

# Germiston CITY NEWS

## SportsTALK

### Attention, sports clubs

The Germiston City News is compiling a database of sports clubs in the city.

Send the name of your club, that of a contact person and telephone and fax numbers, for the attention of Cyril Lehong, to 011 822-1843 (fax) or e-mail [germistoncitynews@caxton.co.za](mailto:germistoncitynews@caxton.co.za)

## SPORTS Star

— of the Week —

**Kayla Gilbert**  
Athletics

# Gold for young superstar

**Cyril Lehong**

Kayla Gilbert has had a great athletics season and has now shown that form at home.

She won the girls u-18 long jump and came second in the 100m hurdles in the Yellow Pages South African Youth Championships, at Germiston Stadium, at the weekend.

The Germiston Callies athlete was brilliant as she cleared 5.99m, her second

best distance, in the long jump.

What was amazing, was the fact that the 100m hurdles was straight after that and she hurried to the starting blocks to race against athletes who had not taken part in the long jump.

She narrowly lost that race by 500th of a second.

Her time was 14.15 seconds.

Her coach, Stephané Kotze, was the proudest man at the stadium.

"I've coached many South African champions, but this one was a special and emotional moment for me," he said.

Kotze has seen the youngster grow up and improve in front of him.

"I started coaching Kayla when she was only in Grade Five and now she is the national champion," he said.

At the same meeting, last year, Gilbert finished fourth in the long jump and sixth in the hurdles.

Kotze's name is often mentioned at athletics meetings and this time he felt even more proud, as this was at his "home track".

Gilbert will now be looking forward to the Southern Regional Championships, which could also take place in Germiston, next month.

There is also the chance of competing at the Youth Olympics in Singapore, later this year.

The venue will still be decided.



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