



Zimbabwe's Flying Hurdler and Long Jump Sensation Versatility is a rare gift in athletics.

Most athletes spend their careers mastering one event. Tawananyasha Chakonda has chosen two. The reigning Zimbabwe Under-18 110m Hurdles Champion combines speed, agility, coordination, and explosive power to excel in both hurdles and long jump. *His personal best of 14.10 seconds over the hurdles and an impressive 7.31 metres in the long jump demonstrate exceptional all-round talent.*

Those who have watched him compete speak of an athlete with remarkable technical ability. Over the hurdles, he attacks barriers aggressively while maintaining rhythm and balance. In the long jump, he displays explosive acceleration and excellent take-off mechanics.

Last year he finished ranked second nationally. Rather than becoming discouraged, Chakonda used the experience as motivation. The result was a breakthrough season that saw him rise to become Zimbabwe's national champion.

Mauritius will provide the biggest test of his young career.

Competing in two technically demanding events requires enormous concentration and preparation. Yet Chakonda appears unfazed by the challenge.

For Zimbabwean supporters, he represents the type of multi-talented athlete capable of making headlines in more than one discipline. Mauritius could well become the stage where Africa discovers Zimbabwe's newest field and track star.



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