



BOLANDATHLETICS

THE HOME OF CHAMPIONS

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The Boland Community, Mbekweni and Paarl in particular, have every reason to walk tall this morning after Luvo Manyonga and Ruswahl Samaai injected us with so much pride and joy with World Championship winning performances on Saturday 5 August 2017, earning two valuable opening medals for Athletics South Africa during a spectacular session of Track and Field action at the IAAF World Championships in London, England.

Luvo launched a best leap of 8.48m in the second round to earn the gold medal, and Ruswahl finished third with a final attempt of 8.32m.

"I feel awesome! It's a great feeling to be a world champion again," Manyonga said. "This is not the end. We're still going to show the world what South Africa is made of."

Samaai was equally delighted to join his homeboy on the podium. "This is the beginning of something great. Let's just hope this can carry us forward," he said.

This performance by Luvo and Ruswahl once again confirms Boland Athletics as the Home of Champions. Besides all the South African Champions that Boland Athletics has produced over the years, Boland Athletics remains the only Province in South Africa that has produced 4 World Champions over the last 7 years.

- Luvo Manyonga won Gold at the World Junior Championships in Canada in 2010 with a jump of 7.99 m.
- Helene Swanepoel won Gold at the World Youth Championships in Ukraine in 2013 with a time of 58.08S in the 400m Hurdles, to become South Africa's first World youth champion in a girls' sprint event.
- Gezelle Magerman won Gold at the Youth Olympic Games in China in 2014, with a South African Record and personal best time of 57.91S in the 400m Hurdles.



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