**The #BigRace**

It's Akani v Roscoe. South Africa's top two sprinters are expected to go head to head when Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) showcases its new indoor sprint research facility and world-class equipment.

The two stars will compete in a 60m live-streamed dash as part of the launch programme for the country's newest high performance complex on 30 September.

"Who better to showcase the capabilities of the new complex than two top sprinters," says NMMU's Prof Rosa du Randt, whose long-held dream for a centre to serve athletes with potential is finally being realised.

**The event programme**

Both athletes will compete against top athletes from the metro in different heats, with the winners competing in a three-man final. The #BigRace is scheduled to take place shortly before 3pm and can be viewed via live streaming. Go to NMMU’s home page on [www.nmmu.ac.za](http://www.nmmu.ac.za) to get the link.

**The athletes**

Both sprinters have done their country proud. Akani Simbine has dipped under the magical 10s twice in his young career was unfortunate not to make the 100m IAAF World Championship finals, missing out by a place as the 10th fastest runner. His opponent, Roscoe Engel, recently finished fourth in the 100m of the African Champs and is a regular member of the 4 x 100m South African relay team

**Akani Simbine**

Age: 22

Studies: IT, University of Pretoria

Based: Tuks-HPC

**Sprint stats**

100m – 9.97 Kwangju, Korea (9.7.2015)

200m – 20.23 Beijing, China (28.8.2015)

**Roscoe Engel**

Age: 25

Based: Cape Town, Bellville Athletics Club

 **Sprint stats**

60m - 6.72 Parow, South Africa (14.12.2013)

100m – 10.12 Dakar, Senegal (23.5.2015)

200m – 20.51 Potchefstroom (9.5.2015)

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