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Clarence Munyai, left, hopes to build on a solid season he had in 2017 by claiming a few records this year, including the senior' 200m national mark. Munyai will run the opening leg of the Athletix Grand Prix series at Ruimsig Stadium, Roodepoort, on March 1. / ROGER SEDRES/GALLO IMAGES

Munyai eyes Wayde's record

Sprinter fired up for Grand Prix

By Daniel Mothowagae

Sprint sensation Clarence Munyai reckons he has come of age to live up to his potential as the country's next success story on the track.

So poised is the 19-year-old that he warned that breaking the South African 200m record - 19.84 seconds held by Wayde van Niekerk was a reachable target.

"I would say I'm in a very good space at the moment. My goals for 2018 is to break the SA 200m senior record and win the African Championships [in Nigeria in August] and make a mark on the international stage," Munyai told Sowetan.

"I am very confident because I started off this season where I left off last season, opening with a 32.08 sec in the 300m [at the Athletics Gauteng North league meeting last month] and being injury free for the first time during off-season has made me very confident."

The Tuks Athletics Club runner is one of the local sprint talents among a plethora of speed merchants expected to set the Athletix Grand Prix ablaze next month.

"I got the experience I think I needed in order for me to start performing like the likes of Anaso Jobodwana and start bringing medals back home," said Munyai, who is set to face his idol Jobodwana at the opening meet of Grand Prix in Ruimsig, Roodepoort on March 1.

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