



Munyai will need to sparkle at Diamond

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Clarence Munyai faces a tough 200m test at the Diamond League meeting in Paris on Saturday night, taking on world number one Noah Lyles as well as world champion Ramil Guliyev.

Seven of the field have been under 20 seconds in their careers, and five of them have done it this season alone.

The 21-year-old Munyai, with a best of 20.04 in 2019, has yet to

break the 20sec barrier since the 19.69 SA record he clocked at the Tuks track in Pretoria early last year.

That time made Munyai the second-fastest 200m sprinter on the planet for 2018, but this season he has only managed to tie on 14th.

American Lyle went 19.65 last year and lowered his best to 19.50 in early July to make himself the favourite for the Diamond League crown as well

as the world championships in

Doha from September 27 to October 6.

Also in the line-up is Canadian Aaron Brown, who has won three top relay sprint medals, one at the Olympics and two at world championships.

He won Commonwealth Games silver at Gold Coast last year ahead of Munyai, who was struggling with injury.

Munyai is the only South African athlete in the entry lists so far.

