



Anaso revved up for Jamaica Invitational meeting

Sprint ace hopes to build on good start to the athletics season

By Daniel Mothowagae

Anaso Jobodwana makes a welcome return to the international track and field one-day meets circuit.

He is among an array of stars who have been invited to the opening leg of the IAAF World Challenge, the Jamaica Invitational in Kingston tomorrow.

"These are the types of meets I enjoy because of all the great runners lining up. It's been a while," Jobodwana told Sowetan.

He is set to face American star Lashawn Merritt and some of Jamaica's home-grown stars in the 200m final. Merritt has a bone to pick with South Africa since Wayde van Niekerk overtook him to become the new undisputed champion over the 400m.

Barring his disqualification in the 200m semifinals at last month's Commonwealth Games in Australia, Jobodwana has enjoyed a positive start to the season.

This included two victories in the inaugural Liquid Telecom Grand Prix where he also upstaged Justin Gatlin in a rarely contested 150m race.

"My medium-term goal is to just keep on building solid performances."

Jobodwana has vowed to make up for the time lost in the previous campaign, where injuries held him back.

Training on his own did not help matters until he relocated from Durban to Pretoria to link up with coach Thabo Matebedi at the High Performance Centre in February.

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