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Usain Bolt (left), Veronica Campbell-Brown (centre) and Melaine Walker pose with their Jamaican Sportsman of the Year awards (SportingEagle Photo)

Setting speed records is nothing new for two-time Olympic 200m champion Veronica Campbell Brown; but she might have set a new one recently when she had less than an hour to get ready for the 48th Jamaica National Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year Awards ceremony in Kingston.

“My flight to Kingston was cancelled and so I had to fly to Montego Bay then drive across the island for about three hours, I got to my hotel in Kingston less than an hour before the award ceremony began.

“Fortunately, my mom and my big sis were already at the hotel, they helped me to get ready in a flash, actually in record time! I got to the ceremony on time, so I was happy about that.

“I was thrilled to receive Jamaica’s Co-Sportswoman award for 2008. It’s an exhilarating feeling to be recognized for your hard work. I realized how difficult it was in making the decision for the Sportswoman of 2008 based on the excellent performances from the Jamaican athletes in the year 2008, so I very much appreciate this award.

“It’s a blessing!

(Campbell Brown, who won in 2004 and 2007, shared the award with Olympic 400m hurdles gold medal winner- Melaine Walker.)

“Unfortunately, my trip to Jamaica was very brief and I was not able to do much as I had to return to my training base to continue preparation for the season.

“I was also recently honoured by the Romance Diamond Company in Arkansas, USA and words cannot explain the emotions I felt for being honoured for my achievements at the Beijing Olympic Games.

“Omar (Brown – her husband) chose this company in 2006 to solidify our romance and we were glad he did, Mr. Brosh and his staff are quite professional. It was such a wonderful reception and a great feeling to go back to my university town for such a unique event.

“Not to be boastful, but I must say that I was presented with the most beautiful necklace, it displays “21.74” along with my name on one side and on the other side “Beijing 2008” and a “flying spikes”. Lol. It’s a beauty! It is great to be recognized for your hard work and effort!

“A Jamaican television station, CVM also recognized my achievements and I was voted the most admired female sporting figure in Jamaica for the past 15 years. Perhaps I should hang around for another 15 years.....lol

“I do not have much free time due to training, however, I try to find time to go bowling, play miniature golf with Omar and friends and do odds and ends around the house.

“Until next time, take care”

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