



WORLD'S BEST IN ACTION

Just some of the highlights that athletics fans can look forward to at the meets include:

- Olympic and three-time World Champion **Justin Gatlin**, the fifth-fastest man ever over both the 100m and 200m, will line up in the men's 150m race at the second meeting. The 150m is a non-traditional event in athletics and will be of great interest to athletics fans and athletes alike.
- Current World Championship 10,000m silver medalist **Joshua Cheptegei** of Uganda will compete in the 1500m at the first meeting, looking to continue his success on SA soil after winning the inaugural FNB Durban 10K CITYSURFRUN in October last year in the fourth fastest time in the world in 2017 for 10km of 27:28. He will also run in the second meet, in the 3000m.
- The fastest man in Africa with a PB of 9.89 seconds for the 100m, **Akani Simbine**, will start his season at the second meet on his home track at the University of Pretoria, where he has run three of his fastest 100m times and his best 200m time.
- South Africa's double Olympic and triple World Champion in the 800m, **Caster Semenya**, will toe the line in the 1000m for the first time. This distance is rarely run on the track, and will be a highlight of the second meeting as she may very well chase the South African record of 2:37.2, set by Ilse de Kock Wicksell way back in 1983.
- The 200m at the first meeting boasts a loaded line-up that will include South Africa's 2015 World Champs 200m bronze medalist **Anaso Jobodwana**, World Junior 300m record holder **Clarence Munyai**, and 2017 World Youth 200m Champion **Retshidisitswe Mlenga**, who will face off with America's 2014 World Junior 200m Champion **Trentavis Friday** and his training partner Justin Walker.



Akani Simbine

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- Thursday 1 March – Ruimsig Stadium, Johannesburg, Gauteng
- Thursday 8 March – Tuks Stadium, Tshwane, Gauteng
- Thursday 22 March – Dal Josaphat Stadium, Paarl, Western Cape

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Caster Semenya



Anaso Jobodwana



Retshidisitswe Mlenga

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