

ALL EYES ON WOSTMANN!

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ULTRA-DISTANCE runner, Caroline Westmann's double victory in 2015 during the Two Oceans and Comrades Marathon has won her an award nomination.

Wotsmann, who won the Two Oceans in 3 hours, 41 minutes and 23 seconds in April this year, was last night announced as one of the nominees in the 2015 Gauteng Sport Awards.

The 32-year-old Wits lecturer is pitted alongside Danisha Patel and Jeanine van Kradenburg in the Sportswoman of the Year category.

The nominees were announced by Gauteng Sport MEC, Molebatsi Bopape, at a glittering function at the Wanderers Club in Joburg.

The winners of the different categories will be named at the Silverstar Casino in Krgersdorp on 11 October.

Bopape said they have seen an increase in the number of nomination entries for this year's event: "This is confirmation that the Gauteng Sport Awards have over the

years earned themselves the reputation of being one of the greatest sporting events hosted in the province."

Cameron van der Burgh, who just returned from the All Africa Games, also got the nod in the Sportsman of the Year category with sprinter Akani Simbine and Dalane Bhekani Dube.

VanderBurgh will most likely walk away with the award especially after he set a new world record for the men's 50m breast-stroke at the World Swimming Championship in Russia last month.

Simbine managed eighth position at the IAAF World Championships.

THE FINALISTS ARE

SPORTSWOMAN WITH A DISABILITY

Masego Goodness Mokhine (Wheelchair Basketball)
Bonita Blankenberg (Motor Rally)
Kgothatso Montjane (Wheelchair Tennis)

SPORTSMAN WITH A DISABILITY

Lucas Sithole (Wheelchair Tennis)
Andrea Dalle (Ave Athletics)
Pieter du Preez (Parasport)

SPORTSTEAM WITH A DISABILITY

Ricoh Pumas Wheelchair Basketball Team (Wheelchair Basketball)
The Mixed Leg, Trunk & Arms Coxed Four (Para rowing)
Deaf Volleyball Team:Girls (Deaf Volleyball)

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Fran Hilton-Smith (Football)
Nick George Bester (Athletics)
Carol Blignaut (Cricket)

COACH OF THE YEAR

Nkosilathi Moyo (Volleyball)
Emmarie Catharine Fouche (Athletics)
Pierre de Bruyn (Cricket)

MOST PROMISING TEAM

Pretoria Technical High School (Tech Tigers First Team Rugby)
Gauteng Ladies Wheelchair Basketball Team (Basketball Team)
Troyeville Primary Team boys 13 years old (Volleyball)

SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR

Assupol Tuks (Cricket)
UP-Tuks Varsity (Football)
Uni Jozi (Volleyball)

SPORTS MAN OF THE YEAR

Dalane Bhekani Dube (Volleyball)
Cameron van der Burgh (Swimming)
Akani Simbine (Athletics)

SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Danisha Patel (Table Tennis)
Caroline Westmann (Athletics)
Jeanine van Kradenburg (Archery)

MOST PROMISING PLAYER/ATHELETE

Fortune Jackson Mzimela (Volleyball)
Leandri Geel (Athletics)
Emma Wentzel (Karate)

SPORTS JOURNALISTS OF THE YEAR

Thabiso Mosia (Power FM)
Thomas Mlambo (SABC)
Mahreen Chenia (ANN7)
Crystal Arnold (SuperSport)

TECHNICAL OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Andre Johannes Van Der Merwe (Badminton)
Mpho Makhoba (Tennis)
Charmaine Glyns HO (Archery)

■ Fans are encouraged to vote for the overall winners in the following categories:

SPORTFAN OF THE YEAR

03 Team Click!click!Bang!!
05 William Mukwevho
07 Mamello Makha

SPORTS PROGRAMME OF THE YEAR

08 Sport@10 (SABC)
02 Game On (ANN7)
04 The sports network with Andrew Hope (UJ FM)
10 Thursday Night with Marawa (SuperSport)

SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

09 Janine van Wyk (Football)
01 William Mokgopo (Cycling)
06 Lucas Sithole (Wheelchair Tennis)

■ To vote, SMS the athletics code to 33525 (R1.50 per SMS)

Sportswoman of the Year nominee Caroline Westmann.

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