana has been battling to revive the form that saw him win the 200m bronze medal at the 2015 World Championships in Beijing.

The 25-year-old had his first sessions with rising sprinting coach Thabo Mathebedi, who has had a strong hand in the successes at Tuks athletics in recent years, this week.

Mathebedi coached Tshenolo Lema to South Africa's first ever 100m gold at last year's World Under-18 cham-



ANASO JOBODWANA: Season opener in Roodepoort.

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pionships in Nairobi, Kenya.

Life seems to be changing for Jobodwana as fast as his leg speed with the former South African 200m record-holder expecting his first child within the next month.

Jobodwana will be racing at the Gauteng North Championships in Pretoria over the weekend where he will line up in the 100m.

He will officially open his season in his specialist 200m at next week's inaugural Athletix

Grand Prix in Roodepoort.

"Running the 200m at the first Athletix Grand Prix Meeting fits in perfectly with my plans to get back into the shape where I am running fast again and feel comfortable doing it," Jobodwana said when he was announced as the headline sprinter at Ruimsig.

"I'm excited about running in Ruimsig. It will be good to race again and I am looking forward to seeing who will line up with me."