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CAUTIOUS CAMPBELL-BROWN DELAYS RETURN

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REIGNING world 100 metres champion Veronica Campbell-Brown's return to the track after a toe injury will be delayed by at least another week.

According to Claude Bryan, agent of the two-time Olympic 200m gold medallist, the Jamaican star athlete who resumed training on April 30 after a four-week layoff will not be in competition shape for Saturday's Adidas Track Classic in Carson, California.

"The reason is primarily a precautionary one. In consultation with coach Lance Brauman and Veronica Campbell-Brown, we decided that an extra week would be just what the doctor ordered... so she'll... not be in Carson, California this weekend," Bryan told the Observer in an exclusive interview from New York yesterday.

"It's a combination of readiness as it relates to (being) race ready and also us wanting to ensure 100 per cent that the toe is ready for the rigours of competition.

"We think if we were to ascribe one more week (of training), then that would be perfect," he added.
Campbell-Brown, the only athlete of either gender to win 100m titles at the World Youth, Junior and Senior levels, was sidelined for just over a month with severe inflammation to a toe on her left foot.



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Last Monday, Campbell-Brown told the Observer that training was going well, even though she was a little behind schedule.

"It's (training) going quite well (since returning). I was off the track completely, so I have a lot of work to do, but in a few weeks I will be okay," said the three-time National Sportswoman of the Year at the time, noting that she had been working in the swimming pool and on the bike while she was injured.

In the meantime, Bryan disclosed that Campbell-Brown, who also missed the Jamaica International Invitational Meet on May 2 in Kingston, is next scheduled to compete at the Reebok Classic on May 30 in New York.

"She's very much on target for Reebok in New York... and chances are that she may get a run-in prior to that. We'll see how that goes, but for right now her next major invitational will be Reebok in New York," Bryan said.



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