



Young women set the scene for an exciting finish to the Western Cape leg of the Puma School of Speed Series in Paarl this past weekend.

In the footsteps of speed-machine Bolt

THE PUMA School of Speed at Dal Josafat Stadium in Paarl saw outstanding performances this past weekend from talented high school athletes aiming to follow in the footsteps of the school's principal, Usain Bolt.

The Western Cape track meet, the fourth of five Puma School of Speed events due to be held across the country this year, saw young athletes competing in sprint races, short hurdles, long jump and high jump.

With a Puma contract up for grabs, the following athletes produced stellar performances in Paarl and won premium Puma spikes and Spur Steak Ranches vouchers:

Curwin Geritse of Paarl Gymnasium ran the U16 boys 110m hurdles in 13.49 seconds.

Luciano Custodio of Paarl Boys High was close behind, crossing the line in 13.79 seconds.

Hugo Mostert from HTS Drosty ran the U16 Boys 100m sprint in 10.56 seconds.

HTS Drosty came out tops, winning the trophy for best performing school on the day.

Puma marketing director Brett Bellinger congratulated the athletes and said the series was about encouraging participation in athletics, talent identification and rewarding performance excellence.

"Well done to every single athlete brave enough to take to the track and to all the supporters for cheering them on. We hope to see just as much excitement at our final race day in Pretoria this weekend."

Stillwater sports managing director Michael Meyer said: "The Western Cape is a highly competitive athletics province. We were confident that the day was going to be a great success."

"We had 50 schools represented and more than 850 participants cross the finish line on Monday. We are excited to finish off the series with a bang in a few days' time at



Henricho Bruintjies, the Puma ambassador and Puma School of Speed vice-principal, crosses the finish line first in a 100m exhibition race in front of his home crowd.



Puma School of Speed vice-principal Thando Roto and the top three performing athletes from the Paarl series. From left Luciano Custodio (u16 110m hurdles, Paarl Boys' High School), Hugo Mostert (u16 100m sprint, HTS Drosty) and Curwin Geritse (u16 110m hurdles, Paarl Gym High School).

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2017 Puma School of Speed vice-principal Henricho Bruintjies

dropped by his old stomping ground to greet fans and delighted them with a 100m exhibition race to

cap off a successful event.

The 2018 series will finish tomorrow at the Bestmed TUKS

Stadium, where School of Speed vice-principal and Puma ambassador Thando Roto is training.

