



HOME RUN: David Gatebe during his 2016 Comrades Marathon win. He'd like to be the first one to cross the Two Oceans finish line, and do so in record time, by obliterating Thompson Magawana's 20-year-old mark. PICTURE: BACKPAGEPIX

Injured Horn 'withdraws' from SA Games squad

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SOUTH African women's 100m record holder Carina Horn, *pictured*, bizarrely announced yesterday she had withdrawn from the Commonwealth Games even though it was never confirmed she had formally been included.

In a statement from TuksSport, Horn said she had decided to withdraw from the South African team due to an unspecified injury.

"The Tuks athlete is disappointed but said it would be foolish to risk

aggravating it (the injury) especially since she is so close to becoming the first South African female sprinter to dip under 11 seconds," the statement read.

Horn raced into the history books at this month's SA Track and Field Championships when she broke the 28-year-old national 100m record.

Horn, 29, shaved 0.03 seconds

off the record she shared with Evette de Klerk, clocking 11.03sec in her semi-final on her home track at Tuks.

Horn was one of the glaring omissions when the SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (Sascoc) announced the Commonwealth Games team in January.

She was rumoured to be a late inclusion along with shot-putter

Orazio Cremona, who also did not make the initial team.

When Horn was asked about her plans for the rest of the season the day before the final Liquid Telecom Grand Prix Series meeting in Paarl last week, she made no mention of the Commonwealth Games. She instead spoke about possibly getting into a few IAAF Diamond League meetings.

Horn's new personal best would have been good enough for a podium place at all of the past six Commonwealth Games.

