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## **'Team SA can still do** well without Wayde'

## Munyai certain of Gold Coast gongs

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Olympic champion Wayde van Niekerk's absence at the Commonwealth Games might not be missed after all.

Rising sprinter Clarence Munyai believes the track and field team to the multi-coded games at the Gold Coast, Australia, in April has enough arsenal to challenge for medals, including a 4x100m relay gong.

Luvo Manyonga set the tone with a long jump silver medal at the IAAF World Indoor Championships in Birmingham, UK, on Friday,

Munyai is part of the relay quartet that also has Anaso Jobodwana and Henricho Bruintjies, all late additions to SA's Australia-bound team. "Even if we don't have

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Wayde, I think we can still get a medal because it's a really good team - we have Emile Erasmus, Henricho [Bruintjies], Anaso [Jobodwana] and myself," said Munyai, who finished second behind Jobodwana in the 200m final of the opening meeting of the inaugural Liquid Telecom Athletix Grand Prix in Ruimsig, West Rand, on Thursday.

Van Niekerk is still recovering from a knee

sugery. Munyai is certain the athletics team could emulate the success of four years ago. The track and

field team was the second-best contributor to medals (nine in total) at the Glasgow, Scotland, 2014 Games after the swim-

ming (12) squad. at

lighter moment after their 200m final at the Athletix **Grand Prix series in Ruimsig** on Thursday. / VELI NHLAPO

Anaso Jobodwana

and Clarence

Munyai shares a

"We are capable of not only a relay medal but in the individual events like the 200m and 100m," said Munyai.

Jobodwana added: "My 200m is in good place.

But we'll take on the world Commonwealth the

Games.

The 2015 world bronze medallist will face reigning world 100m champion Justin Gatlin in a rarely run 150m final at the second leg of the Grand Prix series at Tuks Stadium in Pretoria on Thursday.



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